

The Parental Alienation Study Group ...

is an international organization of mental health professionals, legal professionals, targeted parents and grandparents, and child and family advocates who are interested in the study of parental alienation.

What is Parental Alienation?

Parental alienation is a mental condition in which a child—usually one whose parents are engaged in a high-conflict separation or divorce—allies himself or herself strongly with the preferred parent (the alienating parent) and rejects a relationship with the other parent (the targeted parent) without legitimate justification. The mental component of this condition is the false belief that the rejected parent is evil, dangerous, or not worthy of love. The behavioral component of parental alienation is the firm, persistent rejection of a relationship with the target parent.

What is Parental Alienation Study Group (PASG)?

PASG—a nonprofit corporation—consists of about 600 mental health and legal professionals, family members, and family advocates, who have a special interest in parental alienation. Our members come from more than 50 countries on six continents. The membership includes: numerous expert witnesses, such as forensic psychiatrists and psychologists; many attorneys and judges; alienated parents and grandparents; presidents of national mental health organizations; and professors of psychology and psychiatry.

- Our members educate the public and mental health and legal practitioners regarding the causes, evaluation, prevention, and treatment of parental alienation.
- We have authored or edited about 60 books regarding parental alienation or a related topic and have published more than 100 articles in professional journals.
- We edited major reference books: *The International Handbook of Parental Alienation Syndrome* (2006), *Parental Alienation, DSM-5, and ICD-11* (2010), and *Parental Alienation: The Handbook for Mental Health and Legal Professionals* (2013).
- We maintain an extensive bibliography regarding parental alienation, more than 1,300 items, which is available online to the general public at <http://mc.vanderbilt.edu/pasg>.
- We have organized international conferences, which occurred in Washington, DC, in 2017 and in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2018. PASG2019 will occur in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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