

Comparative Analysis: Attachment Bonds, Trauma Bonds, Protective Parents and Alienating Parents

Criteria	Attachment Bond	Trauma Bond	Protective Parent	Alienating Parent
Emotional Connection	Strong, Secure Fosters Trust and Comfort	Mixed, Conflicted Emotions Due to Abusive Distressing Experiences	Supportive of Healthy Emotional Bonds	Undermines Emotional Bonds and Causes Confusion
Child's Well-being	Promotes the Child's Well- being and Security.	May Compromise the Child's Well-being and Stability	Prioritises the Child's Safety and Emotional Stability	Disregards the Child's Well-being. Prioritises Own Agenda and Themselves Over Child's Needs
Relationship Dynamics	Nurturing and Supportive	Abusive and Manipulative	Fosters Healthy Relationships between Child and Both Parents (+ extended family)	Undermines the Relationship with Other Parent (+/- extended family)
Behaviour Towards Child	Encourages Healthy Interaction and Attachment	Conflicted Responses and Potential Dependency	Supports the Child's Relationships with Both Parents	Undermines the Child's Relationship with Other Parent
Impact on Child	Positive Impact, Encourages Growth and Development	Confusing, May Lead to Emotional Dependency	Positive Impact, Encourages Healthy Family Dynamics	Negative Impact, Hinders Emotional Growth and Stability
Impact on Development	Encourages Independence and Healthy Attachment	Mixed Emotions, Potential for Attachment Issues	Encourages Bonding with Both Parents	Hinders Healthy Bonding and Emotional Stability