

Attachment, Separation, Loss, & Fear
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Theory Plenary
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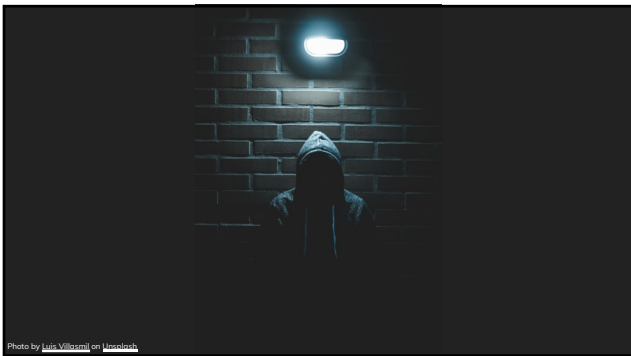
Separation & Loss Attachment Emotion Understanding & Emotional Regulation
Stress & Fear



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Fear of Separation: 8-24 months



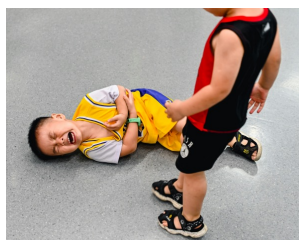
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Fear of Loss of Love: 18-36 months



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Fear of Bodily Harm: 12-26 months

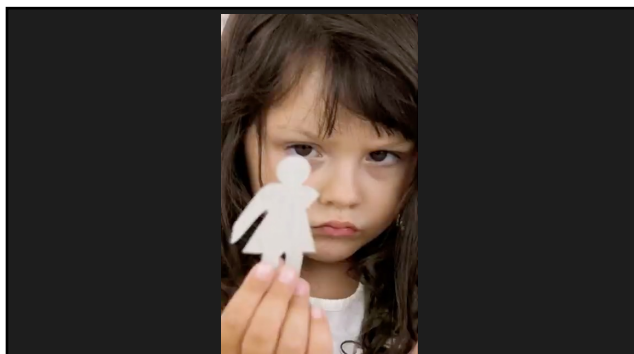


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Fear of Being Bad: 36-60 months



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Do you agree or disagree with Gabor Maté's perspective on time-out? Why?

Which fears might be triggered or exploited by the practice of time-out?

What are alternatives to time-out?



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Attachment, Separation, and Loss

Loss

The long-term or permanent
absence of an attachment figure

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Children's Understanding of Death

Infancy and toddlerhood Little/no understanding of death Preschool Experiences shaped by those around them	School-age Universality Finality Cessation of bodily processes Many causes
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Children's Experience of Loss

Infancy and toddlerhood

React to the absence of an attachment figure, the emotions of those around them, changes to routine

Preschool

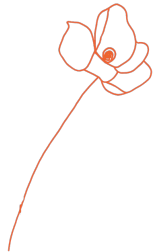
May experience guilt or shame

School-age

May experience anxiety related to fear of the unknown, loss of control, or separation from attachment figures

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Grief



The child's initial response is one of protest and urgent efforts to recover the [attachment figure]. Sooner or later, despair sets in. The longing for [the caregiver's] return does not diminish, but the hope...fades. Ultimately the restless noisy demands cease. The child is in a state of unutterable misery.

John Bowlby (1980, p. 9)

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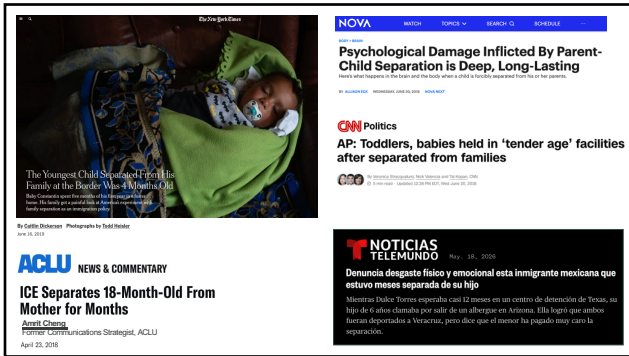
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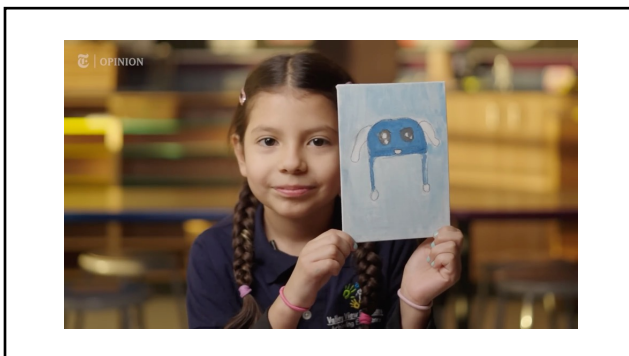
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