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Body Image and Pregnancy


Parental Alienation


3. The President of the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, has written extensively on the devastating impact of the continued application of Parental Alienation Syndrome in the making of child custody decisions.


6. All of these beliefs run contrary to what evidence has established. Bala & Schuman’s 1999 Canadian research found that when accusations made in child custody and access disputes were reviewed, 21 % of allegations by fathers were judged to be false, while 1.3 % by mothers were judged to be false. Trocme and Bala’s 2005 Canadian research was based on a sample of 7632 cases. It found that 4 % of allegations of child abuse by children against parents in cases of child
maltreatment were maliciously fabricated. In disputed child custody cases, fathers were found to bring 43% of all intentionally-fabricated allegations, while custodial parents (usually mothers) brought 14%.