



Separation in the Age of Attachment

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Context: Ours and Yours

Why is separation so hard: for kids, for parents, for teachers?

Why talk about separation?

Child Development Theories:

Margaret Mahler, Separation-Individuation Theory

Rober Maslow, Hierarchy of Needs

Modern Parenting and Separation

What is the goal of separation?

Emotional Risk-taking

Trust

Common Separation Practices and Potential Consequences

Small Group Discussion: Your ideas.

Separation Practices that Build Trust

- Supporting and Communicating with Parents
- Letters, Notes and Pictures
- Comfort, Space and Time
- Home Visits / Small Groups
- Family Picture Boards
- Rituals and Routines
- Social Stories
- Parents Supporting Relationships with Teachers

Summary

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Working through Separation: Long-Term Benefits

Separation Anxiety Disorder

Questions / Comments

Parents share their ideas

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