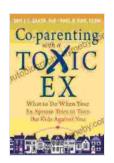
# **Empowering Parents: A Guide to Navigating Parental Alienation**

Going through a divorce is never easy, but it can be especially challenging when you have children. One of the most difficult things you may face is dealing with your ex-spouse trying to turn the kids against you.

Parental alienation is a serious problem that can have a lasting impact on your children. It occurs when one parent tries to damage the relationship between the other parent and the child. This can be done through a variety of methods, such as:



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- Making negative comments about the other parent
- Preventing the child from seeing or speaking to the other parent
- Encouraging the child to reject the other parent

Parental alienation can have a devastating impact on children. They may experience feelings of guilt, shame, and confusion. They may also have difficulty forming healthy relationships with both parents.

If you believe that your ex-spouse is trying to turn the kids against you, it is important to take action. Here are a few things you can do:

- Document everything. Keep a record of any negative comments your ex-spouse makes about you, as well as any attempts to prevent you from seeing or speaking to your children.
- Talk to your children. Let them know that you love them and that you want to have a relationship with them. Explain that their other parent may be trying to turn them against you, but that you will always be there for them.
- Get help from a therapist. A therapist can help you understand the dynamics of parental alienation and develop strategies for dealing with it.
- **File a motion with the court.** If your ex-spouse is violating the terms of your parenting plan, you can file a motion with the court to enforce the plan.

Parental alienation is a serious problem, but it is one that you can overcome. By taking action, you can protect your children and your relationship with them.

#### **Additional Resources**

 American Psychological Association: Children and Divorce: When the Other Parent Tries to Turn Them Against You

- DivorceCare: Parental Alienation: What Is It and What Can I Do?
- HealthyChildren.org: Parental Alienation Syndrome



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