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Autism & Attachment

a need for conceptual clarity...

AUTISM OR ATTACHMENT ISSUES?

CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES...

EARLY HISTORY...

FAMILY EXPERIENCE...

ATTACHMENT DISORDER

ATTACHMENT DIFFICULTY..

LABELS ARE NOT HELPFUL?

DISENGAGE IF LABELLED?

INDICATES BLAME

SEEKING ATTENTION FROM STRANGERS...

BEHAVIOUR CAN VARY FROM PARENT TO PARENT...

RISK FACTOR BUT NOT A DIAGNOSIS

MORE RESEARCH

ATTACHMENT

ASSESSMENT TOOLS HAVE LIMITATIONS

...COMPLIMENT INFORMATION GATHERING...

CLINICAL JUDGEMENT IS IMPORTANT

DO WE ALL MEAN THE SAME THING WHEN WE USE THE TERM?

ATTACHMENT

Care-giver is a secure base / safe haven

child will...
- reach
- call
- move toward
... for comfort

distress.. hungry...
tired...

INDICES to determine attachment level...

SECURE OR INSECURE

ORGANISED OR DISORGANISED ENVIRONMENT

CAN IMPROVE REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER BUT NOT AUTISM...

