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Combatting Parental Alienation (E)

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Parental alienation is a concerning phenomenon where one parent or guardian deliberately manipulates a child's emotions, thoughts, and perceptions toward the other parent. This may result in the deterioration of their bond and adversely affect the child's mental well-being. Despite the increased global understanding of this issue, there remains a lack of awareness regarding this issue in Japan, where a substantial number of children experience alienation to some degree.

In this presentation, the speaker aims to bring attention to parental alienation by providing an exploration of key terms, definitions, and the underlying psychological and emotional drivers behind alienation. The long-term impacts on a child's emotional development will also be discussed. Particularly, emphasis will be placed on Japan's sole custody laws, which may inadvertently facilitate alienation.

By fostering a general understanding of parental alienation, the presenter seeks to raise awareness in educators, the public, and individuals who may have been alienated themselves. The talk will not only propose potential solutions to combat alienation but also facilitate a group discussion to encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing amongst attendees.

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