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**Author Abstract:**

The American Psychological Association Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Divorce Proceedings (American Psychological Association, 1994) stresses the need for a multi-method evaluation, reasoning that by considering data from different approaches, we can best insure the validity of our findings in making custody recommendations. One of the primary issues in custody evaluations is assessing the quality of the child's attachment to each parent and parents' potential for supporting the child's attachment security. The case study presented in this article demonstrates how research-based standardized assessments of the child's attachment and parents' adult attachment and caregiving adds to the validity of a standardized psychological test battery typically utilized in making custody recommendations.