

FORENSIC FACTORS

SECRECY

FALSE ALLEGATION

MOLESTATION

1. Interviewer assumes secrecy occurred.
2. If it didn't happen—it's not secrecy.
3. Secrecy is simply a time interval between a story and an alleged event.
4. Suggestive interviewing exposes the child to issues of "secrecy".
5. Suggestive interviewing exposes the child to "not telling".
6. Accusing parents creates an atmosphere of secrecy and polarization

1. Child are told not to tell & to keep secrets.
2. Secrets in general suggest abuse.

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HELPLESSNESS

FALSE ALLEGATION

MOLESTATION

1. Helplessness is common in all children.

2. Just because they're helpless doesn't mean they were abused.

3. Children have an expectation of aid from authority.

4. Find the truth without bias—multiple possibilities.

1. Children are helpless.

2. Children cannot resist adult sexual advances.

3. Children think adults will not believe them.

4. Advocate—make others believe the child.

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ENTRAPMENT

FALSE ALLEGATION

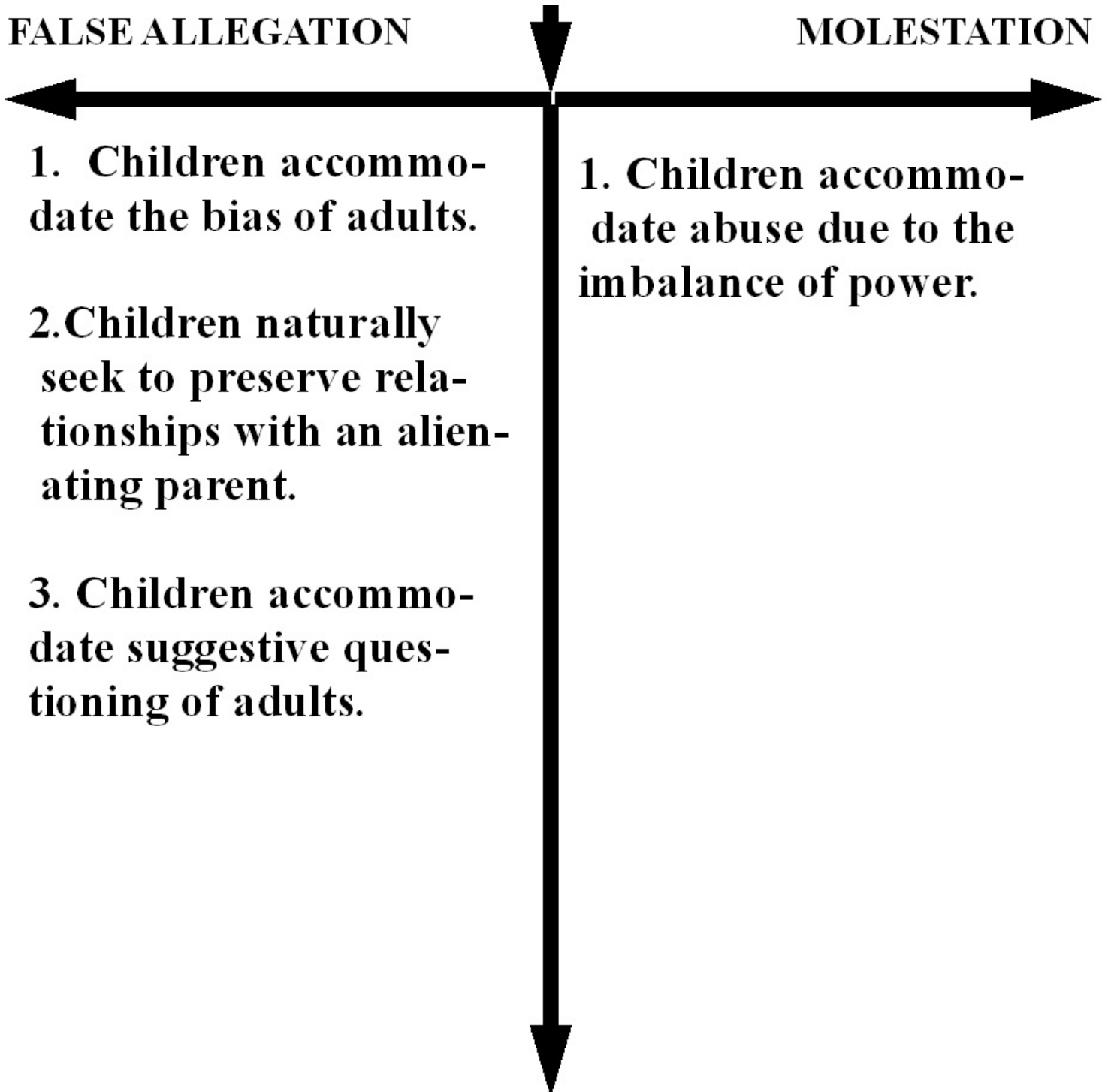
MOLESTATION

1. Children accommodate the bias of adults.

2. Children naturally seek to preserve relationships with an alienating parent.

3. Children accommodate suggestive questioning of adults.

1. Children accommodate abuse due to the imbalance of power.



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DELAYED, CONFLICTED & UNCONVINCING

FALSE ALLEGATION

MOLESTATION

1. Appearance of delay in all false allegations.
2. Denials in false allegations.
3. Failure to Report in False Allegations.
4. False allegations exist
5. Not credible simply means not credible.
McMartin – hidden subterranean tunnels.
6. Children's memory highly malleable.
7. Children's acting out behavior has many causes.

1. Delay is caused by child embarrassed to tell.
2. Children do not report abuse to preserve & protect family unit. Denial is caused by child reluctant to tell.
3. All allegations are true.
4. Incredible stories means abuse is real.
5. Inconsistencies are caused by abuse.
6. If a child has a history of lying, acting out or getting in trouble, this is caused by abuse.

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RETRACTION

FALSE ALLEGATION

MOLESTATION

- 1. Retractions can be true.**
- 2. Children can say many things when their world seem threatened.**
- 3. Adults should listen to and evaluate retractions.**
- 4. Adults should be neutral not advocates.**
- 5. Adults should work to find the truth.**

- 1. Children retract stories of abuse to preserve the family.**
- 2. Retraction is an indicator of abuse.**
- 3. Advocates should prevent retractions.**
- 4. Advocates should keep children isolated from non-believers.**
- 5. The advocate should do everything to show the allegation is legitimate.**