



Understand how children build early connections

Attachment Theory: How Children Learn What to Expect from Relationships





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What will you gain?

This course will allow you to:

- Discover how the dynamics of early relationships can influence how children interact with the world in later life, and can impact on their development
- Identify the positive benefits of "healthily stressful" experiences, empathic, attuned parenting, and the ability to reflect on mental states
- Learn what happens when early experiences are too stressful, and how adaptive coping strategies can become unhelpful defences in the longer term
- Gain an understanding of the four main kinds of attachment relationship, how these attachment styles form, and why with reference to key studies
- Examine the role of attachment in personality development, and the link between attachment patterns and states of mind.



How will you learn?

- Explore key concepts through interactive lecture content and videos
- Deepen your understanding via regular opportunities for reflection
- Consider case examples to help apply the theory to your work
- Test your knowledge with a quiz, and unlock a certificate

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