**Study Guide: Childcare & Attachment**

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1. What is attachment? What did Freud and the psychoanalysts and behaviorists think was the basis for attachment? What did Harlowe show to be its basis?

2. Describe the experimental paradigm known as the *Strange Situation.*  What behaviors are the researchers looking for?

3. Describe the four attachment patterns; what percentages of babies fall into each? In Ainsworth’s similar original categories, what parenting characteristics are associated with what attachment styles?

4. How does secure attachment make a person feel inwardly? What did Stroufe find secure attachment to be related to?

5. Compare securely attached preschoolers to avoidantly and resistantly attached ones from follow up studies.

6. To what is disorganized attachment consistently related in school?

7. What variable or description of social behavior repeatedly comes up in the interpretations of attachment follow-up studies?

8. From one study, what was the best predictor of adult function (not attachment)?

9. What does secure attachment to parents in adolescence relate to?

10. Describe the types of adolescent attachment and their associated behaviors.

11. Describe the types of adult attachment and their associated behaviors.

12. What are the factors affecting security of attachment? How late can a bond be established?

13. What was the Harvard Demo Project, and what is it an example of? (Answer: an unrealistic comparison) To what is it compared? Answer: (standard daycare centers and home care) In considering the quality of daycare, why are adult to child ratio and rich language environment so important?

14. What type of childcare is preferred by parents, particularly for younger children?

15. How does exposure to full-time daycare outside the home seem to affect attachment, cognitive development, and problem behavior?

16. What did Vanelli find about childcare and attachment? Belsky? The NICHD study?

17. What is the primary reason that we as a society are so committed to daycare? \*