

Single-Case ABAB Assessment & Remedy Protocol

	Period	Description
A ₁	Initial Baseline	This period represents the initial level of the child's symptom severity while the child is being exposed to the pathogenic parenting of the allied and supposedly favored parent.
B ₁	Initial Intervention	<p>The child is protectively separated from the pathogenic parenting of the allied parent.</p> <p>The child receives the <i>High Road to Family Reunification</i> protocol (see Appendix 2) at the beginning of the Initial Intervention Period to restore a normal-range and healthy relationship with the targeted parent.</p> <p>All contact between the allied parent and child is prohibited during the Initial Intervention Period. Violations of the no-contact protective separation requirement can result in sanctions from the supervising clinician.</p> <p>Daily parental ratings are made of the child's behavior (see Appendix 1).</p> <p>For the Assessment Protocol, the Initial Intervention Period (B₁) is completed after six Successful Weeks of child cooperation (four with <i>Bonus Weeks</i>).</p> <p>For the Remedy Protocol, the Initial Intervention Period (B₁) ends after 12 Successful Weeks are achieved by the child (the final four weeks of which are consecutive for both the Assessment and Remedy protocols).</p>
A ₂	Second Baseline	<p>During the Second Baseline Period, the protective separation from the influence of the allied parent is ended and the child is re-exposed to the potentially pathogenic parenting of the allied parent through the existing court orders for shared custody and visitation.</p> <p>Ratings of the child's behavior are made while the child is with the targeted parent. Visitation refusals are rated as 1 on all child behavior scales.</p>
B ₂	Second Intervention	<p>If the child's symptoms return upon re-exposure to the pathogenic parenting of the allied and supposedly favored parent, then a Second Intervention Period is implemented.</p> <p>The child is again protectively separated from the pathogenic influence of the allied and supposedly favored parent, and a second round of intervention with the <i>High Road</i> protocol is initiated to restore the normal-range and healthy functioning of the child.</p> <p>Since the pathogenic influence of the allied and supposedly favored parent has now been definitively demonstrated, additional safeguards (such as required therapy for the allied parent) will be necessary before the child is once again re-exposed to the influence of the pathogenic parent.</p>