# Children with Traumatic Separation: Information for Professionals

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Traumatic separation from a caregiver, such as through incarceration, deportation, or abuse-related removal, can deeply affect a child, often leading to posttraumatic stress and difficulty adjusting to their new reality. While children may hope for reunification, this hope can complicate coping, especially if the separation is accompanied by frightening events or misunderstood dangers.

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