

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEEN RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE AND ATTACHMENT

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In recent years, some research has been focused on romantic relationships and its relationship to adult attachment theory. The importances of attachment across the lifespan, and in relation to romantic relationships, are two theoretical components that hold relevance for this study. This study examined the relationship between dating violence, anxious attachment, and close attachment. This work is a part of a larger study conducted at by Dr.s Emilio Ulloa and Audrey Hokoda examining the social-ecological correlates of dating violence among teens. The participants were adolescents from South San Diego County. Preliminary results revealed a positive correlation between anxious attachment in relation to perpetration and victimization of dating violence, and no relationship between close attachment and dating violence.