**Schaffer and Emerson**

**2. Indiscriminate Stage**

(2-7 months)

**4. Multiple Attachments**

(by 1 year)

**3. Specific Attachments**

(7 months onwards)

1. **Asocial Stage**

(First few weeks)

* Multiple attachments follow soon after the first attachment is made.
* Baby shows attachment behaviours towards several different people – secondary attachments (e.g. siblings, grandparents, child-minders etc…)
* Baby begins to show separation anxiety (protests when primary caregiver leaves them)
* Fear of strangers develop.
* Began to form specific attachments (not necessarily the individual who spends the most time with the infant but the one who interacts with the infant the most).
* Baby is recognising and forming bonds with its carers
* Baby’s behaviour towards humans and non-human objects is similar.
* Show some preference for familiar adults in that those individuals find it easier to calm them.
* Babies are also happy when they are in the presence of other humans.
* Display more observable social behaviour.
* Show a preference for people rather than inanimate objects and recognise and prefer familiar adults.
* Usually accept cuddles and comfort from any adult
* Don’t show separation or stranger anxiety
* Indiscriminate because it is not different towards any one person.