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PROFILE

Over 25 years of providing counselling support to children, youth and families through government, private and contracted clinical avenues of service, I have developed skill sets in the areas of clinical counselling, court reporting and testimony, assessment and formal report writing, and alternative dispute resolution. I pride myself on my demonstrated ability to: establish a natural rapport with children, youth and adults; utilize clear and concise communication methods; write assessments, reports and file reviews while managing my time and resources effectively; and, employ exceptional crisis-conflict and mediation skills.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COURT REPORTING & TESTIMONY

- written court reports and applications under the Child & Family Community Services (CFCS) Act.
- demonstrated ability to give accurate and detailed information for testimony and cross-examinations.
- successful submissions of court applications, including document service, within CFCS Act timelines.
- seven (7) years of child protection experience with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

ASSESSMENT & FORMAL REPORT WRITING

- experience in the assessment and development of individualized treatment plans for clients accessing clinical support.
- professional training in suicide risk assessments.
- experience in the assessment of family violence and abuse against children.

CLINICAL CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELLING & THERAPEUTIC FAMILY REUNIFICATION

- training and extensive experience in a variety of empirically supported clinical theories.
- proficiency in Step Wise Interviewing, an unbiased interviewing process.
- managing a case load of over 30 clients and families.
- clinical experience providing diverse counselling support to children, youth and families.
- mediation skills and the ability to work in high-conflict crisis situations.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Coastality

Registered Clinical Counsellor (Victoria, BC)

2023 -

Independent Specialized Family Law Clinical & Reporting Services

Private Practice (Victoria, BC)

2015 -

Ministry of Children & Family Development

Child & Youth Mental Health Clinician Consultant - Policy Division (Victoria, BC)

2018 - 2019

Ministry of Children & Family Development

Child & Youth Mental Health Clinician (Whistler, BC)

2011 - 2016

Ministry of Children & Family Development

Child Protection Social Worker (Pemberton, BC)

2010 - 2011

School District No. 59

District Elementary School Counsellor (Peace River South, BC)

2007 - 2010

Ministry of Children & Family Development

Child Protection Social Worker (Chetwynd, BC)

2001 - 2007

EDUCATION

Arbitrator Training Course Arbitration	Royal Roads University & ADRBC	2020
Master of Arts (MA) Counselling Psychology	City University	2007
Bachelor of Arts (BA) Child & Youth Care	University of Victoria	1998
Diploma Child & Youth Care Counselling	Douglas College	1996

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DIALECTIC BEHAVIOUR THERAPY	EARLY PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION	COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR THERAPY	TRAUMA INCIDENT REDUCTION
SOLUTION-FOCUSED THERAPY LEVEL ONE	MEDIATION & FAMILY LAW MEDIATION LEVEL ONE	RECOGNIZING & RESPONDING TO SUICIDE RISK	ART & PLAY THERAPY

MEMBERSHIPS

HEAR THE CHILD SOCIETY OF BC (ROSTER MEMBER)	BCACC (REGISTERED CLINICAL COUNSELLOR)	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (PAST PRESIDENT)
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA - ADRBC (ROSTER MEMBER)	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INSTITUTE OF CANADA - ADIC (ROSTER MEMBER)	ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONCILIATION COURTS - AFCC (MEMBER)