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## PROFILE

Over 30 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

Owner & 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

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

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| DIALECTIC BEHAVIOUR THERAPY                          | EARLY PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION  | COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR THERAPY                    | TRAUMA INCIDENT REDUCTION                               |
| SOLUTION-FOCUSED THERAPY<br>LEVEL ONE                | MEDIATION & FAMILY LAW MEDIATION<br>LEVEL ONE                             | RECOGNIZING & RESPONDING TO<br>SUICIDE RISK    | ART & PLAY THERAPY                                      |
| LEGAL ABUSE AS A CONTINUATION<br>OF COERCIVE CONTROL | STRENGTHENING FAMILY LAW<br>RESPONSES TO VIOLENCE AND<br>COERCIVE CONTROL | THE "GOOD ENOUGH" PARENTING<br>PLAN EVALUATION | FUNDAMENTALS OF CONDUCTING<br>CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATIONS |

## MEMBERSHIPS

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