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PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Ontario College of Social Workers & Social Service Workers, Registered Social Worker # 806252 American Association of Marital and Family Therapy – Member #111453 Ontario Association of Social Workers Member # 8077 BESTCO/ Board of Examiners in Sex Therapy and Counselling in Ontario – Associate Member AISI #PRO183

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Private Practice Trenton, ON 06/03 – Present Individual, Marital and Family Psychotherapist

- Psychotherapy for couples, families and individuals experiencing mental health issues including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorders and relationship difficulties
- Assess and treat issues of low to no sexual desire and dysfunction in individuals and couples
- Clinical practice includes a focus on couples and families affected by neurological injuries and illnesses
- Utilize and integrate various therapeutic models including CBT, DBT, Emotionally Focused (EFT) and Narrative with Family Systems
- Northumberland Post-Partum Depression Support Group Clinical Consultant
- Employee Assistance Provider
- Couples and Family Therapy Consultant for <u>Ontario March of Dimes and York Simcoe Brain Injury</u> Services
- Approved WSIB regulated mental health provider and a SABS / AISI health care professional

Lakeshore Community Mental Health Services Cobourg, ON 09/06 – 11/07 Individual and Group Psychotherapist

- Provide therapeutic services to clients with serious mental health illnesses
- Work with an interdisciplinary team in providing case management, individual and group therapies
- Liaise with various medical professionals, community agencies and mental health providers
- Provide crisis intervention to clients at Northumberland Hills Hospital Emergency Services
- Follow the guidelines set force by the Ontario College of Social Workers & SSW in maintaining client confidentially, informed plans for treatment and recovery, and best mental health practices

Bloorview Macmillan Toronto, ON 06/04 – 06/05 Family Clinician – Neuro-Rehabilitation / Family Support – Contract

- Worked with an interdisciplinary team providing psychotherapy to families and individuals between the ages of 16 and 25 years old with acquired brain injury
- Educated the families and the ABI survivors about their neurological impairments and the potential challenges they experienced

York Durham Aphasia Centre Stouffville, ON 09/03 – 06/04 Clinical Social Worker – Contract

- Provided therapeutic counselling (individual and group) for clients with aphasia and their families
- Facilitated stroke, aphasia and neurological focused educational programs for caregivers

West Park Health Centre – ABI Behaviour Services Toronto, ON Clinical Social Worker – Contract

02/03 - 03/04

- Conduct psychosocial assessments for newly admitted clients and their families
- Counsel couples and families of acquired brain injury/behavioural disorder clients
- Manage complex discharge planning initiatives for clients
- Reviewed client treatment plans at interdisciplinary team sessions

Perspectives Ltd., Clinical Social Worker

Chicago, IL

09/01 - 06/02

- Completed psychosocial assessments on a culturally diverse client population
- Provided short and long-term psychotherapy for individuals, couples, families, adolescents and children, utilizing task centered and strength/resilience based modalities
- Conducted wellness seminars and workshops
- Screened clients for substance and alcohol abuse

St. Joseph's Carondelet Therapeutic Day School Clinical Social Worker

Chicago, IL

09/00 - 06/01

- Provided intensive individual and group psychotherapy for children, ages 6 14 years old, diagnosed
 with severe to profound behaviour and emotion-disorders, resulting from TBI (traumatic brain injuries),
 sexual and physical abuse, PTSD, learning disabilities, and other physical and mental impairments
- Acted as liaison to Chicago Board of Education, Juvenile Courts / Probation, Dept. of Children & Family Services and the medical support team

EDUCATION:

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL – School of Social Administration 2002 Masters of Social Work Concentration: Clinical Social Work – Family Systems

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI 1994 Masters of Arts – Cultural Anthropology

Loyola / Mundelein University, Chicago, IL 1992 Bachelor of Arts – Public Policy & Social Services (Honours)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Psychotherapy Networker Symposium	Washington, D.C.	03/2011
Neurobiology and Relationships	San Diego, CA	01/2010
Sex Therapy Intensive Training Program	Guelph, ON	06/2009
Sexual Attitudes Reassessment SAR	Montreal, QC	04/2009
Trauma & The Self	Toronto, ON	11/2007
Personality Disorders Conference	Toronto, ON	10/2007
Crisis Intervention with Suicidal ABI Clients	Aurora, ON	10/2006
EFT Summit Conference	Ottawa, ON	05/2006
Why We Love / The Good Divorce	Ottawa, ON	05/2005
Emotionally Focused Therapy Advanced	Ottawa, ON	12/2004
Emotionally Focused Therapy 5-Day Externship	Ottawa, ON	06/2004
The Healing Conversation: Counselling with Aphasia	Toronto, ON	04/2004
Family Support and Education Group – Aphasia Institute	Toronto, ON	04/2004
Marital Therapy: A Research-Based Approach	Ottawa, ON	05/2004
Balancing Act – Brain Injury & Mental Health	Hamilton, ON	06/2003
Emotionally Focused Therapy	Toronto, ON	05/2003
Psychopharmacology & Therapy	Chicago, IL	08/2001
Sexually Abusive Children & Youth	Chicago, IL	02/2001
Certified Hypnotherapist	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	09/2000