

Highlights of Qualifications:

- Sought after speaker offering exceptional leadership, motivational, instructional, interpersonal, and public speaking abilities;
 - Clinical experience within trauma, mental health, addictions, suicide prevention, stress management and wellness, attachment, parenting, education, developmental, and access to services fields;
 - Present Member: Ontario Association of Consultants, Counsellors, Psychometrists and Psychotherapists (OACCPP).
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Education:

- Certification as a Trauma Consultant Supervisor, The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children, June 2013;
- Master of Arts, Counselling Psychology, Yorkville University, December 2011;
- Certified Trainer, The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children, November 2011;
- Certification as Trauma Specialist, The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children, 2010;
- Bachelor of Arts, Social Development Studies, University of Waterloo, April 2009;
- Diploma, General Studies in Social Work, University of Waterloo, 2007;
- Diploma, Child and Youth Worker Program, Niagara College, September 1999 to April 2002.

Employment History:

Clinical Supervisor	Design for a New Tomorrow & Adolescent Family Support Services Niagara	2014 - present
Founder, CEO & Lead Psychotherapist	Attachment & Trauma Treatment Centre for Healing (ATTCH)	2013 - present
Child Trauma Therapist, Staff EAP Provider	Mutual Support Services	2012 - present
Trauma Therapist, Contract	Community Living Port Colborne	2012 - present
Certified Trainer, Instructor & Blogger	National Centre for Trauma and Loss	2011 - present
Trauma Therapist, Contract	Victim Quick Response Program (MAG)	2009 - present
Addiction Counsellor	Community Addictions Services Niagara	2011 - 2013
Owner / Psychotherapist	Creative Counselling	2009 - 2013
Professor of Psychology	Niagara College	2009 - 2012
Professor Child & Youth Worker Dept.	Niagara College	2009 - 2010
School Counsellor	District School Board of Niagara	2008 - 2010
Resource Coordinator	Contact Niagara	2006 - 2008
Child Protection Worker	Family and Children's Services	2006 - 2008
Residential Counsellor	Niagara Child and Youth Services	2005
Counsellor, I.C.F. Program	Niagara Child and Youth Services	2004 - 2005
Relief Staff	Niagara Centre for Youth Care	2002 - 2004
Counsellor, Mobile Crisis Service	Niagara Centre for Youth Care	2002 - 2003

Recent Trainings Facilitated:

- Hamilton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB), Crisis Response Team: 2 Day Trauma-Informed Crisis Response Training, March 3 & 4, 2014;
- Staff Training: Becoming Trauma Informed - Custom Full Day Training, Hannah House Maternity Home, February 19, 2014;
- Staff Training: The Use of Art for Expression, Empowerment and Bonding, Adolescent Family Support Services of Niagara (AFSSN), January 29, 2014;
- Staff Training: Making Connections in Case Formulation and Treatment Planning (domestic violence), Design for a New Tomorrow, November 28, 2013;
- Guest Speaker: Video Training Series, Distress Centres Ontario, November 27, 2013;
- Community Training: Introduction to Trauma, Attachment, and Sensory Intervention, ATTCH, November 20, 2013;
- Staff Training: Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, Mutual Support Services, November 16 & 20, 2013;
- Guest Presenter: Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, Simcoe County School Board
- Conference Presenter: Secret World of Substance Abuse, 2013 Child Trauma Practitioners Assembly, National

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- Institute for Trauma and Loss, July 2013;
- Conference Presenter: Making Connections in Case Formulation and Treatment Planning (trauma), CYC World Conference, Newfoundland, June 2013;
- Conference Presenter: Trauma's Impact on Learning and Schools, CYC World Conference, Newfoundland, June 2013;
- Workshop Presenter: Foundations of Trauma, Attachment, & Sensory Intervention ATTCH, June 2013;
- Workshop Presenter: Creating Trauma-Informed Youth Justice Systems, Niagara Youth Justice Committee, June 2013
- Conference Presenter: Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, Orillia Suicide Prevention Conference, April 2013;
- Workshop Presenter: Foundations of Trauma and Attachment, Mutual Support Services, April 2013.
- Workshop Presenter: TLC Evidence Based Trauma Intervention 2 day training Community Living Port Colborne January 2013;
- Workshop facilitator: SafeTALK Suicide awareness training, Living Works, January 2013;
- Workshop Presenter: Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma Prevention, Community Addiction Services Niagara, December 2012;
- Workshop Presenter: Suicide Awareness, Ridley College, December 2012;
- Conference Presenter: Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, 2012 Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention (CASP) Conference, October 2012;
- Keynote Speaker: Healing the Helper - Preventing Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, Canadian Critical Incident and Stress Foundation (CCISF), September 2012;
- Workshop Presenter - Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention, Canadian Critical Incident and Stress Foundation (CCISF), September 2012;
- Conference Presenter: Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, 2012 Child Trauma Practitioners Assembly, National Institute for Trauma and Loss, July 2012;
- Workshop Presenter Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma, VCE Training Centre, May 2012.

Publications:

- Blog: [The Relationship Between Attachment and Addictions](#), National Institute for Trauma and Loss,
- Blog: [About Trauma, Trauma Intervention, and the Brain](#), National Institute for Trauma and Loss, January 2013
- Blog: [Suicide Awareness: Providing Hope for Life](#), National Institute for Trauma and Loss, September 3, 2012
- Blog: [Making Connections in Case Formulation and Treatment Planning: Exploring Attachment, Historical Trauma and Self-Concept](#), National Institute for Trauma and Loss, April 1, 2012
- Blog: [Anticipatory Grief and Bereavement](#), National Institute for Trauma and Loss. December 5, 2011
- Contributing Author, *Assessment and Treatment Activities for Children, Adolescents, and Families Volume 3: Practitioners Share Their Most Effective Techniques*. Edited By Liana Lowenstein, 2011
- Contributing Author, *Creative Family Therapy Techniques: Play, Art, and Expressive Activities to Engage Children in Family Sessions*. Edited By Liana Lowenstein, 2010

Volunteer and Student Practicum Work:

Member, Clinical Support	Niagara Fire Services	2013 - Present
	Critical Incident Stress Association	
Chair	Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition	2007 - 2013
Student Therapist	NHS, Eating Disorders Program	2011
Student Group Therapist	Niagara College Counselling Dept.	2011
Counsellor	Success Program, T.D.S.S.	2001
School Mentor	Big Brothers/Sisters of Niagara	2001
Volunteer/Supervisor	Resource Association for Teens	2000 – 2001
Program Leader	District School Board of Niagara	2000 – 2001
Mentor/Supervisor	Inner City Youth Connection	1996 – 1997

Professional Development:

- Compassion Fatigue Specialist Training, November 2 & 3, 2013;
- 2013 Attachment and Trauma Conference, October 7 & 8 (Dr. Cathy Malchiodi, Dr. Daniel Siegel, Military Services Panel, & Dr. David Berceci) hosted by the Attachment and Trauma Treatment Centre for Healing;
- Neuroscience Meets Psychoanalysis, Dr. Allan Schore, April 2013;

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- Military Families Conference (by invitation), Vanier Institute for the Family, April 2013;
- 2012 Child Trauma Practitioners Assembly, 4 day workshop, National Institute for Trauma and Loss (Neurodevelopment Lens into Play-Based Self-Regulation Trauma Intervention, Trauma Informed Expressive Arts Therapy: A Sensory-Based Approach to Treatment, Trauma Informed Assessment, Presenter: Healing the Helper - Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma);
- Second Compassion Fatigue Conference, June 2012;
- Dr. Gabor Mate, When the Body Says No: Stress and Mind-Body Unity in Health and Illness, May 2012;
- Dr. Bruce Perry Training Workshop, Neurobiology of the Traumatized Child, Clinical Features of Effective Assessment, Treatment Strategies and Interventions, October 2010;
- 2010 Child Trauma Practitioners Assembly, 4 day workshop, National Institute for Trauma and Loss (Supporting Children of Deployed Parents, Children of Trauma, Structured Sensory Interventions, Trauma Debriefing and Self-Care);
- 2009 Ontario Art Therapy Association Conference, May 2009;
- Mean Girls Conference, December 2008;
- Youth & Drugs and Mental Health, Darryl Upfold, July 2008;
- Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition, Suicide Prevention Conference, November 2007 (also conference organizer)
- Workshop: The Wraparound Process Across the Hamilton/Niagara Region, John McKnight, February 2007;
- Supporting Families with Complex Needs Conference, John McKnight, February 2007.
- Joint Conference, Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) and Children's Mental Health Ontario (CMHO), June 2007
- Children's Mental Health Ontario Conference, November 2006;
- Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition, First Annual Conference, November 2006 (also conference organizer)
- Youth and Crime Conference, February 2006.

Workshop Feedback:

- It has been my favourite presentation of the conference thus far. It related directly to my field and has sparked a lot of ideas and different approaches. Thank you so very much.
- Your presentation was very informative, thank you very much. It makes me want to do better at my job with the children I work with, to try harder.
- I am so grateful I was able to be a participant in your "healing the helper" training yesterday. There were several important concepts I was able to apply immediately. Your bringing attention to our "world perspective" gave me the foresight to challenge some automatic thoughts.
- I appreciated the understanding I gained of how the brain functions during trauma and how to assist with regulation during these times.
- I learned the importance of asking someone if they are considering suicide and that asking the question will not put the idea in their mind.
- This was an amazing session. Would love to spend more time with Lori discussing this topic. So informative and important to the field.
- Thank you for emphasizing how important it is to validate kids experiences and for providing practical examples on how we as workers can assist them.
- I appreciated how you related back to the population we work with as well as how you related to my life - making connection - overall it was very informative and well done!
- The most helpful aspect were the real case examples, practical strategies, and suggested supplementary resources. It was so helpful to gain a better understanding of foster kids and how to support them!
- I learned that kids do what they are capable of doing and that the brain controls actions at a subconscious level a lot of the time.
- All of the trainings were super although yours and Carmen Richardson's really stood out. In fact, I am taking a class with both of you. I really appreciate your expertise and insight. I just finished an assignment today.
- I hope you could tell how much we all enjoyed your presentation tonight. You taught us a lot about accepting others and going to where they are in their struggle and helping them find solutions. We're all inspired by your lovely positive attitude. Thanks again - you're a wonderful teacher!
- Great presentation & presenter, thank you!
- Excellent delivery of information! Wish the session had been longer. The most valuable aspect was the focus on trauma as a sensory experience - not something that can be solved with words.
- Lori Gill was a fabulous speaker, great info. Would love to hear more.

Informal Feedback as Recommended by Colleagues on LinkedIn

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Caelan Kuban, Program Director, Trauma and Loss Consultant - Supervisor, Speaker, The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (colleague)

“I highly recommend Lori Gill. Lori is an excellent clinician who has tremendous passion for working with traumatized children. Lori has a unique ability to make connections with even the most difficult children She is patient, creative, intelligent and highly skilled. Children and families view her as approachable, fun and safe. Healing occurs in a natural and spontaneous way because of Lori's expertise in using art, play and other creative interventions with traumatized children and families.” April 27, 2011

Sue Grantis, Public Health Nurse -School Health Team, Niagara Region

worked with Lori at District School Board of Niagara “It is with great pleasure that I would recommend Lori Gill as an outstanding professional certified counsellor and public speaker! I have known Lori for several year years and have always observed Lori providing a high quality of work and an insatiable earnestness to create new ways to meet the needs of her clients.. She has always maintained a high level of performance and an ongoing commitment to excellence. Her nomination for Educator of the Year Award is a wonderful example of this. Lori is also an excellent team player whether she is leading an exercise or as a participant. She shares freely her resources to assist other professionals and always makes others feel valued. Lori's enthusiasm and energy for her work are tremendous and contagious. It is a great privilege to endorse on this occasion.” March 3, 2012

Ian Robertson, *Clinical Facilitator & Trainer for Mental Health, Niagara Health System*

worked with Lori at Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition

“Lori is an incredibly warm, caring and genuine clinician. She brings a wealth of knowledge and clinical skill sets to her clients, community focus groups, and collateral community partners. Lori has been instrumental in Niagara regarding her commitment to the Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition. I have significant collegial respect for Lori especially for her commitment to community!” November 13, 2012

Teena Willoughby, Professor, Brock University

“I know Lori through her role as Chair of the Niagara Suicide Prevention Community Council, and in her role as Chair of the Research Sub-Committee. Lori is an excellent leader. Her commitment to making a difference in suicide prevention in our region, and her positive attitude, inspires us to keep searching for funding opportunities as well as for conducting research in this area. She is organized and caring” June 9, 2009

Former Student

“I became acquainted with Lori in 2010 when I enrolled as a student in the Introductory Psychology class at Niagara College. I was so impressed with her organizational and time management abilities; she kept the class focused and "on track" and as a result we covered a tremendous amount of material in 4 months. Her lectures were interesting and thought provoking and the information she shared from her professional experience was respectful, empathetic, ethical and appropriate and gave me a more in depth perspective as to what one might expect when actually working in the various fields of psychology.

Lori inspired me to want to work in the field of Social Work and to continue my studies. I am now attending McMaster University studying Addictions, and hoping to eventually work/volunteer as an Addictions Counsellor with my local first nations community.” September 2, 2011