

**Jackie Dorssers, BSW, RSW
Social Worker**

Experience:

- 2008 - Present **Social Worker**, Brainworks, London, ON
- 2015 - Present **Social Worker**, AIDS Committee of Windsor/AIDS Support, Chatham Kent
- 2010 - 2011 **PHA Support Coordinator**, AIDS Support Chatham Kent
- 2008 - 2013 **Wellness Seminar Facilitator**, Shepell-fgi
- 2008 - 2010 **Workshop Facilitator**, Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders (OAFCCD)
- 2006 - 2007 **Social Worker**, Canadian Mental Health Association, St. Thomas, ON
- 2005 - 2006 **Rural Outreach Coordinator**, AIDS Committee of Windsor/AIDS Support of Chatham Kent
- 2004 - 2005 **Community Development / Researcher**, United Way of Chatham Kent
- 2003 - 2004 **Regional Coordinator (Southwest Region)**, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario
- 2003 **Service Coordinator**, VON Canada, London, ON
- 2001 - 2002 **Social Work Intern**, Thames Valley Children's Centre, London, ON
- 2000 - 2001 **Social Work Intern**, Regional Support Association, Woodstock and London, ON

Education:

- 2002 **Bachelor of Social Work**, University of Western Ontario
King's University College, London, ON
- 2000 **Disabilities Studies 101: Leadership in Human Services**,
Ryerson University, Toronto, ON

Certifications:

- 2002 - Present **Ontario Association of Social Workers and Social Service
Workers**
Registration #: 803761

Professional Highlights:

- Very strong empathetic listener, possessing strong assessment skills
- Exceptional advocacy skills to support vulnerable populations with regards to income supports, housing and food security
- Experience with individuals with complex care needs and high risk marginalized populations including youth in trouble with the law, those with developmental and physical disabilities, youth with mental health and addictions, those at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or Hep C, and those who self-identify as GLBT
- Solution focused counselling using harm reduction and/or abstinence approaches to substance use
- Strong ability to assess clients' willingness to work using Cognitive Behaviour Therapy which would lead the client's self-evaluation and individual goal setting
- Understand Systems and Oppression Theory and the Social construct of disability Extensive experience with the social service systems in Ontario including OW, ODSP, OAS, EI
- Development, Facilitation and Evaluation of various workshops including HIV 101, Safer IV Drug Use, Advocacy Skills and Resiliency teaching, Financial Literacy and Activities of Daily Living skills development

Professional Development:

- 2014 **Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training**
- 2014 **Bridges Out of Poverty**
- 2014 **Suicide Prevention Strategy**, LHIN Suicide Prevention
Workshop, St. Clair College

- 2013 **Bereavement Ontario Network Annual Conference, Change, Transition & Transformation, Healing After Loss, Orillia, ON**
- 2009 **Social Work in the Medical Rehabilitation Field, Brainworks, London, ON**
- 2008 **Certified Consultant in Education Advocacy, Ontario Education Advocates**
- 2008 **Brain Basics 101, Ontario Brain Injury Association, St. Catharines, ON**
- 2002 **Solution-Focused Generalist Practice and Complicated Grief and Disablement, London, ON**
- 2002 **Insight to Dual Diagnosis, Regional Support Associates, Woodstock, ON**
- 2001 **Working with Difficult Families and Couples Counselling, Regional Support Associates, London, ON**
- 2001 **Narrative Therapy and Archetypes, Regional Supports Associates, London, ON**
- 2001 **Social Capital and Community Enhancement, Community Development, King's College, London, ON**
- 2000 **Zero Tolerance in Schools and Special Needs Children, Disability Studies, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON**

Volunteer Activity:

- 2014 **Prosperity Round Table Group, Social Determinates of Health and Executive Working Group**
- 2014 **Council Member, Chatham Kent Drug Awareness**
- 2013 **Voting Member, Bereavement Ontario Network**
- 2012 - 2013 **Executive Board Member, Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition**
- 2002 - 2014 **Member at Large, Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders**

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Resume

- 1994 - 2011 **Member**, Special Education Advisory Committee, Lambton-Kent/Thames Valley School Board
- 2009 - 2012 **Member**, Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 1994 - 2008 **Participant**, Individualized Funding Coalition of Ontario & Workfest