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## **SIMONE SHEARS**

Highly effective Child / Youth Family Counsellor that has an innate way of empowering clients to be successful! Professional Counsellor committed to implementing strategies for child/youth and families to set goals for change and success. Combines formal education and clinical experiences to develop rapport with child / youth and their families. Initiates partnerships with community resources for external support. Respectfully works to ensure privacy and confidentiality.

### **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE**

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- Multi-Cultural Counseling
- Life Skills Education / Training
- Behaviour Management
- Conflict Resolution / Problem Solving
- Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Goal Setting and Evaluation
- Confidently work independently or as part of a team

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

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#### **Child / Youth Worker**

**Current**

Simcoe County District School Board: Midhurst

- Manage / Coordinate caseloads, needs assessments, crisis intervention
- Supports students in Right Turn School Suspension Program
- Offer emotional support, liaison/maintain professional relationships with networks / stakeholders to advocate for the needs and best interest of clients
- Participation in community projects / attend conferences / workshops
- Write comprehensive reports / maintain database / reports / evaluation
- Travel to various locations

#### **Rehabilitation Support Worker**

**2000 – Present**

Wright Rehab: Innisfil, ON

- Implement therapeutic strategies for rehabilitation as directed by the health professionals in clients home, community or school specializing in Traumatic Brain Injury rehabilitation

- Assist clients to gain knowledge relating to Criminal Justice System, Insurance Rehabilitation, Personal Injury Law / Policy
- Participate in case conferences, evaluate goals, submit detailed reports
- Management of budgets, book keeping, report writing

**Program Coordinator**

Environment Network: Collingwood, ON

- Coordinated an after-school outreach program for girls, developed and facilitated program
- Trained mentors, secured funding, detailed outcome report, consultation with school staff

**Group Facilitator****2000 – 2003**

New Path Youth Family Services: Collingwood, ON

- Conducted intakes, CAFAS assessments, program development and facilitation, referrals and public education

**Community Support Worker****1994 – 2000**

Vancouver School Board: Vancouver, BC

- Counseled at risk students at an inner-city school, encouraged active attendance/participation,
- Program development, multi-cultural counseling, fundraising, coaching, family support, case management
- Management, teacher assistant, I.E.P consulting, public education

**Human Resource Generalist**

Loblaws: Collingwood, ON

- Responsible for hiring part-time staff, training and development,
- Union representation, staff retention

**Guest Service Personnel****2007 – 2008**

Scandinave Spa: Blue Mountain, ON

- Greeted customers, orientated with spa procedures
- Secured massage reservations and payment
- Prepared meals/snacks in Bistro

**Guest Entertainer****Ongoing**

Princess Cruises: Los Angeles, U.S.A

- Implemented activities for youth/teen cruisers (parties, dances, organized crafts / activities, karaoke and sports)
- Assisted with Cruise Staff activity (Karaoke, Special Occasion Celebrations)
- Guest escort on shore excursions
- Trained in sea-farer emergency safety and company standards
- Awarded Customer Service Excellence Award

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### **Child / Youth Worker** **1994**

Honors College Diploma (Degree): Humber College

- Courses: Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Counselling Therapies, Human & Child Development
- Clinical Placement

### **General Studies (60 credits)** **2000**

Thompson University

- Courses: First Nations English / Literature, Geography

## CERTIFICATES

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### **Non-Violent Crisis Intervention** **1994 & 2008**

Vancouver School Board & SCDSB

### **Human Resource Management** **2007**

Georgian College

### **Teaching and Training Adults** **2006**

Georgian College

### **Rehabilitation / Children with Acquired Brain Injury - Level 1 & 2** **2001**

Brock University

### **Anti-Bullying Intervention** **1996**

Vancouver School Board

### **Conflict-Resolution** **1994**

B.C Justice Institute

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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- C.A.F.A.S (Child / Adolescent Functional Scale)
- Experiential Education
- C.P.R / First Aid
- P.A.B.A. (Parenting a Balancing Act)

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

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<b>Youth Justice Committee</b> Elizabeth Fry Society - Ministry of the Attorney General	<b>Current</b>
<b>One-One Worker</b> Simcoe County Children Aid Society	<b>Current</b>
<b>Collingwood Policing and Safe Community</b> O.P.P	<b>Current</b>
<b>Active and Safe Routes to School</b> Environment Network	<b>2008</b>

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- OACYC - (Ontario Association of Child / Youth Counsellors)