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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

International clinical experience specializing in issues of trauma and crisis
Extensive experience providing individual and family counselling, including group therapy
Ability to intertwine theory and practice, and teach on wide range of therapeutic topics
Strong initiative, creative innovation and organizational leadership skills

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Counsellor and Consultant in private practice, Winnipeg, MB 2007 – present.

Providing counselling services for individuals, couples and families.

Training and consulting services, specializing in trauma, violence and high conflict contexts.

Family Therapist, Brief Therapy Team – Macdonald Youth Services, Winnipeg, MB 2007 – present.

As part of a multidisciplinary brief therapy team, providing counselling, intervention, resources, support and case management to families with children in crisis; developing group models for work with families in crisis.

Social Worker, Family Care Program – St Amant; Winnipeg, MB 2006 – present.

Provided therapy, intervention, resources, support and case management to families with children living with disabilities, liaising closely with government agencies and departments.

Trauma Therapist and Conflict Resolution Consultant, Mennonite Central Committee; Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2005 – 2006.

Provided trauma counselling, resources, and training to young people, parents and teachers throughout inner-city schools in North Belfast; provided support and public awareness to clinicians working in post-conflict/post-war trauma recovery.

Crisis and Trauma Counsellor and Trainer, Klinik Community Health Centre; 2001 – 2005.

Provided direct counselling services to men who have experienced sexual abuse as children or adolescents; training and clinical supervision of volunteer crisis counsellors; facilitation of group therapy for male survivors of sexual abuse; public education and training regarding issues of male childhood sexual abuse; development, implementation and supervision of peer mentor program; supervision of clinical field placements; co-ordination and facilitation of critical incident debriefing services.

Prison Development Worker, Mennonite Central Committee; Tirana, Albania, 2000.

Initiated and co-ordinated restorative justice, conflict awareness and skill building programs for Albanian youth incarcerated for blood revenge murder; initiated a listening project on issues of justice and peace making in Albania and Balkan region.

Counsellor; The Family Centre of Winnipeg, 1999 – 2000.

Provided both individual and family therapy; screening and assessment for a weekly domestic violence group for men who abuse their intimate partners; and co-facilitation of 16 week domestic violence group.

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DIRECT EXPERTISE

Training Delivery

- Trauma Awareness for Clinicians and Practitioners
- Teen to Parent Violence
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Male Childhood Sexual Abuse: Training for Practitioners
- Understanding Mental Illness
- Dealing with Depression
- Addictions and Mental Health
- Motivating Change
- Building Therapeutic Relationships with Men
- Managing Your Anger
- Mediation Skills
- Conflict Resolution Skills

Mediation and Conflict Resolution

- Victim Offender
- Community
- Workplace

Counselling

- Child/Adolescent Counselling
- Individual Counselling
- Family Counselling
- Post-war Trauma Counselling
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
- Crisis Intervention

Group Therapy

- Parents experiencing violence by their children
- Male survivors of childhood sexual abuse
- Men's domestic violence group

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Mediator: Mediation Services, 2006 – present.

Responsibilities include: Providing mediation and facilitated dialogue between individuals and/or groups experiencing conflict in a wide variety of contexts.

Advisor: Men's Resource Centre, 2001 – 2005.

Responsibilities included: Providing direction and accountability to programs, personnel and administration; assisting and consulting in areas of program development and implementation with specific regard to trauma issues including male childhood sexual abuse.

Advisor: Victims' Voice, Victim Companion Program, 2003 – 2005.

Responsibilities included: Providing input to program staff regarding experiences of victimization and trauma from a therapeutic lens; providing direction and accountability to programmatic issues.

Facilitator and Advisor: Circles of Support and Accountability, 1998 – 2000.

Responsibilities included: Providing facilitation of program aimed to support and hold accountable high risk sex offenders released into community on warrant expiry; providing community accountability and program direction.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

2002	Masters of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Clinical Stream
1999-2000	MSW Field Placement: The Family Centre of Winnipeg
1996-1997	University of Winnipeg, International Development Studies
1995	Bachelor of Arts (History); University of Manitoba
1991-1993	Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, MB, Theology and Music Studies

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RELEVANT CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 2012 Magic, Mischief and Imagination; David Epston
- 2012 What is a Good Question; David Epston
- 2012 Working with Stuck Kids; Gordon Neufeld
- 2011 Effects of Colonization on Aboriginal Populations
- 2011 Boosting Social/Emotional Skills Using Brain Research; Nathalie Beaudoin
- 2010 Becoming Ethical: Respectful Intervention with Men and Youth Engaging in Violence, Jenkins
- 2010 Grief Therapy: A meaning Reconstruction Approach; Robert Niemeyer
- 2010 Getting Through to 21st Century Kids; Ron Taffel
- 2009 Strengths-based Counselling with At-Risk Children and Families; Michael Unger
- 2009 Collaborative Therapy with Multi-Stressed Families; Bill Madison
- 2009 Understanding Transgendered Children and Adolescents; Jule Henderson
- 2009 Mediation Skills Level Two; Resolution Skills Centre
- 2008 Conflict and Culture; Resolution Skills Centre
- 2008 Informal Mediation in Moments of Crisis; Resolution Skills Centre
- 2008 Integrative Narrative Therapy and Family Systems Theory; Karl Thomm
- 2008 Stages of Change and Motivational Interviewing; Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
- 2007 Positive Discipline for Parents; Libby Yager
- 2007 St. Amant Child and Family Conference; St. Amant
- 2006 Spirituality of Non-Violence; Irish Institute for Training and Education; Belfast, NI
- 2006 Restorative Practice and Discipline in Schools; PCT, Belfast, NI
- 2005 Addressing the Consequences of Trauma; Michael White; Belfast, NI
- 2005 Preparing for Challenges in Overseas Work: Issues and Skills, Mennonite Central Committee
- 2003 Male Survivors Conference, Bi-Annual Conference; Minneapolis, MN
- 2002 Setting the Story Straight: Narrative Therapy with Victims of Sexual Abuse; Janice Gasker
- 2002 Post-vention Work with Suicide Survivors; Jeanette Ambriose
- 2002 Preventing Compassion Fatigue; Jeanette Ambriose
- 2002 Treating Adult Survivors of Abuse: A New Perspective; John Briere
- 2002 Defusing Skills; Gord Favel
- 2002 Suicide Prevention; ASIST
- 2002 After-effects of Chronic Childhood Sexual Abuse for Adult Survivors; Christine Courtois
- 2001 Victim Sensitivity and Restorative Justice Interventions; Mediation Services
- 2001 Mediation Skills Level One; Mediation Services
- 1999 Understanding and Assessing the Sexual Offender, Part II; MB Department of Justice
- 1998 Understanding and Assessing the Sexual Offender, Part I; MB Department of Justice
- 1997 Non-violent Crisis Intervention Training
- 1997 Emergency First Aid and CPR Certificate; St. John's Ambulance
- 1997 Alternatives to Violence Project Level Two Training; Dave Fletcher
- 1997 Dealing with Anger Training; Mediation Services
- 1997 Interpersonal Conflict Resolution Skills Training; Mediation Services
- 1997 Changing Directions by Breaking Barriers Facilitator's Training; Al Hickey
- 1995 Conscientization to Latin American Realities; Bogotá, Colombia

OTHER VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 2006 – present Mediation Services; Winnipeg, MB
- 1997 – 2000 Open Circle Prison Visitation Program; Winnipeg, MB
- 1996 – 1997 Community Ministries with Ex-Offenders; Winnipeg, MB
- 1995 JustaPaz; Bogotá, Colombia
- 1995 Colectivo Para Objecion de la Conscientia; Bogotá, Colombia