

SHARON M. SMITH
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 1999 Gonzaga University - Spokane Washington
Master of Arts in Counselling
- 1996 Athabasca University - Edmonton, AB
Bachelor of Arts Honors in Psychology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The College of Alberta Psychologists – Registered Psychologist #2709
- Canadian Psychologists Association
- Psychologist Association of Alberta
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- International Association of Collaborative Professionals
- Approved Aboriginal Specialist with First Nations and Inuit Health Branch

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- 1997 – 2002 Creating Solutions Inc. -- Edmonton, AB
Executive Director/Clinical Supervisor/
- 2002 – present Creating Solutions Inc. – Edmonton, Alberta
Clinical Supervisor/Registered Psychologist

Clinical Responsibilities

- Assessment of individual, couples and families using various testing instruments:
 - o Cognitive Behavioral mental health assessment inventories
 - o Personality inventories
 - o Gottman couple assessment
 - o Olson’s Prepare Enrich and Faces III
 - o Vocational Inventories
 - o Structured Clinical Interview for Dissociative Disorders
- Complete diagnosis and develop treatment plans in accordance with DSM-IV-TR

- Parenting Coordination, Family Restructuring Therapy, Parenting Plan development, high conflict divorce interventions, family mediation.
- Divorce Coaching, Child Specialist Family Specialist, Registered Collaborative Professional
- Efficiency in multiple modalities of treatment of individual, couple and family issues:
 - o Structural and systemic Family Therapy
 - o Family Restructuring Therapy
 - o Solution Focused and brief therapies
 - o Cognitive behavioral Therapy
 - o Emotion Focused Therapy
 - o Psychodynamic Therapy
 - o Narrative Therapy
 - o Strategic Therapy
- Post Divorce High Conflict Parenting Interventions
 - o Parenting Plans
 - o Practice Note 7 High Conflict Parenting Interventions
 - o Parent Coordination
 - o Family Mediation
 - o Divorce Coaching
- Strong written skills in delivering concise, court ready assessment reports
- Work collaboratively with multi-disciplinary teams on dual diagnosed clients

Administrative Responsibilities

- Designed and implemented client reported outcomes evaluation research for family preservation program
- Oversee accreditation process by various certification bodies
- Clinical Supervision of Psychologists and Family Therapists
- Train provisional psychologists and graduate psychology students
- Negotiation of provincial Child Protection contracts
- Policy and procedure development
- Evaluation of clinical and administrative staff members
- Expert witness in Child Protection Cases
- Prepare and deliver annual agency reports
- Monitor annual budget and expenditures
- Attain and administrate Employee Assistance Contracts
- Agency marketing and recruiting

2004 – 2007

City University Masters of Arts in Counselling – Edmonton, AB
Instructor – Family Systems Therapy Course

Clinical Responsibilities

- Assisting in modifying and implementing curriculum of family therapy techniques:
 - o Strategic, structural, Bowenian, narrative, solution focused, emotion focused
- Facilitate development of skills in family assessment
- Teach relevant family developmental phases and critical assessment skills for contribution to pathology
- Evaluate students implementation and application of intervention skills through simulation exercises

Administrative Responsibilities

- Multimedia presentations
- Electronic monitoring and grading
- Resource development for university
- Consultation on curriculum

2003 – 2004

Help TV Access Learning – Edmonton, AB

Psychologist/Telephone Consultant for Nation Wide Live Call in Talk Show

Clinical Responsibilities

- Crisis Intervention and Critical Incident Debriefing
- Suicide risk assessment
- Community resource referrals

1996 - 1997

AltaCare Resources Inc. -- Edmonton, AB

Program Manager/Clinical Supervisor/Family Counsellor

Clinical Responsibilities

- Design, implement and evaluation copywritten family preservation program for child protection services
- Recruit, train, supervise and evaluation counseling and intervention program staff
- Monitor annual budget for family preservation program

Administrative Responsibilities

- Consult to government committees for home-based family preservation
- Design and develop policy and procedures manuals
- Create resource development library

1995 - 1996

Alberta Family and Social Services -- Edmonton, AB

Case Manager - Child Protection Unit

Clinical Responsibilities

- Child abuse assessment
- Domestic violence assessment

Administrative Responsibilities

- Court related documentation regarding child risk assessment, apprehension, and or placement

1995 - 1997

Shar-Don Counselling and Consulting Group -- Edmonton, AB
Family Counsellor/Consultant

Clinical Responsibilities

- Developed and facilitated group programs:
 - o Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse
 - o Partners of Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse
 - o Anxiety disorders in children/youth and parents
 - o Addictions recovery programs
 - o Parenting strategies

Administrative Responsibilities

- Design and implement policy and procedures manuals
- Market group and individual counseling programs
- Consultation with local clergy on assessment and referral of counseling related issues for parishioners

1993 - 1995

Catholic Social Services -- Edmonton, AB
Family Counsellor/Team Leader

Clinical Responsibilities

- Assessment of families, couples, youth and children identified as at risk by Child Welfare
- Structural systemic interventions to address family cohesion and adaptability and estestablish homeostasis
- Cognitive Behavioral interventions targeted as improving general life skills, communication skills, parenting skills, and conflict resolution skills
- Community advocacy and internveniton to insure ecological support needs of family are supported

Administrative Responsibilities

- Complete assessment instruments
- Complete monthly clinical reports from strengths basis attending to outcome measures that were court ready
- Provide effective resource materials for clients to support cognitive behavior skill development interventions
- Continue Education upgrading and participate actively in clinical peer supervision process

1986 - 1992

The Family Centre -- Edmonton, AB
Intake Worker

Clinical Responsibilities

- Critical Incident assessment and debriefing
- Suicide risk assessment
- Domestic violence risk assessment
- Demographic and problem screening for goodness of fit for intakes with therapists

Administrative Responsibilities

- Maintain waiting lists for United Way counseling and Employee Assistance programs
- Complete monthly monitoring and evaluation requirements or organization for funders
- Insure seamless communication and transition of clientele to therapist

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- AFCC Conference – Beneath the Surface of High Conflict and Troubled Families
- AFCC 54 Annual Conference – turning the Kaleidoscope of Family Conflict into a Prism of Harmony
- AFCC (AB) – Conference – The New Millennial Family – Dr. Marsha Kline Pruett, Dr. Kyle Pruett
- ACFP – Right Use of Power – Dr. Deena Martin
- AFCC – Differentiating High Conflict from Domestic Violence: Screening and Risk Assessment in High Conflict Post-Separation Cases
- CLEBC – Assessments & Interventions: The Intersection of Family Law and Psychology
- AFCC – Evaluative, Therapeutic and Mediation/Arbitration Interventions with Separated/Divorced Families: Uses, Misuses and Risks
- Overcoming Barriers Intensive Program for Children Who Resist Parental Contact Post Divorce
- AFCC – Parenting Plans/Legal responses to Alienation and Emotional Abuse of Children in High Conflict Separations
- Mediation of Family & Divorce Conflicts – Legal Education Society of Alberta
- Interest Based Negotiations – Legal Education Society of Alberta
- Parent Coordination and Arbitration in Divorce/Separation Modules I, II, & III – Resolution: Mediators, Arbitrators, Negotiators trainers
- Family Restructuring Therapy – High Conflict Interventions – Carter Haave Vandersteen Bateman
- Advanced Clinical Supervision – Psychologist Association of Alberta & University of

Calgary

- Alberta Rules of Court Practice Note 7 – Use of Independent Parenting Experts – Carter Haave Vandersteen & Bateman
- Family Restructuring Therapy – Carter Haave Vandersteen & Bateman
- Clinical Training in Marital Therapy - Dr. John M. Gottman
- Advanced Emotion Focused Counselling With Traumatized Individuals Intensive – American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
- Advanced Solution Focused Counselling Intensive – Milwaukee Brief Family Therapy Institute
- Home Based Family Therapy Intensive – Child Guidance Centre of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Annual attendance at conferences for membership in (Association of Family Conciliatory Courts, International Association of Collaborative Professionals, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists)

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

- April 2018 – Legal Aid Alberta – Family Law Office – Representation of Children Training: How to interview children
- April 2017 – ACLA – Nature of the Beast: Is Your Client a Conflictor, a Client, or a Collaborator:
- April 2016 – AFCC/ARMS Annual Alberta Conference – Post Divorce Systemic Family Structural Therapy
- April 2015 – ACLA – InterSpace Negotiations: Family Structural Therapy in Post-Divorce
- February 2015 – The Psychology of Divorce – Practice Issues Class – Law Faculty – U of A
- April 2016 – AFCC – Applying Family systems Theory and Structural Family Therapy

COURT RELATED EXPERIENCE

- April 9, 2018 – Reintegration Intervention Consent Order – Honourable Mr. Justice L.R. A. Ackerl
- March 23, 2018 – Practice Note 7 Family Reunification Intervention – Consent Order – Honourable Mr. Justice L.R. A. Ackerl
- March 16, 2018 – Practice Note 7 Order – The Honourable Justice T.D. Clackson
- March 8, 2018 – Consent Order – Honourable Justice D.A. Dalton
- December 19, 2017 – Consent Parenting Order – Honourable Madam Justice Sulyma
- December 19, 2017 – Consent Intervention Order – Honourable Madam Justice Khullar
- December 13, 2017 – Consent Practice Note 7 Triage Intervention Order – Honourable Mr. Justice E.J. Simpson
- October 25, 2017 – Consent Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – Honourable Mr. Justice J.T. Henderson
- October 20, 2017 – Consent Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – Honourable Madam Justice D.C. Read
- August, 2017 – Practice Note 7 Therapeutic Intervention Order – Honourable Justice J. M. Ross
- May, 2017 – Consent Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – Honourable Justice Khullar
- March, 2017 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – Honourable Justice D.J. Manderscheid
- March, 2017 – Consent Order – Honourable Justice R.P. Belzil

March, 2017 – Consent Corollary Reilie Order – Honourable Justice R. Graesser
 February, 2017 – Order – Honourable Justice K.G. Nielsen
 February, 2017 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – Honourable Justice M.R. Moreau
 February, 2017 – Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice D.L. Pentelechuk
 January, 2017 – Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice E.F. Macklin
 January, 2017 – Family Law Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – Honourable Justice D.A. Yungwirth
 December, 2016 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order 0 The Honourable Justice K.G. Nielsen
 November, 2016 – PN7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice J.S. Little
 November, 2016 – Order (Individual Counselling) – Honourable Justice R.A. Graesser
 November, 2016 – Reintegration Intervention Consent Order – Honourable Justice J.M. Ross
 September, 2016 – Practice Note 7 Re-Introduction of Contact Invervention Consent Order – Honourable Justice P.B. Michalyshyn
 September, 2016 – Consent Parenting Order – The Honourable Justice V.O. Oulette
 September, 2016 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable justice D.A. Yungwirth
 August, 2016 – Parenting Coordinatio Order – The Honourable Madam Justice M.G. Crighton
 June, 2016 Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice J.J. Gill
 March, 2016 Intervention Order – The Homourable Justice L.R.A. Ackerl
 February, 2016 Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice V.O. Ouellette
 February, 2016 Family Reinification Intervention Consent Order – Madam Justice J.H. Goss
 December, 2015 Consent Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable D. J. Manderscheid
 August, 2015 Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice R.A. Graesser
 June, 2015 Practice Note 7 Order – The Honourable Justice D. Lee
 June, 2015 Interm Order – The Honourable Justice M.T. Moreau
 June, 2015 Consent Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice K.G. Nielsen
 April, 2014 Parenting Coordinator Order – The Honourable Justice E. J. Simpson
 January 2013 Consent Parenting Coordination Order –The Honourable Justice E. F. Macklin
 December, 2013 Parenting Co-Ordination Order – The Honourable Justice T. D. Clackson
 December 2012 Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice B.A. Browne
 September 2012 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order - The Honourable Justice Nielsen
 March 2011 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice Graesser
 June 2010 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice Nielsen
 October 2009 – Consent Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice Vert
 January 2005 – Marital Assessment Child and Family Service Authority Permanent Guardianship Order

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Current President to the Board Alberta Chapter Association of Family Conciliatory Courts
- Past Secretary to the Board Alberta Chapter Association of Family Conciliatory Courts
- Current Board Member Alberta Chapter Association of Family Conciliatory Courts
- Past Current Community Board Member Norther Alberta Legal Aid Appeals Committee
- Past Board Member Psychologist Association of Alberta
- Past Board Member Welcome Home Community – Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
- Past Steering Committee Member A Better Way for Children – Child and Family Services Authority of Alberta

References furnished upon request