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PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) – Registered Psychologist (#3610)
 Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
 American Association of Marital and Family Therapists
 International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
 Canadian Psychological Association
 Approved Aboriginal Specialist with First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB)

EDUCATION

Yorkville University, NB
M.A. in Counselling Psychology 2008
 Case Presentation: Working with Resistant Youth
 Clinical Practicum Completed at Bosco Homes Youth Ranch

Augustana University, AB
Clinical and Counselling Psychology Coursework 2005

University of Alberta, AB
B.A. in Psychology 2004
 Industrial Internship completed at Drumheller Penitentiary

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Creating Solutions Inc.
Registered Psychologist 2008- present

- Psychotherapy with individuals & couples; utilizing primarily emotion-focused, strength-based, CBT, and mindfulness modalities
- General assessment of functioning and treatment planning of individuals, families, children, and couples
- Post-divorce interventions with collaborative and court involved families; therapeutic and evaluative family interventions and Child Specialist Role
- Psychotherapy with children & youth; utilizing primarily play therapy techniques and creative interventions
- Psychoeducational assessments for children aged 6-16 years
- Group workshops and presentations; guest lecturer for various classes and conferences
- Approved provider for: First Nations & Inuit Health, BC Victims Services, Zebra Centre, and various EAP providers

Primary Care Network
Registered Psychologist 2010-2013

- Individual, couple, and child general functioning assessment and treatment planning
- Team member of the Chronic Pain Clinic and Geriatric Clinic; including Substance Abuse assessment and functioning assessments
- Strategic planning and collaboration with multiple community stakeholders

- Short term psychotherapy for individuals, children, and couples; group presentations, workshops for community stakeholders
- Program planning and clinical outcomes monitoring

Catholic Social Services

Clinical Counsellor/Registered Provisional Psychologist **2008-2011**

- Psychotherapy with individuals, couples, and families
- Psychotherapy with children and youth residing in treatment care; primarily attachment and trauma based
- Train staff members in conflict resolution, communication, and client intervention techniques
- Behaviour assessments as part of outcome and progress monitoring for children and youth
- Development of a strength-based, client-focused treatment model
- Strategic Planning Committee member; integrating the use of a client-centred programming across multiple delivered programs

Alta Care Resources Inc

Crisis Intervention Supervisor, Youth Worker, Family Support Worker **2003-2008**

- Support families in parenting skill development, life management, and personal strengths
- Strength-based and systemic modalities to engage parents and families
- Family systems assessment utilizing the Family Assessment Form (FAF) for client outcome measurements
- Gained staff recognition for mentoring staff and abilities to engage reluctant clientele
- Supervise and support staff with program services, policies, and personal growth
- Developed, marketed, and launched private visitation support services program
- Coordinated and chaired a Best Practice/Safety Committee with staff to review, assess, identify and recommend changes or additions in processes or policies.
- Program consultation to develop and implement effective outcome measurements, practice standards, and training workshops

PUBLICATIONS

Why Every Psychologist Should Care About Public Education

Psymposium (Aug 2014) 2014

Psychology in Rural Primary Care Network

Psymposium (Vol.23, No.2, Aug 2013) 2013

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Finding Wellness

Campbelltown Wellness Day, Sherwood Park, AB 2018

The Myth of 12 – Discussion Regarding Contact Resistance

AFCC Supper Club, Edmonton, AB 2018

Facilitation of Discussion Regarding Impact of Media and Screens on Children

Alberta Collaborative Law Association, Edmonton, AB 2016

Post-Divorce Systemic Family Structural Therapy

AFCC/ARMS Annual Alberta Conference, Calgary, AB 2016

<i>Review of Interventions When a Child Resists Contact Post-Divorce</i> Alberta Collaborative Law Association, Edmonton, AB	2016
<i>Living Great: Great Living (Workshop Series)</i> Jewish Seniors Centre, Edmonton, AB	2015
<i>Coaching Children Through Their Emotions</i> Grant MacEwan Child Care Conference, Edmonton, AB	2015
<i>Changing Bullying: Developing Empathy with Children</i> Grant MacEwan Child Care Conference, Edmonton, AB	2015
<i>Happiness at Any Age</i> Jewish Seniors Centre, Edmonton, AB	2014
<i>Having a Stress Free Holiday Season</i> Jewish Seniors Centre, Edmonton, AB	2014
<i>Establishing Healthy Boundaries with Children</i> Grant MacEwan Child Care Conference, Edmonton, AB	2013
<i>Caregiver Self-Care and Burnout Prevention</i> Day Home Providers Conference, Edmonton, AB	2013
<i>Keeping the Individual at the Forefront of Diagnosis</i> Guest Lecturer at Scona High School, Edmonton, AB	2013 - 2016

COURT RELATED EXPERIENCE

February 2019 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Madam Justice J.A. Fagnon
 February 2019 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Mr. Justice J.S. Little
 November 2018 – Voice of the Child Intervention – The Honourable Mr. Justice R.A. Jerke
 November 2018 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Mr. Justice R.A. Jerke
 October 2018 – PN7 Therapeutic – Reunification – The Honourable Madam Justice B.A. Brown
 October 2018 – Voice of the Child Intervention – The Honourable Madam Justice C.L. Kenny
 August 2018 – Qualified as an Expert Witness in Child Psychology
 – The Honourable Judge J.C. Lloyd – Provincial Court
 July 2018 – Intervention with Child – The Honourable Madam Justice J. Ross
 April 2018 – PN7 Therapeutic Intervention – The Honourable Mr. Justice K.P. Feehan
 December 2017 – Consent PN7 – The Honourable Mr. E.J. Simpson
 October 2017 – Voice of the Child Intervention – The Honourable Judge M.J. Burch – Provincial Court
 October 2017 – Qualified as an Expert Witness in Child Psychology
 – The Honourable Judge B.R. Garriock – Provincial Court
 July 2017 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Associate Chief Justice J.D. Rooke
 June 2017 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Madam Justice D.A. Sulyma
 April 2017 – Evaluative Intervention – The Honourable Judge B. R. Garriock – Provincial Court
 March 2017 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Madam Justice D.A. Yungwirth
 June 2016 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Mr. Justice L. R. A. Ackerl

October 2016 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Mr. Justice B. A. Brown

February 2016 – Qualified as an Expert Witness in Child Psychology

– The Honourable Madam D.A. Sulyma

February 2016 – Child Psychotherapy – The Honourable Madam Justice A. B. Moen

February 2016 – Reunification Counselling – The Honourable Madam Justice Pentelchuk

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Revised Guidelines & Practice Note 7 & 8 – AFCC Alberta Chapter Conference

Putting Children First in High Conflict Separation and Divorce – Philip Epstein and Dr. Michael Saini

Parenting Plans that Limit Toxic Stress – AFCC Symposium on Child Custody

Somatic Interventions for Treating Complex Trauma – Janina Fisher

Assessment of Children’s Behavioural, Clinical, and Social Functioning – Jerome Sattler

The New Millennial Family – Marsha Kline Pruett & Kyle Pruett

Overcoming Barriers Intensive Program for Children Who Resist Parental Contact Post Divorce

Diagnosis in the DSM-5 – Christopher Hopwood

Now What? Evaluating Interventions when Attachment Disruption Is Identified – John Paul Boyd & Alyson Jones

Mediation of Family & Divorce Conflicts – Legal Education Society of Alberta

Interest-Based Negotiations – Legal Education Society of Alberta

Advanced Clinical Supervision – Psychologists Association of Alberta & University of Alberta

Alberta Rules of Court Practice Note 7; Use of Independent Parenting Experts – CHVBV

Integrating Narrative Therapy and Crisis Intervention – J. Maria Bermudex, Bertranna Muruthi, Lorien S. Jordan, & Morgan Stinson

The Use of Play Therapy in Family Therapy – Trudy Post Sprunk

Systemic Treatments of Self-Functioning in Anxiety – Geln Veenstra

Family Restructuring Therapy – Carter, Haave, Vandersteen, & Bateman

Dialectic Behavior Therapy – Marsha Linehan

Gestalt Therapy with Children and Adolescents – Violet Oaklander

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Association of Collaborative Divorce Professionals Board of Directors	2018- present
Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts Risk Management Committee	2016 - present
Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is Fundraising Initiative for the Alberta Psychological Services Fund	2016 - 2018
Psychologists Association of Alberta Public Education Committee Chair PAA Public Education representative to the American Psychological Assoc.	2013-2015
Psychologists Association of Alberta Board of Directors	2011-2013
Strathcona County FCSS Rainbows Program Facilitator (children’s grief/loss group)	2007-2009