

**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
- 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 Practice Note 7 Evaluative Interventions
    - Voice of the Child
    - Triage
  - 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

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 student's 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 establish homeostasis
- Cognitive Behavioral interventions targeted as improving general life skills, communication skills, parenting skills, and conflict resolution skills
- Community advocacy and intervention 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 therapist

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**

- Emotion Focused Counselling Externship
- ACFP (E) – Team collaboration amn Roles – MELCA Workshop 1 & 2
- AFCC Webinar – Not Just Alienation: Resistance, Rejection, Reintegratio, and the realities of the Troubled POarent-Child Relationships
- AFCC International Conference – the Future of Family Justice: International Innovations
- AFCC Alberta Annual Conference – Putting Children First in High Conflict Separation & Divorce
- CAP/PAA Training in Evidence Based Practice with Depression and Anxiety
- AFCC Webinar – Step up Parenting Plans for Small Children
- AFCC Webinar – Substance Abuse Parenting Evaluations
- 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 Educating 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 Batemen
- 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 2019 – Canadian Bar Association Child and Youth Division – Assessment of Children in Families
- 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**

- Qualified as Expert Witness in Court of Queen’s Bench – four times
- Qualified as Expert Witness in Provincial Court – one time

November 4, 2019 – Variation Order – The Honourable Justice D.A. Yungwirth

October 25, 2019 – Family Reunification Intervention Consent Order – The Honourable Justice K.H.D. Davidson

August 2, 2019 – Consent Practice Note 7 Evaluative Intervention Order – Triage – The Honourable Justice J.A. Fagnan

July 18, 2019 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice M. J. Lema

July 11, 2019 Interim Consent Order – The Honourable Justice J.t. Neilson

June 26, 2019 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice G. R. Fraser

June 11, 2019 – Practice Note 7 Therapeutic Intervention With One Parent Consent Order – The Honourable M. Justice M. Lema

April 2, 2019 – Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Madam Justice J.A. Fagan

March 13, 2019 – PN7 Assessment Order – The Honourable Mr. Justice R.A. Jerke

March 7, 2019 – Intervention Order – The Honourable Mr. Justice W. Andreassen

January 23, 2019 – Practice Note 7 Intervention order – The Honourable Madam Justice Goss

December 12, 2018 – Consent Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – the Honourable Mr. Justice Jerke

November 9, 2018 – Practice Note 7 Consent Order – The Honourable Madam Justice Ross

October 23, 2018 – Practice Note 7 Reunification Therapy Order – The Honourable Madam Justice Topolniski

October 22, 2018 – Interim Order – Voice of the Child Evaluative Intervention – The Honourable Judge V.H. Myers

October 12, 2018 – Practice Note 7 Court Order Reunification Therapy – The Honourable Madam Justice browne

October 10, 2018 – Family Law Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Madam Justice D.A. Yungwirth

September 24, 2018 – Intervention Order – The Honourable Madam Justice D.A. Sulyma

September 13, 2018 – qualified as expert in Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta

July 26, 2018 – Evaluation Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice S.D. Hillier

June 20, 2018 – Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice D. Pentelechuk

May 31, 2018 – Triage Intervention Provincial Court of Alberta – The Honourable Judge M.J. Burch

May 24, 2018 – Evaluative Intervention Order – Honourable Madam Justice D.A. Yungwirth

May 24, 2018 – Evaluative Intervention Order – Honourable Justice B.R. Burrows

May 17, 2018 – Family Law Practice Note 7 Intervention Consent Order – Honourable Madam Justice J.G. Topolniski

May 9, 2018 – Intervention Order – Honourable Mr. Justice W. N. Renke

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.

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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 Relief 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 Intervention 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 Coordination 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 Honourable Justice L.R.A. Ackerl  
February, 2016 Practice Note 7 Intervention Order – The Honourable Justice V.O. Ouellette  
February, 2016 Family Reunification 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 Interim 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 “Past President” to the Board, Alberta Chapter Association of Family Conciliatory Courts
- 2017 - 2019 President to the Board Alberta Chapter Association of Family Conciliatory Courts



- 2016 – 2017 Secretary to the Board Alberta Chapter Association of Family Conciliatory Courts
- 2015 – 2016 – Board member Alberta Chapter Association of Family Conciliatory Courts
- Past 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