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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Connections Child and Family Counselling: A private practice offering a range of therapeutic options to support individuals, couples and families through their challenges. Counselling from ages 4 and up.

Separation/Divorce related services include therapy, mediation of parenting plans, collaborative practice, coaching, reunification therapy, and views and preferences. 2006 – present

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Toronto Advanced Professional Education (TAPE) Instructor, in affiliation with the continuing education division of the University of Toronto: Provided academic workshops to professionals on creating Parenting Plans, mediation and treatment issues related to separation/divorce. 2004—2012

Families in Transition, Family Service Association of Toronto: Provided assessment and treatment of children, adolescents and families, group therapy and play therapy. Supported parents in mediating Parenting Plans and provided post-separation coaching. Conducted seminars for parents on: post-separation grieving and loss; communication with former partners; and step-parenting. 2002 – 2007

Office of the Children’s Lawyer, Ministry of the Attorney General: Conducted Custody and Access assessments with recommendations. 2000—2004

Family Court Clinic, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, (formerly known as the Clarke Research Institute of Psychiatry): Provided assessment and treatment of children, adolescents and families. Prepared Court Reports, as mandated through the CLRA, CFSA and YOA, with recommendations for disposition. Consultancy to the York Detention Centre, Danforth Technical School and College Street Secondary School regarding case management and crisis intervention. Supervised and managed MSW students from the University of Toronto, and performed as Acting Team Head on an inter-disciplinary team. 1986—1990

Catholic Children's Aid Society, Adolescent Response Worker: Provided intensive individual, family and group counselling to hard-to-serve adolescents and their families. Acted as a consultant to CCAS Family Service Workers. Developed and implemented a Peer Support Program for adolescents. Provided liaison work with community organizations. Supervision of MSW students from the University of Toronto. 1983 –1986

Catholic Children's Aid Society, Family Service Worker: Primary worker for assessment, case management, child abuse investigation and treatment of high-risk families. Social Worker for Victor Home, residence for single mothers. 1982 –1983

PART-TIME PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Private Practice: Provided individual therapy, mediation and custody and access assessments. 1999-2006

Integra Foundation: Co-leader for socialization groups for adolescents experiencing learning disabilities. 1983—1984

West End Creche Child and Family Clinic: Co-leader for support groups for parents experiencing challenges with their children. 1983

Yorklea Children's Lodges: Child Care Worker for adolescents in group homes and open custody detention homes. 1978 –1981

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, June 1982, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

Bachelor of Arts, June 1980, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Family Interventions When Children Resist—Dr. B. Fidler and J. Vanbettlehem
Parts 1 and 2 Collaborative Law – V. Smith and S. Brown
Parenting Coordination—Dr. B. Fidler and L. Chodos
Domestic Violence Training for Family Mediators and Arbitrators – L. Wice, C. Reimer, H. Linton
Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy—S. Johnson

Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, Massachusetts : 3 credits 1983

K-W Hospital, Kitchener-Waterloo: Out-patient Psychiatry, 1982

Family and Children's Services , Kitchener-Waterloo: Primary Case Worker 1982

LANGUAGES Armenian

PRESENTATIONS

Youthdale Treatment Centres, Toronto, Ontario: Divorce, Conflict and Children: How to Support Families 2015

Collaborative Practice Toronto, Toronto, Ontario: Difficult Personalities: How to Help these Clients get to Yes 2015

Chicago IACP, Chicago, Illinois: A New Approach to Integrating Advocacy and Neutrality to Avoid and Manage Impasse 2012

Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario: Guest Lecturer at Collaborative Family Law Course 2011

Family Court Clinic, Toronto, Ontario: Fitness to Stand Trial

Family Court Clinic 13th Annual Conference, Ottawa, Ontario: Comparing the YOA to the JDA and Implications for Family Case Consultation

Family Court Clinic 12th Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario: Homosexuality and Parenting

Family Court Clinic Workshop, Toronto, Ontario: The Dynamics of Sexual Abuse: Counter-Transference Issues

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, Ontario: Understanding Transference and Counter-Transference

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, Ontario: Structural Family Therapy Seminar

George Brown College Toronto, Ontario: Understanding the YOA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers 1982 ---present

Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers 1982 ---present

Member of Collaborative Practice Toronto 2009 ----present

Member of the Board of Directors of Collaborative Practice Toronto 2009---2015