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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 services including therapy for children and adults, mediation of parenting plans, collaborative practice, coaching, parent-child contact related concerns. 2006 – present  
[www.connectionschildandfamily.com](http://www.connectionschildandfamily.com)

**Hospital for Sick Children:** Leader of support group for Medical Fellows working on the SCAN Team (vicarious trauma and related issues.) 2020 – present.

**Hospital for Sick Children:** Leader of support group for multidisciplinary staff working on the Lotus Team -Human Trafficking, (vicarious trauma and related issues.) 2021 - present.

**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: 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 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 of socialization groups for adolescents experiencing learning disabilities. 1983-1984

**Yorklea Children's Lodges:** Child Care Worker for adolescent 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

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

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

Accredited Advanced Collaborative Family Professional (designation approved)  
2020 -present

Domestic Violence Protocols Training- OACP (5h) 2021, , 2022, 2023

Family Law Training – Shouldice/Graham/Savin/Huddart (12h) 2020

Intimate Power Violence and Power Imbalances Training Collaborative Law – D.Graham/C. Kim (7h) 2018

Family Interventions When Children Resist—Dr. B. Fidler and J. Vanbettlehem Parts 1 and 2

Collaborative Law – V. Smith and S. Brown (40h) 2009/2010

Domestic Violence Training for Family Mediators and Arbitrators – L. Wice, C.Reimer, H. Linton (15h) 2007

Parenting Coordination—Dr. B. Fidler and L. Chodos (14h) 2006

## **TEACHING**

**The Family Professional in Collaborative Practice: Parenting Plans Unpacked and The Family Professional in Collaborative Practice: A Deeper Exploration**  
2016, 2017, 2019

**Toronto Advanced Professional Education (TAPE) Instructor**, in affiliation with the Continuing Education Division of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto: Instructor of Child Focused Parenting Plans, and Treatment Issues Related to Separation/Divorce 2004—2012

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Collaborative Divorce Toronto: Burnout, Vicarious Trauma, and Compassion Fatigue 2023**

**Collaborative Divorce Toronto: Righting the Ship 2022**

**Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Ontario Chapter (AFCC – O): Parenting Coordination: Serving Families or Fueling the Fire 2017 (Moderator)**

**Collaborative Divorce Toronto: Process Costs Town Hall 2017**

**Ontario Collaborative Law Federation and Ontario Association for Family Mediation: Collaborative Practice for Modest Income Families 2017**

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

**Collaborative Divorce 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 - Collaborative Family Law Course 2011**

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

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

**Family Court Clinic 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### **PUBLICATION**

Kavoukian, S., Graham, D., Anderson, A. (2022) A *Guide to a Sensible Divorce: Answers to Your Questions*

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers 1982 ---present

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

Member of Collaborative Divorce Toronto 2009—present

Member of Collaborative Practice Canada 2020-present

Member of the Board of Directors of Collaborative Practice Canada 2020-present

Member of the Steering Committee for Collaborative Practice Canada 2018-2020

Member of the AFCC-O Conference Committee 2016 – 2018

Member of the CPT Pro Bono Committee 2016 - 2017

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

