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Education

Masters of Social Work

The Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, New York, July 2003

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

York University, Toronto, Ontario, 2001

Work Experience

Mackenzie Clinic, Clinician

January 2024-Present

- Individual (child, adolescent, adult) therapy
- Multi-Faceted Family Therapy
- Coparent Counselling/Coparent Coaching
- Parenting Support
- Voice of the Child Reports
- Expertise in domestic violence
- Teaching/Training in areas related to DV/IPV

JG Counselling, Coaching & Consulting, Owner

April 2015 – present

- Supporting adolescents and adults
- Provide supportive counselling around healthy relationships, separation & divorce, parenting, self-identity, self-esteem, anxiety, job satisfaction & life transitions
- Empower individuals to live their life as they want to live it
- Provide on-line counselling
- Provide community consultations

Inkblot Therapy, Social Worker

March 2019 - present

- Provide on-line/video counselling around a myriad of issues to individuals and couples

Jewish Family & Child, Here to Help Program Coordinator

August 2009 – present

- Coordinate a psycho-educational support group for children who have witnessed violence/abuse
- Assess families as per their appropriateness for the HTH program
- Provide recommendations for the families upon their completion of the Program
- Empower women and children to create their own safety plan for them to live a violence-free life
- Facilitate trainings and weekly supervision to program facilitators
- Supervise social work students from various schools of social work in Canada and the United States
- Educate agency, facilitators, community members, CAS staff on child witnesses and domestic violence
- Administrative duties as necessary to oversee the seamlessness of the Program
- Evaluate the efficacy of the HTH program; participate in R&D initiatives
- Advocacy on behalf of families, children and mothers
- Liaise with other HTH program coordinators and service providers within the GTA
- Sit at Ministry tables as the HTH Network Liaison

TranQool, Social Worker

May 2017 - Nov. 2017; Aug. - Sept 2018

- provide on-line/video counselling around a myriad of issues & challenges

Eden Dales Counselling & Social Work Services, Consultant

December 2015 – December 2019

- Provided social work counselling services around traumatic brain injury to clients and their families
- Participated in team meetings to better support the needs of the client and family
- Report writing for clinical, legal and insurance purposes

Jewish Family & Child Service, Group Facilitator

April 2009 – June 2009

- Facilitated support groups for abused women
- Facilitated psycho-educational groups for mothers around parenting children who have witnessed abuse

Yellow Brick House, Child Witness Program Coordinator

May 2005 – January 2009

- Performed case management duties for families accessing CWP services (including assessments)
- Provided individual counselling for children who have witnessed abuse
- Offered parenting support to single mothers (in individual and group format)
- Interviewed, hired, oversaw, and evaluated facilitators for the Let's Talk groups
- Planned and implemented facilitator training for the Let's Talk groups
- Liaised and consulted with community agencies, CAS, and schools
- Developed, planned and delivered public education presentations to high school classes
- Supervised and evaluated students in their university/college degree field placements
- Assisted in policy & procedure planning and structuring
- Sat on and participated in various sub-committees for the CWP and within the larger Organization

Courses, Workshops, Webinars

- Human Trafficking, York Hills, January 2024
- UMAB training, JF&CS, January 2024
- The Intersection of High-Tech Stalking and Domestic Violence, JWI National Alliance, December 2023
- Keira's Legacy of Hope: Enhancing Judicial Education on Family Violence, Part I & II, Learning Network & Family Violence Family Law, October 2023
- Partnering with Media for Change: Disrupting Harmful Narratives on GBV, Learning Network & Knowledge Hub, July 2023
- Understanding Strangulation Crimes, JWI National Alliance, June 2023
- Addressing Technology-Facilitated Abuse as Intimate Partner Violence, JWI National Alliance, April 2023
- What is Narrative Therapy? Narrative Therapy Centre, OASW, April 2023
- Challenging Parental Alienation, National Alliance, March 2023
- HOPE Conference Series, Breaking Silence Building Communities. LEAD March 2023
- Promoting Good Sex: A Method for Violence Prevention, JWI National Alliance, February 2023
- Abortion, Access, Reproductive Coercion in Domestic Violence, JWI National Alliance, February 2023
- Interpersonal Violence workshop, March 2023
- Consent and Images, February 2023
- Custody and Family Violence: Expect the Unexpected, January 2023
- Healthy Masculinity + Engaging Boys and Men, JWI National Alliance, July 2022
- I Don't Want to Talk About It: Working With Hard-to-Engage Children & Teens, Sick Kids Mental Health, May 2021
- Presentation – Groupwork – University of Toronto, October 2020
- Presentation – Domestic Violence – UJA Women's Philanthropy, September 2019
- Conference – Gender Violence - Jackson Katz – November 2018
- Resiliency, The University of Toronto, School of Social Work, 2016, 2017, 2018

- Various legal trainings, including report writing, trauma, evaluation measures trainings 2008 - present
- CPR training – current and up-to-date
- Cyber-counselling – Level I, The University of Toronto & Therapy Online, On-Line, 2008
- Family Law 101: Custody and Access, Cooperative Solutions, Toronto, May 2007
- Theories & Methods of Couple Therapy, The University of Guelph, Toronto, October 2006
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Training, The Hinks-Dellcrest Centre, Toronto, March 2006

Affiliations

- The Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, 2004 – present
- The Ontario Association of Social Workers, 2004 – present

Awards

- The Student Humanitarian Award - The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, 2003
- The Faculty Award – The Wurzweiler School of Social Work, New York, 2003