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Objective -----

Counseling and Divorce Coaching offers to clients support, understanding, insight, and skill building to help people in transition make more effective choices in their lives and build a strong foundation for future happiness.

Profile -----

Motivated, passionate, provincially recognized educational leader with a unique blend of program development, project management, team leadership, and innovative service delivery skills and experience. Thirty-five years in public education providing programs and services to a wide variety of students in school and alternative settings. Twenty-four years providing psychological services to children, couples, and adults.

Creative and intelligent—excellent written and verbal communication skills. Demonstrated ability to build consensus, facilitate and lead groups and team build.

Broad experience working in a variety of ministries and institutions demonstrates proven ability to work with other professionals to provide high quality of service to clients.

Skills Summary -----

Program Delivery

- 35 years experience

Self-contained elementary classroom. Delivered extracurricular activity coaching and yearbook modified curriculum delivery to children in youth containment center, special needs class, and Victoria Youth Services Office.

Integrated Case Management

- 20 years experience

Member of pediatric health care team coordinate services for autistic, brain injured, diabetic, and children with burns, member of Victoria Youth Services Team coordinating plan for youth at risk and children in care.

Program Innovation

- 31 years experience

Health Education for B.C. schools, developed affective curriculum, created educational program at the Victoria Youth Containment Center developed educational services for the medically fragile children to assist in returning to school.

Counseling Services

- 24 years experience

parenting course for single mothers, marriage preparation course at Uvic, demonstrated ability to work with clients dealing with grief, depression, anxiety, children with learning disabilities, and blended families.

Support & Supervision
- 5 years experience

Hospital supervision of child care students
In practicum placement.

Educational Administration
- 2 years experience

Directed federal program to provide
enrichment activities for poor children.
elementary school vice-principal

Divorce Coaching
- 2 years experience

Completed CLE course on Collaborative Law,
advanced divorce coaching training, founding
member of the Victoria Divorce Coach Association
workshop co-leader communication in-service for
Victoria Family Law group, ability to assist clients
In dealing constructively with issues to reach a
settlement in effective manner.

Professional Experience -----

September 1967 to June 1971

Elementary school teacher- Taught full curriculum from grades 3 to 7. In addition was responsible for coaching all the sports teams, photographer for the yearbook, vice principal and was a tutor.

Key Accomplishments

- Directed federal program to provide enrichment activities to children in poverty
- Founded kindergarten program for children in Gander Bay South Newfoundland

January 1972 to June 1975

Health Educator- worked with the B.C. Drug & Alcohol Commission promoting health education. Developed affective education program for grades K through 8. Increased public awareness about health issues.

Key Accomplishments

- Introduced Magic Circle in elementary curriculum in the West Kootenays
- Implemented physical fitness programs for businesses in Nelson

October 1975 to June 1995

Hospital Educator- created the hospital educational program in pediatrics at Victoria General Hospital. Developed with pediatric team special services that assisted children to reintegrate back into their communities. Served children grades K to 12

Key Accomplishments

- Created the R.E.A.C.H program to support students with chronic medical conditions to re-enter the school system
- Provided educational support and services for children in the Burn Unit
- Set up integrated case management model in pediatrics to coordinate patient care
- Provided educational support for students with brain injuries

September 1995 to June 2002

Special Education Teacher- worked with children who were severely behavior disordered and diagnosed as oppositional defiant or conduct disordered. Worked with Victoria Youth Services Team to coordinate service delivery to these hard to reach adolescents. Upgraded skills, counseled, and worked with team to integrate these youths back into their community.

Key Accomplishment

- Implemented an integrated case management model for providing services to this population

November 1979 to Present

Registered Psychologist- a general psychology practice working with individuals, couples, and families dealing with issues such as depression, anxiety, marital problems, ADD/ADHD, stress, and blended family issues. Consulting with family physicians to communicate and integrate psychological treatment plan with physician care plan.

Key Accomplishment

- Consulting and working with family physicians to communicate and integrate psychological treatment plan with physician care plan

Education -----

1963 – Contra Costa College
Associate of Arts Degree

Richmond, California

1965 – California State University
B.A. Social Sciences

Chico, California

1967— California State University
Secondary Teaching Credential

San Francisco, California

1969 – California State University
Elementary Teaching Credential

Turlock, California

1979 – University of Victoria
M.A. Counseling Psychology

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