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## LEANNE TOEWS

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### PROFILE

Over 25 years of providing counselling support to children, youth and families through government, private and contracted clinical avenues of service, I have developed skill sets in the areas of clinical counselling, court reporting and testimony, assessment and formal report writing, and alternative dispute resolution. I pride myself on my demonstrated ability to: establish a natural rapport with children, youth and adults; utilize clear and concise communication methods; write assessments, reports and file reviews while managing my time and resources effectively; and, employ exceptional crisis-conflict and mediation skills.

### RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### COURT REPORTING & TESTIMONY

- written court reports and applications under the Child & Family Community Services (CFCS) Act.
- demonstrated ability to give accurate and detailed information for testimony and cross-examinations.
- successful submissions of court applications, including document service, within CFCS Act timelines.
- seven (7) years of child protection experience with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

#### ASSESSMENT & FORMAL REPORT WRITING

- experience in the assessment and development of individualized treatment plans for clients accessing clinical support.
- professional training in suicide risk assessments.
- experience in the assessment of family violence and abuse against children.

#### CLINICAL CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELLING & THERAPEUTIC FAMILY REUNIFICATION

- training and extensive experience in a variety of empirically supported clinical theories.
- proficiency in Step Wise Interviewing, an unbiased interviewing process.
- managing a case load of over 30 clients and families.
- clinical experience providing diverse counselling support to children, youth and families.
- mediation skills and the ability to work in high-conflict crisis situations.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Ministry of Children &amp; Family Development</b> Child & Youth Mental Health Clinician Consultant - Policy Division (Victoria, BC)	<b>2018 - 2019</b>
<b>Ministry of Children &amp; Family Development</b> Child & Youth Mental Health Clinician (Whistler, BC)	<b>2011 - 2016</b>
<b>Ministry of Children &amp; Family Development</b> Child Protection Social Worker (Pemberton, BC)	<b>2010 - 2011</b>
<b>School District No. 59</b> District Elementary School Counsellor (Peace River South, BC)	<b>2007 - 2010</b>
<b>Ministry of Children &amp; Family Development</b> Child Protection Social Worker (Chetwynd, BC)	<b>2001 - 2007</b>

## EDUCATION

<b>Arbitrator Training Course</b> Arbitration Royal Roads University & ADRBC
<b>Master of Arts (MA)</b> Counselling Psychology City University
<b>Bachelor of Arts (BA)</b> Child & Youth Care University of Victoria
<b>Diploma</b> Child & Youth Care Counselling Douglas College

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & APPROACHES

DIALECTIC BEHAVIOUR THERAPY	EARLY PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION	COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR THERAPY	TRAUMA INCIDENT REDUCTION
SOLUTION-FOCUSED THERAPY LEVEL ONE	MEDIATION & FAMILY LAW MEDIATION LEVEL ONE	RECOGNIZING & RESPONDING TO SUICIDE RISK	ART & PLAY THERAPY