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**Education**

Master of Social Work, University of Toronto

Bachelor of Social Work, Great Distinction, McGill University

**Professional Experience**

October 1999 to present

**Sheila Brown & Associates**

Full time counselling, mediation, & collaborative practice

***Counselling***

- Individual, marital, family therapy
- Specialization in issues related to separation/divorce
  - counselling to assist individuals to deal with emotions or personal issues that are contributing to ongoing conflict
  - parental counselling to help parents understand their children's reactions to separation/divorce and how they can assist their child through the process
  - post-separation counselling to improve communication and work cooperatively in a co-parenting relationship
  - group counselling for parents and children

***Mediation***

- Mediation to assist parents with the development and implementation of parenting plans
- Co-mediation with Margot Hallman, lawyer/mediator utilizing a model we developed for high conflict couples

***Collaborative Practice***

- Neutral Facilitator, Separation Coach, Child Consultant, and Trainer
- Former Member of Board of Directors of Collaborative Practice Toronto

### ***Consultation***

- Clinical and program development consultation to health and social service agencies who work with children and families with mental health difficulties

### **Teaching & Training Experience**

London Collaborative Law Group	Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice – Level Two Co-Presented with Victoria Smith and Jane Tremblay January 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> 2010
London Collaborative Law Group	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice Co-Presented with Victoria Smith and Jane Tremblay November 12-13, 2009
York Collaborative Practice	Interdisciplinary Skills Training – Level I Co-Presented with Victoria Smith and Jane Tremblay September 17-18, 2009
Ontario Collaborative Law Federation	Coaching and Train the Trainers Co-Presented with Rick Shields March 26-27, 2009
York Collaborative Practice	Interdisciplinary Skills Training – Level II Co-Presented with Victoria Smith and Jane Tremblay February 11-13, 2009
York Collaborative Practice	Interdisciplinary Skills Training – Level I Co-Presented with Victoria Smith and Jane Tremblay June 19-20, 2008
Ontario Collaborative Law Federation	Presentation on Debriefing Co-Presented with Elinor Gertner March 28, 2008
Hamilton Bar Association	Half-Day Presentation “Navigating Through the Emotional Minefields in Family Law Negotiations” Co-Presented with Margot Hallman and Milka Vujnovic December 4, 2007 – 3.5 Hours
Collaborative Practice Toronto	Introduction to Collaborative Practice Process Training Co-Presented: Victoria Smith/Jacinta Gallant/Jane Tremblay November 29, 2007
Collaborative Practice Toronto	Lunch-time Presentation “Emotional Impasse” October 15, 2007

Hamilton-Halton Collaborative Practice	Symposium on Interdisciplinary Practice Co-Presented with Richard Shields, Marion Korn, June Oliver, Barbara Anderson September 28 & 29, 2007
Collaborative Practice Toronto	Lunch-time Presentation “Emotional Impasse” September 21, 2007 – 1.5 Hours
McMaster University	Family Mediation Program Instructor, Mediating Custody and Access Disputes September 2004 to present
Peel Family Mediation & Parent Education Program	Supervise Mediation Interns in the Brampton Court September 2001 to September 2009
Hamilton Health Sciences	Hurst Place Employee Assistance Program Presentation “The Principles of Making Marriage Work” November 24, 2006
Peel Halton Collaborative Practice Group	“Building High Performance Teams For Collaborative Practice” Co-presented with Richard Shields, Margot Hallman, Diane Daly, Margaret Opatovsky June 8, 2006
Collaborative Practice Toronto	“Team Building for Collaborative Practice” Presented as part of a Panel Discussion. May 8, 2006
January 1997 to October 1999	<b>Manager, Clinical Services</b> Peel Children’s Centre Mississauga, Ontario
	<p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing development of Intake &amp; Court Clinic programs ensuring that the quality and quantity of services delivered to clients adheres to agency standards</li> <li>• Supervision of staff providing assessment, case management, brief treatment and group services to over 800 families per year</li> <li>• Development of service options to include short-term psychoeducational groups</li> <li>• Development, implementation, and evaluation of single session counselling clinic to increase accessibility to service at the front end</li> </ul>

August 1995 - Dec. 1996     **Manager of Family & Community Service**  
 Aisling Centre for Children and Families  
 Scarborough, Ontario

**Responsibilities:**

- Development, implementation, and evaluation of service initiatives within the Family and Community Service program
- Management of Intake, community outreach, school consultation and counselling services ensuring high quality standards of professional practice
- Supervision of clinical and management staff providing family/group/individual/marital counselling and case management to families and children in the community as well as those in day treatment and residence
- Clinical leadership and direct service in the provision of single session consultations and Brief Treatment.

July 1990 - July 1995     **Manager of Intensive Services**  
 Aisling Centre for Children & Families

**Responsibilities:**

- Development, implementation, and evaluation of service initiatives within the Day Treatment and Residential Treatment programs

February 1988 - June 1990     **Residential Program Manager**  
 Sacred Heart Child & Family Centre  
 Scarborough, Ontario

July 1986 - January 1988     **Family Therapist - Residential Treatment**  
 Sacred Heart Child & Family Centre

July 1981 - June 1986     **Social Worker - S.C.A.N. Team**  
 The Hospital for Sick Children  
 Toronto, Ontario

**Professional Memberships**

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
 Canadian Association of Social Workers  
 International Academy of Collaborative Professionals  
 Ontario Association of Family Mediators – Accredited Member  
 Ontario College of Social Workers & Social Service Workers