

KELSEY VANDE VEN

SOCIAL WORKER

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EDUCATION

Canadian Mental Health Association

Thames Valley Addiction Services

2023-Present

Dialectical Behaviour Therapy APT Certification,
Mental Health First Aid, ASIST training

Family & Children's Services

St. Thomas & Elgin County

2016-2023

Various ongoing professional development
internal training, including Mental Health First
Aid, Crisis Prevention Institute Verbal
Intervention, Dialectical Behaviour Training,
Equity Training.

Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers

Registered Social Worker

2022

Wilfred Laurier University

Level 1: Fundamentals of

Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

2019

University of Windsor

Honours Bachelor of Social Work,

Minor in Psychology

2012-2016

SKILLS

- Transparency
- Authentic Rapport Building
- Respectful Communication
- Active Listening
- Non-Judgemental, Compassionate Attitude
- Promotes Healthy Independence
- Exceptional Collaboration with Community Partners

ABOUT

Compassionate and client-focused individual with eight years of supporting families within the community. Competent in crisis intervention, assessing risk and implementing safety plans to mitigate risk within family systems. Effective case management and ability to prioritize critical incidents. Extensive experience working in multidisciplinary teams, networking with community partners and utilizing collaboration to meet a common goal. Capable of providing service in 1:1, family, or group settings.

EXPERIENCE

CLINICIAN | PROGRAM FACILITATOR | OUTREACH WORKER

Canadian Mental Health Association, Woodstock | 2023-Present

- Assist clients in bridging/navigating social service systems, including income supports (Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works, etc.), psychiatric, medical, behavioural, vocational, educational, housing, and other support services as needed
- Assess, implement, and develop evidence-based, best-practice interventions including but not limited to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Dialectical Behavioural Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, and Psychosocial Education to promote improved state of wellness
- Identify client needs and develop an Individual Service Plan using the Ontario Common Assessment of Need (O.C.A.N) with measurable goals, objectives, and outcomes
- Provide system navigation, client advocacy, harm reduction supplies, basic need supplies, transportation support, food security, referrals and linkages to community resources, and case management support to individuals experiencing homelessness through Mental Health Outreach Bus throughout the community
- Plan, organize, and co-facilitate DBT group via virtual means and provide 1:1 coaching on a weekly basis to group participants

SOCIAL WORKER & THERAPIST

Kids Zen Inc., St. Thomas | May 2022-Present

- Provide 1:1 counselling services by utilizing evidence-based therapies including but not limited to Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Dialectical Behaviour Therapy to children and youth
- Maintain clinical notes in accordance to College regulations
- Collaborate with community resources when necessary
- Schedule and organize independent client sessions

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EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

CHILD PROTECTION WORKER, FAMILY SERVICE

Family & Children's Services of St. Thomas & Elgin County | 2016-2023

- Assess risk and implement child protection intervention with families that are struggling with addiction, mental health, intimate partner violence, and/or parenting skills
- Collaborate with families and community service providers to develop intervention plans that are family network driven solutions to the identified needs and concerns
- Conduct investigation, comprehensive assessments and referral services in accordance with the Child, Youth, and Family Services Act, Ministry regulations, standards and Agency policies and procedures
- Respectfully collaborate with community service providers to increase safety within family networks
- Deliver service in 1:1, family and professional group settings
- Provide back-up support to other team members and overall Agency as required

CHILD PROTECTION BSW STUDENT

Children's Aid Society of Oxford County | 2015-2016

- Participated in case management responsibilities such as conducting investigations, completing assessments, case reviews and assisting in providing referral services to service
- Participated in intervention planning, professional learning, and staff development
- Gained knowledge and built relationships with community service providers

VOLUNTEER TUTOR & SPECIAL FRIEND

Children's Aid Society of Haldimand & Norfolk | 2015-2016

- Provided 1:1 academic support to a child on a weekly schedule
- Prepared and implemented learning strategies to meet the child's needs
- Provided guidance and positive support to child
- Completed weekly updates in communication log to document child's progress and tasks
- Collaborated with classroom teacher to extend parallel classroom work in the home

FALL FORWARD.

DENZEL
WASHINGTON

REFERENCES
HAPPILY PROVIDED
UPON REQUEST.