

# MAREAS

*Comprehensive Therapeutic Services for Children & Families*



## **KIM MILLER, Case Manager (Hamilton-West Area)**

As a graduate of Niagara College Social Service Worker Program, Kim has 25+ years of professional experience within and along side the child welfare system. Kim continues her educational journey working towards a BA in Psychology through Athabasca University. Kim's professional career began at the Canadian Mental Health Association following a placement, she worked full-time running the agency's Drop-In Program for youth, as well as their Safe Bed Program.

In 2001 Kim accepted a position with a local child welfare agency as an Intake and Family Resource Worker, where she worked with families in crisis and then in a supportive role connecting them with community resources. In 2005, Kim accepted a role as a Parent Support Worker, still within the child welfare system. This role honed Kim's advocacy skills while she worked with families within the community, using a child-focused, strength-based approach in keeping families intact.

The knowledge Kim gained working with children and families within the child welfare system, she took to her next role as a Case Manager for 8+ years, at an OPR licensed with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. She took her strength-based approach to supporting foster parents and advocating for children in-care using, her trauma informed parenting lens.

As listed below, a sample of how Kim continues her commitment to learning and staying current in the field to help her families and the children she supports, with attending training and certifications in the latest developments in trauma and attachment related strategies.

- TBRI- Trust Base Relational Intervention for vulnerable children
- Behaviour Management Systems Training
- Extensive Trauma Training
- Attachment and Regulation Principles
- Disorganized attachment
- Understanding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and its implications
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention
- Suicide Prevention
- Circle of Security- Parenting Principles

Kim draws a lot of her inspiration from her family unit, her supportive husband and her three wonderful children. As a family they are all active in their community and within the hockey community where her children all played at a highly competitive level.