

CURRICULUM VITAE: Renee Coiner

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

As an experienced, independent social work consultant I provide high quality, timely and child-centred assessments/reports and consultancy services to government and non-government agencies across Sydney and regional NSW including: developmental trauma assessments, relative kinship carer assessments, carer authorisation and reviews, restoration assessments, parenting capacity assessments, guardianship assessments, 'Step by Step' assessments, Family Group Conferencing, carer training and support and Therapeutic Life Story Work. I have developed the capacity to incorporate my knowledge of developmental trauma and therapeutic/reparative parenting into my practice and I am an accredited 'Shared Lives' and 'Bringing Up Great Kids' training facilitator.

QUALIFICATIONS

Graduate Certificate of Therapeutic Child Play Deakin University (current studies)

Graduate Diploma in Developmental Trauma Australian Childhood Foundation (conferred Dec 2021)

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116) (conferred Feb 2021)

Professional Diploma in Therapeutic Life Story Work Institute for Arts in Therapy and Education (2019) under the direct instruction of Dr Richard Rose (conferred July 2019).

Master of Social Science (Child and Youth Studies) with Distinction University of Western Sydney (conferred 2005)

Bachelor of Social Work with Honours (Class 11, Division 1) University of Sydney (conferred 2001)

Associate Diploma in Social Science (Community Welfare) with Credit. Sydney Institute of Technology, Ultimo. (Conferred 1996)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Board member: Stepping Stone House (March 2024-current)

I am a fully accredited member of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)

I am a fully accredited member of Therapeutic Life Story Work International (TLSWi)

I am an accredited panel member of Independent Assessors with the Department of Communities and Justice (Oct 2017-current)

EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

January 2023 – July 2023 **Casual Tutor - Social Work, Australian Catholic University**

November 2021 – current **Part -Time Educator, Community Services, TAFE NSW**

September 2021 – June 2024 **Regulation 7 Family Consultant (Child Disputes) Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia**

January 2020 – current
Work Practitioner

Social Work Consultant and Therapeutic Life Story

October 2017 – December 2019 Consultant, Kim Nixon Consulting

Key responsibilities include casework and assessment pertaining to permanency pathways for children in OOHC. This includes casework associated with adoption and guardianship for children in out of home care as well as the preparation of comprehensive adoption and guardianship assessments and Supreme Court reports on behalf of the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). In this time, I led the successful adoption of 21 children from out of home care.

Sept 2014 – Sept 2017 Casework Specialist, Office of the Senior Practitioner, DCJ.

As a Casework Specialist, I provided direct practice support and coaching to casework staff and teams and provided consultation to leadership teams. Using highly developed communication skills and a well-honed capacity to build effective working relationships with colleagues, I worked to support practitioners to feel better equipped to understand child protection concerns; ways to engage family members in conversations for change and guide colleagues to develop strategies to develop their own professional expertise. I am adept at accessing, making sense of, and applying research to practice.

Nov 2010 – Sept 2014

During this time, I had a child and enjoyed spending time with him until he was ready for pre-school.

Sept 2010 –Nov 2010 (Acting) Director, Practice Standards, DCJ

As a Director Practice Standards, I provided clinical support to a team of Casework Specialists, including allocation of workload, quality oversight of workflow and supervision to team members. In this role, I supported the Operations Senior Executive in practice improvement and quality assurance activities designed to enhance the quality of casework services delivered across the Region. I also directly supported Casework Specialists with clinical consultations and casework advice in complex casework matters.

Dec 2007 - Aug 2010 Regional Executive Officer, Metro Central Region, DCJ & Acting Manager Client Services (relief), Metro Central Region (various locations)

As Regional Executive Officer (REO), I worked alongside the Senior Executive leadership team to support the Regional Director in operations across the Region. During this time, I also acted in the role of Manager, Client Services for relief periods of up to two months. As REO, I was responsible for managing the timeliness and quality correspondence, complaints/Ministerial correspondence for the Regional Director's endorsement and over seeing a number of projects related to improved service delivery to children and families across the Region.

Oct 2004 – Dec 2007 Manager, Casework Sutherland Community Services Centre. DCJ.

As a practice leader in Community Services, I was responsible for a team of seven child protection caseworkers. In this role I refined my leadership skills and undertook further academic study on leadership styles and methods. I supported staff to work with families with respect and empathy and to develop robust assessments of risk and safety. I ensured families were supported to participate in clear and purposeful case planning and work with families to create change and foster hope. I ensured

that practice frameworks, policies, procedures and research were used in casework practice and that families were aware of complaint mechanisms and rights to create an opportunity for feedback and reflection. I also drove the professional development planning and succession planning within and across teams and the oversight of quality casework services to children, families and communities.

Aug 2001 – Oct 2004 Child protection, Out of Home Care, Joint Investigative Response Team Caseworker – various locations.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Learn To Play Therapy** workshops (completing September 2024)
- **Observing & Understanding Infant-caregiver relationships** with Professor Julie Larrieu (USA) March 2024. This webinar provided an overview of an evidence-based treatment for children aged birth to six years, who have experienced trauma, and their caregivers. Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) is a model of care based on attachment, social learning, and psychodynamic principles. The methods involved in the treatment model and recommendations for use of the model were reviewed.
- **Safe and Together Domestic and Family Violence package** David Mandel model (2022)
- **Shared Stories/ Shared Lives** (ACWA) accredited facilitator
- **Bringing Up Great Kids** (Australian Childhood Foundation) accredited facilitator
- **‘Trauma Informed Supervision’** Australian Childhood Foundation (Nov 2020)
- **‘Step by Step’** (ACWA) accredited assessor (2020)
- I hold certification for **restoration and family reunification assessment** through ACWA (2018)
- In 2017 I participated as a **‘Family Finding** and reunification’ coach/District Champion (Kevin Campbell’s model).
- I hold certification in **Family Group Conferencing** through DCJ (2010).
- I have successfully completed the **Joint Investigative Interviewing** of Children Course, NSW Police College/NSW DCJ and successfully worked in a JIRT team.