

CURRICULUM VITAE



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ABOUT ME:

I, Estelle Basson is a registered forensic social worker in private practice, holding both a BA in Social Work and a master's degree in social work with a specialization in Forensic Practice. In 2022, I completed mediation training through Mediation Academy, graduating Cum Laude, and is currently accredited with ADR International. With eight years' experience in the field, I specialize in child protection, abuse evaluations, and family divorce matters. With a strong commitment to the principle of the child's best interests, I am deeply passionate about safe-guarding children from all forms of abuse and exploitation. I advocate for the protection of children's physical, emotional, and psychological well-being, and believe that every child has the right to be heard, taken seriously, and meaningfully included in matters that affect them. My work is rooted in the belief that empowering children, and ensuring their voices are acknowledged, is essential to both their healing and development. My interest in high-conflict family dynamics, particularly divorce, led to further training in mediation. I support families in resolving conflict through constructive, child-focused interventions, offering an empowering and cost-effective alternative to litigation. I approach my work with empathy and professionalism, guided by a steadfast belief in every child's right to safety, dignity, and a voice.

<p>EDUCATION</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High School: Langenhoven Gimnasium National Matric Certificate (2012) 2. University: The North-West University Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (2017) Additional commitments: Student Social Work Consultant for SJGD committee (2014 and 2015) & Volunteerism in Socio- Economic Development for the School of Psychosocial Behavioural Sciences. 3. University: The North-West University Master’s Degree: Forensic Practice (2021) 4. Qualified Mediator Mediation Academy (2022) Associate Certified Mediator (ADR International)
<p>TRAINING</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. June 2017: Therapy for traumatized children (specifically in pastoral care) presented by Dr. L Grobler 2. October 2017: Report writing training by C Theron 3. September 2018: Children’s Act 38/2005 workshop presented by C Theron 4. October 2018: Safety and Risk Assessment Training presented by ACVV National Council 5. November 2018: Child Sexual Abuse Group supervision presented by Dr S Smit 6. August 2019: Reflecting on our Ethical responsibilities - Children’s Act Amendments training by C Theron 7. March 2020: Therapeutic Parenting and Emotional Regulation, presented by A Du Randt

	<p>8. October 2020: "The role of Men in Preventing Gender Based Violence" presented by Family Care</p> <p>9. February 2021: Foster care and Attachment training presented by M Van Schalkwyk</p> <p>10. February 2021: Burn-out, boundaries, and Self-care training presented by T Du Plooy</p> <p>11. March 2021: Allegations on Child Sexual Abuse and Care and Contact investigations during divorce proceedings presented by H Sangster</p> <p>12. April 2021: Voice of the child Webinar presented by Dr. L Labuschagne</p> <p>13. May 2021: Children's Act 38/2005 by C Theron</p> <p>14. May 2021: Attachment training by I Karam</p> <p>15. October 2021: Ethics in Social Work practice presented by Dr L Aucamp</p> <p>16. October 2021: The neurobiology of emotional regulation presented by Dr L Aucamp</p> <p>17. November 2021: Voice of the Child Toolkit training presented by I. Schutte</p> <p>18. November 2021: The impact of unresolved childhood trauma on adult attachment styles - Considerations for Social Workers presented by W Stander</p> <p>19. March 2022: Court Conduct training by B Marshal</p> <p>20. July 2022: Normal Sexual Development – Problematic Sexual Behaviour presented by Dr L Aucamp</p> <p>21. April - June 2022: Forensic Supervision and Support Group presented by S. Nell</p>
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	<p>22. September 2022: Ethics in Forensic Practice presented by Dr L Labuschagne</p> <p>23. December 2022: 80 Hour Mediation course completed Magna Cum Laude presented by Mediation Academy</p> <p>24. September 2023: H.E.L.P Programme presented by Healing Leaves</p> <p>25. May 2024: RATA webinar – Child on Child Abuse presented by Dr L Labuschagne</p> <p>26. Oct. 2024: RATA webinar – Supervised contact presented by Dr L Labuschagne</p> <p>27. Nov. 2024: Forensic Report writing & Expert testimony training presented by Dr L Labuschagne</p> <p>28. Jan. 2025: Ethics in Social Work Practice presented by Dr L Labuschagne</p> <p>29. Feb 2025: Pornography among children presented by M. Rademeyer (KSM)</p> <p>30. February 2025: Child Sexual Abuse – The issue of grooming presented by Dr L Labuschagne</p> <p>31. March 2025: The importance of collateral investigation presented by Dr L Labuschagne</p> <p>32. April 2025: Mediation – Care and Contact presented by B Marshall & Adv. E Nieuwoudt</p> <p>33. June 2025: Trauma Support Model presented by Dr L Aucamp (FACT Network)</p> <p>34. June 2025: Services to Children with Acting Out Behaviour presented by Minke Saayman.</p>
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<p>WORK EXPERIENCE:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. February 2017, I was employed at NG Welfare Randfontein (NGO - Child Protection Organization). 2. I relocated to Potchefstroom at the end of 2017 in order to continue my tertiary studies at the North – West University and received employment at SAVF Potchefstroom (NGO). 3. In 2018, I joined RATA Social Services (NGO), where I was employed at the Potchefstroom, and Pretoria-office until 2020. 4. In January 2021, I was employed at CMR East - Faerie Glen office (NGO). 5. In January 2022, I was privileged to receive an opportunity to fulfil the role of an Assistant Director at Tutela Therapeutic Centre, Kempton Park. 6. In April 2024, I established MASS Private Practice and is the Founder & Director of MASS Private Practice (MASS – Mediation & Assessments in Social Services).
<p>SKILLS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection Services focused on the Best interest of the child, and Section 50 investigations, • Research: Adverse Childhood Experiences, and the impact of trauma on adult well-being, • Operational administration skills, including statistics, progress reports, canalization of Social worker’s reports and business plans • Supervision of fourth (4th) year Social Work Students, in the Child Protection department.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision of Counselling students (SACAP & Humanitas Training Centre) • Supervision to Senior Social Workers with reference to assessments and report writing. • Co-ordinate network meetings, and Alternative Care Committee (Foster care placement and Adoption), • Risk & Safety Assessments • Socio-Emotional Assessments (Pre-forensic), • Forensic Evaluations (abuse related investigations), • Voice of the Child interviews, • Child and Care-giver Relationship Assessments (CCRA), & Interactional Analysis, • Supervised contact, • Parental Co-ordination, • Mediation, • High standard of professional and ethical services, including support • Academic/Report writing, • Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team • Fulfilling the role of an Assistant Director (Tutela)
<p>REFERENCES:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jane Phago – Director of CMR East director@cmroos.co.za / 076 396 7563 2. Dr Lizette Labuschagne - Forensic Social Worker labuschagne.lizette@gmail.com / 063 158 2082