



BRIEF BIO:

Desiree Phillips is a **SNAP® Trainer-Consultant** for the SNAP Implementation team at Child Development Institute (CDI), a multi-service, accredited children’s mental health organization in Toronto, Canada. The SNAP Implementation team is CDI’s national and international division that specializes in research, training and dissemination activities pertaining to young children under the age of 12 in conflict with the law. As a Trainer-Consultant, Desiree works closely with SNAP Project Leader, Monique Verpoort, and Nicola Slater, Manager of the SNAP Implementation team, to support affiliate sites with the implementation of CDI’s comprehensive model for these high-risk children and their families through the Stop Now And Plan (SNAP) model. She also participates in training, research and dissemination of information pertaining to this target group.

Prior to joining the SNAP Implementation team in 2011, Desiree has had extensive experience implementing SNAP® with families involved in various services at CDI. She has facilitated numerous children’s and parents’ groups within the agency and the greater community which has provided her with the necessary knowledge and skills required to be an effective SNAP® trainer and consultant. Beyond SNAP®, Desiree has also had experience in the areas of counselling, advocacy and service coordination to further inform her expertise. Prior to working at CDI, Desiree served as the Recruitment Coordinator for IMANI at the University of Toronto and was the Program Coordinator for a violence prevention and victimization program for young women in the east end of Toronto.

Desiree is very passionate about working to support at-risk children and their families in both direct and indirect ways. It is her hope that, through the work done by the SNAP Implementation team and others in the field, these children may find means to experience fulfillment, happiness and success within their homes and their communities.

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