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Brief Bio:

Alyssa Keel, MSW, RSW, 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 or experiencing high levels of behavioural difficulties. In this position, Alyssa works closely with SNAP Project Leader, Monique Verpoort, and Manager of SNAP Business Development and Affiliate Relations, Nicola Slater, to support affiliate sites with the implementation of CDI’s comprehensive model for 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.

Alyssa received her Master of Social Work with a specialization in School Social Work from Loyola University Chicago in 2008. Prior to joining the SNAP Implementation team in 2016, Alyssa facilitated and managed a SNAP for Schools four-year federally funded project. In addition, Alyssa has extensive clinical experience working with children, youth, and families in a variety of settings in both the Toronto area and Chicago in both individual and group settings which has provided her with the necessary knowledge and skills required to be an effective SNAP® trainer-consultant.

Alyssa is extremely passionate about schools and ensuring that all children feel safe and excited to attend school. Alyssa is a large proponent of families and schools working together to support our most at-risk and needy children and is excited to share her knowledge and experience with staff at our SNAP Affiliate sites in the hope of ensuring a successful implementation in their community.

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