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BRIEF BIO:

Desiree Phillips is a **SNAP® Senior Trainer-Community Facilitator** 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, Desiree 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 the formation of community teams, conducts training, fidelity audits, evaluation and dissemination of SNAP information.

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-consultant. In addition, Desiree has also had experience in the areas of counselling, advocacy and service coordination to further inform her expertise.

On a personal note, Desiree is very passionate about working to support at-risk children and their families in both direct and indirect ways to ensure these children find positive means to experience fulfillment, happiness and success within their homes and their communities.

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