

Leoni Lombaard
Independent Social Worker



An independent social worker with 20 years experience in assessing children and their families in different settings. Working from an evidence base of social work and psychology, she integrates her knowledge and experience into assessments with different client groups. She has a special interest in attachment, parent-child interaction, and its impact on personal functioning.

Areas of expertise include: parenting assessments, including PAMS, direct work, pre-birth assessments, assessing toxic trio, complex cases, expert witness, report-writing, risk assessment, attachment assessment and dealing with difficult to engage clients.

TRAINING AND EXPERTISE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAMS • Parenting assessments • Risk assessments • Expert assessments, including international care proceedings • Children and family assessments • Special Guardianship Assessments • Use of Risk assessment tools, including SARA (domestic violence), SAVRY (risk assessment adolescents), Anger scales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7 reports • Child and developmental Psychology • Attachment and early intervention • Restorative justice, Rainer training • Memorandum of Best Practice • Working with potentially dangerous offenders in the Community • Form F training • Forensic psychology • Private law matters |
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MEMBERSHIP:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCPC • British Psychological Society, Graduate member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASW Independents • Nagalro |
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WORK EXPERIENCE:

2005-Current	<p>Independent Social Worker working in different settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent social worker: expert parenting assessments • Locum social worker, involved in Child Protection and Court Proceedings for Local Authorities; providing services to children and families and supporting social workers with complex cases. • Section 7 reports • Special Guardianship assessment • Child Psychologist • Worked as consultant in Youth Offending Team: Providing consultancy on complex cases to Family Intervention Project (intensive family support team) and Youth Offending Team. • Worked as sessional senior social worker in a multi-disciplinary specialist court assessment service involved in undertaking independent expert assessments of children and their families. Involved in providing expert reports for care proceedings. • Conducted research for a Local Authority on effective early intervention for children exposed to domestic violence.
Apr 2004-Jun 2005	Manager, Young People Service, Royal Borough of Kingston
Nov 2002-Mar 2004	Assistant Team Manager, Mid Surrey Assessment Team, Surrey County Council
Mar 1999 -Oct 2002	Social worker, Family Support Care Planning, Community Services, London Borough of Sutton
Mar1999-Sep 2000	Locum Social Worker: Different social services settings.
May 1997- Nov 1998	Social worker: South African Women's Federation

EDUCATIONAL AWARDS:

2011-2012	Qualification in Forensic Psychology (Stage 1B), British Psychological Society
2010-2011	Qualification in Forensic Psychology (Stage 1A), British Psychological Society
2009-2010	B. Sc. (Honours) Psychology, UNISA, South Africa, <i>first</i>
2003-2005	Professional Certificate in Management, Class: first, Open University
2001-2002	Inter-professional Practice Teaching Course, South Bank University
1993-1996	Bachelor of Arts (Social Work), University of Pretoria, South Africa, Class: first.
1992-1995	Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and Criminology), University of Pretoria, South Africa, Class: first.

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