

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Dr. Toni S. Start Licensed Psychologist**

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#### **CLINICAL PRATICE**

- Psychologist and Founder, Start and Associates Psychological Support, 2012 – present
- Psychologist, Private Practice, 2011
- Psychologist, Parmelee and Associates, 2010 – 2011
- Psychologist, Wentworth and Associates, 2008 – 2010
- Psychologist, Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc., 2004 – 2009
- Psychotherapist, Natural Freedom, 2001 – 2006
- Psychotherapist, Beaumont Hospital Weight Control Center, 2001 – 2002
- Psychotherapist, Gateway Counseling Center, 2000 – 2001

#### **CONSULTING AND EMPLOYMENT**

- Consultant, Gentle Teaching International, 1999 - present
- Consultant, Community Options, Inc., New Jersey, 2008 - present
- In-home private consultant to families, 2001 - 2010
- Adjunct Faculty, Wayne State University, 2007. Inclusive Teaching for general education secondary and elementary school teachers.
- Consultant, Jewish Community Center, 2008
- Vocational Services Specialist, Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc., 1998 – 2004

#### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

- Michigan School of Professional Psychology  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
PsyD, Clinical Psychology, 2008  
PsyS, Clinical Psychology, 2006  
MA, Clinical Psychology, 2001
- Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
BS, Psychology; Child Development, 1992

#### **RESEARCH DISSERATION**

Practicing Unconditional Love: The Caregiver's Experience of Applying Gentle Teaching Principles

## PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

### Gentle Teaching International Conferences

- Keynote Speaker: The Art of Building Meaningful Relationships, Greece, 2014
- How Feeling Safe & Loved as a Caregiver Influences Engagement with Others, Saskatoon, Canada, 2013
- Keynote Speaker: Creating Your Presence to Meet the Other in the Moment, Denmark, 2012
- The Experience of Applying Gentle Teaching Principles, Puerto Rico, 2008
- Strengthening the Relationship Between Families and Clinicians, Saskatoon, Canada, 2007
- Gentle Teaching and Working with Families, Belgium, 2006
- Enhanced Family Supports, Chicago, IL, 2005
- Caregiving for the Caregiver, Chicago, IL, 2005
- Cross-Cultural Experience of Spreading the Word of Gentle Teaching, Denmark, 2004
- Sowing the Seeds of Gentleness on Rocky Soil, Denmark, 2004
- Sustaining the Spirit, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, 2003
- Training Mentors of Gentleness, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2002
- Providing Support to Promote Gentleness in Vocational Settings, Troy, MI, 2001

### Gentle Teaching Workshop

- Becoming a Gentle Teacher; Creating Peace for Others, HOMES, Abbotsford, Canada, 2013

### Gentle Teaching Retreats, Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc.

- Enhanced Family Supports and Gentle Teaching, Troy, MI, 2005
- Fostering Gentleness with Children, Rochester, MI, 2004
- Sustaining the Spirit; Supporting Caregivers for the Long Term, Troy, MI, 2003

### Michigan School of Professional Psychology

- Working Humanistically with People with Developmental Disabilities, Farmington Hills, MI, 2008

### Northern Regional DD Conference

- Gentle Teaching and the Purpose of Caregiving, 2010
- Broken Hearts and Gentleness, Gaylord, MI, 2005
- Keynote Speaker, Gentle Teaching, Gaylord, MI, 2004
- The Experience of Gentle Caregiving, Gaylord, MI, 2004
- Fostering Gentleness with Caregivers, Gaylord, MI, 2003

### Michigan Alliance of Direct Support Professionals Forum

- Gentle Teaching Workshop, Flint, MI, April 2005
- Gentle Teaching Basics, Flint, MI, October 2005

### Wayne State University

- Transitioning to Adulthood for People with Developmental Disabilities, Detroit, MI, 2007

Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc.

- Behavior Management and Crisis Management, MORC's Culture of Non-Violence, 2005
- Enhanced Family Support, 2005
- Becoming a Gentle Teacher, 2001

Hiawatha Behavioral Health

- Gentle Teaching Workshop, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 2002

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Gentle Teaching International