

## CV – Marita Rademeyer

Marita received her MA in Clinical Psychology from Rand Afrikaans University in 1992.

In 1993 she started a private practice in Johannesburg with an Occupational Therapist and Pediatrician, focusing on the socio-emotional functioning of the child. Marita and Ms. Niehaus (Occupational Therapist) developed a model of multi-disciplinary treatment of the child with developmental as well as emotional problems. From this, two publications, a key note address at an International Congress and training sessions followed.

In 1997 Marita and her family moved to Pretoria where she consulted in the field of trauma in children. During this time she was involved at The Key - school for autistic learners, Tutela - Place of Safety and a community project in Newlands, Johannesburg. She focused on therapeutic intervention and psychometric evaluation of children.

In 2001 she started a private practice in Pretoria and she and Liesl van der Sandt (Social Worker) established the Children's Trauma Clinic in Garsfontein, Pretoria. The Clinic focuses on therapeutic services for the child and family exposed to trauma. Referrals range from exposure to violent crimes, sexual abuse, chronic diseases, death in the family, divorce and family problems.

Marita's involvement at Tutela since 1999, led to the awareness of the effects of secondary trauma on the helper. She developed the "COMPASSION FATIGUE" program to address these effects and has been conducting workshops since 2000. The COMPASSION FATIGUE workshop has been presented to church congregations, welfare organizations, the National Union of Educators, Intercare Health Centre, Cansa Organisation, Hospice and others. Helpers in the terrain of terminal care, HIV/ AIDS, sexual abuse, traumatized adults and children, psychiatry, violent crimes and others have joined the program. She presented a paper on Compassion fatigue at a national congress in held in Durban in August 2005.

Marita has facilitated and co-presented workshops and seminars on "Helping the traumatized child", "Helping the child who has been sexually abused", "Enriching your play therapy". From 2005-2006 Marita served on an advisory board of RAPCAN (Resources aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect) in the development of a manual on therapeutic interventions for children who have been sexually abused. Marita has facilitated and co-presented workshops and seminars on "Helping the traumatized child" and "Helping the child who has been sexually abused."

She is a founding director of Jelly Beanz a non-profit organisation that assists under-privileged abused children who don't have access to counselling.