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Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I have been a part of Stronghold Counseling Services since September 1998. I was given the opportunity as an intern at that time. I am not native South Dakotan, as I was born in Olds, Alberta, Canada and have been living in Sioux Falls since 1996.

I received my bachelor's degree in Religion in 1995 from North American Baptist College, now called Taylor University, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. In 1996, I moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to attend the North American Baptist Seminary, now called Sioux Fall Seminary. I graduated in 2001 with my Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy.

While attending seminary, I had the opportunity to work at Turning Point, now Volunteers of America, for almost three years in the short term residential facility. For one and half years, I worked at Keystone. For one school year I went to various schools and worked with individuals as well as gave class room presentations. For nine months, I worked at their adolescent treatment facility in Canton. After completing my program, I worked with Prairie View Prevention Services and provided individual and family counseling, threat assessments, and drug and alcohol groups.

I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; I have my Associates in Social Work; and I am a Chemical Dependency Counselor, Trainee. I have had the privilege of working with a wide variety of age groups, individuals, couples and families. I am trained in addressing the following issues: marriage, parenting, divorce, parent/teen conflicts, blended families, times of transition in life, chemical dependency, depression and anxiety.

I believe that the only way to address the difficulties in life is in an open and honest manner. We are created as relational beings, and it is in relationships that we experience our pain, as well as our healing. Therefore, the environment that is needed for healing needs to provide structure, safety and security. Providing a safe and consistent place for people to work through difficulties is critical to my approach. The bedrock of which is God's grace. Not having to measure up, but to be accepted at where one is and valued in the process.

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