

Contributors

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Research Centre on the Adaptation of Youth and Families at Risk) of Laval University, Quebec. Before finishing her graduate studies, she worked as a social worker in charge of the socioeconomic reintegration of women and the disabled under the Women and Development Policy of Cameroon's Department of Social Affairs and Status of Women. She was then interested in creating and implementing groups of women and the disabled based on an approach of personal and economic development and social change. Her professional activities currently focus on voice phenomena and group interventions and on study support for college students with mental disorders or a serious indication of a mental disorder.

Dr. Christine Norton, LCSW, Assistant Professor of Social Work at Texas State University-San Marcos, received her PhD in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago. She has a Master of Arts in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago and a Master of Science in Experiential Education from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Dr. Norton has over 15 years experience working with adolescents in a variety of group work practice settings including therapeutic wilderness programs, juvenile justice, youth and family counseling, schools, and youth mentoring and educational empowerment programs. Her areas of practice and research expertise are in innovative group work interventions in child and adolescent mental health, positive youth development, and youth empowerment.

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