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Elizabeth completed her undergraduate education at Stephens College in Columbia Missouri majoring in Philosophy, Religion, and Women's' Studies. After a brief detour to law school she attended graduate school at the Mandel School of Applied Social Science at Case Western Reserve University. She graduated with a master's degree in 1995 with a concentration in adult mental health.

After graduate school Elizabeth attended the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland and completed seven years of post-graduate training in working with individuals, couples, groups, and small systems.

Elizabeth has centered her professional career on working with survivors of trauma, sexual assault, women in transition, couples, and families who are divorcing. Elizabeth began her career working in the psychiatric emergency room at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital before joining the mobile crisis team where she served as a program manager for 3 years. Elizabeth then took a staff position and the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center where she was eventually promoted to the position of Clinical Director. After 10 years at the Rape Crisis Center Elizabeth opened her own practice in Solon, Ohio.

Elizabeth also serves as a Lecturer faculty member at the Mandel School of Applied Social Science. She is a professional CEU provider for the state of Ohio with expertise in vicarious trauma, ethics, trauma informed care, and process oriented group work.