



## Gini Lara – Case Manager

### Personal Profile:

Case Manager at LOD Care and Case Management Ltd.

Since working in Case Management, I have gained a wealth of experience working with children and adults with acquired brain injury, and complex needs.

During my time as a deputy head I was responsible for maintaining high quality teaching and learning. The complex needs of the children required the school to have a multidisciplinary approach and was essential that teaching, medical and therapy staff worked closely to ensure that goals and expectations remained high at all times.

### Experience:

- Case Management: 2015-current
- Deputy head teacher school for children with severe learning difficulties: 2007 -2014
- Teaching at various schools for children with additional needs: 1978- 2007

### Professional Qualifications:

- Certificate in Ed

### Accredited Courses:

- Epilepsy awareness
- PECs
- TEACCH
- Behaviour Management
- Autism
- Leadership Pathways (Institute of Ed)
- Sensory Integration
- Managing teams
- Safer Recruitment
- Child Protection
- First Aid
- PEG Feeding

### Background:

Throughout my time at the school it was necessary to maintain close contact with the families of the children and this gave me insight into some of the impact having a child with additional needs within the family has on the parents, siblings and the wider family community.

I set up the 'Parents Network' within the school which gave an additional voice to the families at the school and looked at the broader needs beyond education. Many of the children at the school had acquired brain injury through difficulties at birth and I have experience from a school perspective of having liaised with case managers during the years to ensure that good practice is maintained and shared between the home and school setting.

I work closely with therapists and medical teams to ensure that programs of activities and recommendations can be incorporated into everyday lives to make them relevant, useful and effective. I have extensive knowledge of what equipment is available to assist rehabilitation and I believe that all individuals have a right to be given the opportunity to achieve to the very best of their capabilities.

I believe I have empathy, energy and a determination to make a difference towards assisting those with catastrophic brain injury maximise every opportunity towards improving quality of life and engaging with the process of rehabilitation.