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Curriculum Vitae

Tiejo van Gent was born in Breda, The Netherlands, on December 28th, 1951. He graduated in 1971 from secondary school at the Stedelijk Gymnasium in Breda. He then studied Medicine at the University of Amsterdam. From 1976 to 1979 he was appointed Bachelor Assistant at the department of Medical Psychology at the University of Amsterdam and in 1982 he graduated as Doctor of Medicine. From 1982 to 1983 he worked as a nurse at the alcohol detoxification unit of the Jellinek Center in Amsterdam. In 1983 he started his education in Psychiatry at the Psychiatric Center Sint-Bavo (under Dr. J. L. van der Lande) in Noordwijkerhout, which he then continued at the Psychiatric Hospital Vogelenzang (under Dr. F. van Ree; Drs. R. van den Berg; Dr. P. Bierenbroodspot) in Bennebroek from 1983 to 1987.

From 1987 to 1988 Van Gent followed an internship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Academic Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Centre Curium (under Prof. dr. Ph. D. A. Treffers) in Oegstgeest. After his graduation as a Psychiatrist-Psychotherapist in 1988 he specialised in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in 1989 at Curium. From 1989 to 2008 he worked as a child and adolescent psychiatrist at Curium, affiliated with Leiden Medical University Centre (LUMC). Until 1993 he worked both in regular out-patient service and in-patient service. In 1991 he was appointed as Assistant Professor at LUMC, and as Deputy Chief of the in-patient service at Curium. From 1993 to 2007 van Gent worked as Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in charge of the national in-patient and out-patient service for deaf and hard of hearing children De Vlier, a department at Curium/LUMC, and from 1999 as Cluster Manager.

In 2007 van Gent accepted an assignment by The Royal Effatha Guyot Group in Zwolle, which delivers education and care facilities for children, young people and adults with hearing, speech or language problems. His brief was to advise on the development of preventive diagnostic and therapeutic strategies for their clients with mental health problems. Since 2008 he works full-time at Royal Dutch Kentalis, a national organisation formed from the merger of Viataal in Sint-Michielsgestel, The Royal Effatha Guyot Group in Zwolle and Sint-Marie in

Eindhoven providing diagnostic, care and educational services for people with hearing or communication problems. His main task is to advise the Directory Board, managers and behavioural professionals on organising and delivering mental health services. In addition he is seconded as a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist to ambulatory mental health services for deaf and hard of hearing children and adolescents in The Netherlands: from 2009 to 2010 at Psydon (department of PuntP in Amsterdam) and since 2009 at De Riethorst (department of ProPersona in Ede). In 1994 van Gent co-founded the Specialist Interest Group for Deaf Children and their families of the European Society for Mental Health and Deafness (ESMHD), organising regularly recurring international meetings for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing professionals working with deaf and hard of hearing children and adolescents. In 2011 he was appointed a member of the Executive Board of ESMHD and, later that year, a member of the advisory editorial board of the International Journal on Mental Health and Deafness.

