

Erin's Story

Erin Hawkes-Emiru holds a master's degree in neuroscience. She earned multiple scholarships, including two NSERC awards. In 2002, she was diagnosed with schizophrenia -- and went on to be hospitalized fourteen times.

Finally, antipsychotic medication helped her regain wellness, stability, and hope. Her memoir, *When Quietness Came: A Neuroscientist's Personal Journey With Schizophrenia*, was published in 2012. In 2019 she received the Courage to Come Back award. Since 2013, her work on an ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) team has been highly valued by her clients and colleagues. She lives in Vancouver with her husband and young daughter.

Erin's story is what sustained treatment makes possible: not just survival, but a full life -- education, work, family.

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