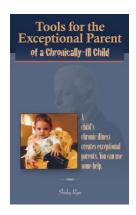


# Shirley Riga "Courageous and open-hearted" *Author, Healer, Workshop leader*

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### **Testimonials**

"This workshop can be life changing if you use the tools you are given." – workshop participant

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