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Erika Abele was born in Bolivia and came to Canada in her early teenage years. She completed her undergrad studies at the University of Toronto and finished her M. Div. with a focus on counseling at Tyndale University.

Erika Abele has been part of the Oasis team since 2001. Her role at Oasis includes providing individual counseling for women from the community and the food bank. She also runs settlement groups for women of Latin American descent. These groups are participatory in nature and seek to meet the needs unique to each group. The women are involved in the workshop selection and are offered volunteer opportunities as well. The goal is to provide a safe place for women to develop a sense of community as they settle into the city.

Erika is married to William Abele and has two children. On her time off you can find her outdoors playing with her kids or sitting with a green tea in one hand and a book in the other.