



Judi Jacobsen

Judi is a qualified counsellor and child therapist. Alongside working with adults in counselling, Judi specialises in working with children in Child-Centered Play Therapy. Judi has worked with children professionally for over 25 years and comes from a background of primary teaching. Her interest in Play Therapy began when, as a reading recovery teacher, she held a deep concern for the children she worked alongside whose emotional needs appeared to stand in the way of their academic progress. To this end, Judi sought a way of helping these children and discovered the beautiful world of Child-Centered Play Therapy.

Training with [Play Therapy Australia](#), Judi gained a Post Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Alongside this she trained in New Zealand as a counsellor and she has completed Post Graduate counselling study at the University of Waikato, as well as Post Graduate study in Professional Supervision. Until recently, Judi has been working in agency settings, in private practice, and in contract work. She is now happy to confine her work to her playroom in Te Awamutu at Rosetown Counselling Centre where she works as a child Play Therapist. She also works with adults as a counsellor.

Judi is a full member of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors and is an international member of the USA-based Association for Play Therapy (APT). She is registered with ACC to work with sensitive claims. Judi has a commitment to further Child-Centered Play Therapy in New Zealand and is deeply passionate about this way of working with children who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.