



CPW NZ Clinical Play Therapy Training Programme Trainer Information

Megan Longman and Judi Jacobsen

Megan Longman MANZASW

Registered Social Worker



Megan has worked with children and their families for 40 years, beginning as a primary school teacher and then moving into early childhood education through joining Playcentre. The Playcentre philosophy of parents and children learning together through the use of play was one that really appealed to Megan. She remained with this organisation in the Waikato both training and then providing training for parents on the use of play and suitable play equipment. 30 years ago, Megan began working with Parentline and in 1988 saw the inception of a Play Therapy Unit. With in-depth training and consultation with Dr Mary Dawson, several members of staff were trained and a Play Therapy room was set up. Megan has a commitment to the development of Play Therapy as being an appropriate process to address children's emotional and mental health needs.

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Judi Jacobsen MNZAC

Counsellor, Registered with NZAC



Judi has worked with children professionally for over 30 years and comes from a background of primary teaching. Her interest in Play Therapy began when, as a reading recovery teacher, she developed a concern for the children she worked alongside whose emotional needs appeared to stand in the way of their progress. After reading *Dibs in Search of Self* (Axline), Judi became intrigued with Virginia Axline's Child Centered Play Therapy model and discovered training for this with Play Therapy Australia. In her second year of training she took up a placement at Parentline and met Megan who became her mentor and ally in New Zealand. Alongside this, Judi trained as a counsellor. Like Megan, Judi has a commitment to further Child Centered Play Therapy in New Zealand and is passionate about this way of working with children who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

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