



Megan Longman

Megan is a registered social worker and child therapist. She 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 the Playcentre 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 in Hamilton with Parentline (a child advocacy agency) and in 1988 saw the inception there of a Play Therapy Unit. Along with in-depth training and consultation with Dr Mary Dawson, several members of staff were trained and a Play Therapy room was set up. More recently, Megan has been working at Family Connections in Hamilton with the Salvation Army The Nest Community Ministries. Here she worked with families, co-facilitated Parenting programmes and Keep Safe programmes, and she worked therapeutically with children in the playroom. Megan now works at Rosetown Counselling Centre in Te Awamutu as a child Play Therapist.

Megan is a full member of the New Zealand Association of Social Workers and is an international member of the USA-based Association for Play Therapy (APT). She is registered with ACC to work with sensitive claims. Megan has a commitment to the development of Play Therapy as being an appropriate process to address children's emotional and mental health needs.