



Birds fly, fish swim, children play (Landreth)

The Continuing Development of CCPT in New Zealand

Megan and Judi are very privileged to be a part of the continuing development of CCPT in New Zealand. So far in 2011 we have completed two 'An Introduction to Child Centered Play Therapy' workshops as well as Module 3 in our first round of training in CCPT. Modules 4 and 5 this year will complete our first round of basic training in CCPT.

It was our privilege to take 'An Introduction to Child Centered Play Therapy' to Blenheim in early May and to introduce CCPT to the course participants. We very much enjoyed working alongside everyone as they experienced first hand this wonderful way of working with children who have encountered difficulties in their lives. We wish to thank Barnardos in Blenheim for organizing the workshop and special thanks go to Rozanna McDonald for the hard work she put into this. We hope to meet you all again soon.

Invited Presenters for Module 2 and Module 4

Module 2

We are very pleased to once more invite Trish Searle to present in November for our second round of Module 2. Trish is a lecturer in Early Childhood Education at Wintec in Hamilton and because there is a focus on Child Development and Attachment in Module 2, we are privileged to access Trish's professional knowledge in this area. Trish's ways of presenting this knowledge in our training are very much appreciated.

Module 4

For Module 4, we are very pleased to invite Heather Chambers to present for 1 day of the 3-day training. Heather is a Consultant Child Psychotherapist in private practice at The Child and Family Development Centre, on the Kapiti Coast. She is also a Consultant Child Psychotherapist to the Child Adolescent and Family Mental Health Service at Hutt Valley Health, District Health Board, Wellington. In her work, her primary role is to train and support staff in PACT, an attachment based intervention that she has authored and developed for parents and children experiencing intractable relationship distress.

The focus for Heather's presentation in Module 4 will be "The affects of trauma on children's attachment systems and their primary relationships." This presentation will consider the effects of both child and maternal trauma on the mother child relationship. Maternal trauma which is re-awakened by motherhood, and the affects of this on bonding and attachment will be discussed. We will briefly review the psychological tasks of pregnancy, birth and parenting and how trauma may interfere in these and the mother child relationship. How trauma may result for mother or baby from the birth and post natal experience will be explored, together with the effects of this on the attachment system. What the therapist may experience and observe with children in the playroom will be discussed. The day will include the use of clinical material, video vignettes, experiential tasks, group discussion.

Play Therapy Australia

In June 2011, Megan and Judi travel to Sydney to take part in a 5-day training workshop with Jill Janan of Play Therapy Australia (the leading training organization in Australia in CCPT).

We look forward to gaining professional development for ourselves and to taking on the role of trainers. We will be doing two training presentations, and we will be assisting in the experiential role plays. We look forward to being a part of this!

Play Therapy Australia supports our training in New Zealand and we sincerely thank Jill Janan for this support.



2011 Training

Our last 'An Introduction to Child Centered Play Therapy' 3-day workshop for 2011 will be held 25-27 August in Hamilton.

For those interested in further training, this workshop becomes Module 1, leading into Module 2 in November 2011.

For this round of training, Modules 3,4,5 will be held in 2012.

2011 dates for those already in training:

Module 4: 30 June, 1-2 July

Module 5: 29-30 September, 1 October