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Re: Jill Goldson
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I endorse Jill Goldson's training and development work in the complex and important area of child inclusive practice and family facilitation. I have known Jill since she first developed her model in New Zealand. Since 2005, she has also drawn upon the work we do in Cafcass, visiting us for a learning exchange in the process. I also endorse Jill's work as an FDR provider. In this regard, I commend her ability to deliver a high quality child-focused intervention within the time parameters set by the New Zealand reforms.

As Chief Executive of Cafcass, I have given Jill the authority to use Cafcass materials in her work and I also commend Jill's ability to train and support a range of practitioners and providers in New Zealand intending to use the Cafcass materials. It is crucial this training and support is made available. The voices of children are crucial to bring out both in care and protection work, in FDR and in any family court cases which are subject to judicial determination in court. Child-inclusive practice is not that widespread in New Zealand and I support Jill in her wish to increase the number of practitioners and providers who are able to work intensively with children as well as with their parents. I believe this approach is high impact as well as cost effective.

Yours sincerely



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