Working to support the mental health of children with an intellectual disability

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Janina Szyndler is both a clinical psychologist and educational and development psychologist with a doctorate in clinical psychology.

Janina has extensive experience in the assessment and treatment of children, adults and families. She has a particular interest in children with developmental disabilities and has been a consultant clinical psychologist within the National Health Service (UK). Janina has also worked as a clinical psychologist in child and family mental health at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.

Since 2003 she has built up her own private practice, and is now principal clinical psychologist at Apex Psychology. She has been an authorised clinician for the Children’s Court Clinic since its inception in 2001, and a regulation 7 family consultant for the Family Court since 2005. Janina regularly prepares reports in family law and insurance cases involving children with developmental disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Janina is a fellow of the Australian Psychological Society’s College of Clinical Psychology, and a member of the College of Educational and Developmental Psychology. She is an associate fellow of the British Psychological Society, and a member of The Australian Clinical Psychology Association.

**Emeritus Professor Stewart Einfeld**
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Emeritus Professor Stewart Einfeld is at the Brain and Mind Centre, University of Sydney.

He has been an active contributor to research in developmental disabilities in young people and related mental health problems. He is known for the Developmental Behaviour Checklist, and for his work in various disorders including intellectual disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder and Prader-Willi syndrome.

He has published over 180 papers on the assessment and treatment of mental health problems in this population.
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Dan Moss most recently worked as Assistant Director, Performance, Reporting and Evaluation at the Department for Child Protection. In this role he worked closely with the Early Intervention Research Directorate to explore the social determinants of child disadvantage and child protection involvement.

Previously, Dan worked for Uniting Communities for 15 years, as a practitioner, supervisor and senior manager in a range of services with children, parents and families dealing with the effects of family violence, child sexual abuse, mental health conditions and drug and alcohol use.

As a practitioner, Dan had a strong interest in narrative and strength-based engagement strategies with children, parent and families. Dan has recently submitted his PhD thesis which includes research on approaches to men’s behaviour change programs and a creative writing component.

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