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Jane F. Golden is the Assistant Executive Director for Child Welfare Policy and Foster Care Services at The Children's Aid Society (CAS), one of the oldest and most well respected child welfare agencies in the country. Ms. Golden joined CAS ten years ago as House Counsel/Director of Program Development. Just prior to becoming an Assistant Executive Director she served as Director of the Adoption and Foster Care Division which serves more than 600 children in family based foster care programs, including two specialized programs -- Therapeutic Foster Care and Medical Foster Care. Ms. Golden also oversees the agency's innovative intensive preventive and aftercare programs on Staten Island and in the Bronx, and the Next Generation Center, a one-stop service center for disconnected youth in the South Bronx.

Ms. Golden received a Juris Doctor (JD) from the Columbia University School of Law in 1988. She practiced law for four years as a litigation associate at the law firm of Rogers & Wells. In 1992 Ms. Golden left the full time practice of law to pursue her MS degree at Columbia University. During this time, she continued to practice law part-time at the firm of Howard, Darby & Levin. After receiving a Masters in Science in 1994 from the Columbia University School of Social Work (CUSSW), she launched the C-PLAN (Child Planning and Advocacy Now) child welfare advocacy project in the Office of the New York City Public Advocate and served as Director of that program for five years. From September 1999 to May 2001 she taught the Legal Foundations for Social Workers course at the Columbia University School of Social Work.