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**NEWSREADER:** Children's organisation Barnardos is applauding the decision to merge Child, Youth and Family with the Ministry of Social Development. The Government announced the decision yesterday, claiming it's an attempt to bring the department's policy and operational arms together again. Barnardos CEO, Murray Edridge, says CYF will benefit from what the Ministry of Social Development can bring to it in terms of policy and professional development.

**MURRAY ELDRIDGE (CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BARNARDOS):** But I think also MSD will benefit from what Child, Youth and Family can bring which is a wisdom about what happens in the field, the front line experience and the reality of the day-to-day work with children.

**NEWSREADER:** Murray Edridge says most importantly, the outcome will be very positive for the community.

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