

Family Group Conference

Family Group Conference (FGCs) is often referred to as *an old way of working*. This method originated in New Zealand and was originally used to allow social work practice to work with and not against Maori values and culture. “The Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989” made them a central part of practice and services where serious decisions about children are to be made.

The main goal of the Family Group Conferencing Model is to strengthen families. Utilizing the Family Group Conferencing Model into a tribal child welfare program provides involvement, options and strengthens the family. It is often referred to as Family Unity, since that is what we are facilitating in bringing families together. The families and community are empowered and have decision making in regards to child replacement, safety and planning.

Training/Technical Assistance

Family Group Conferencing train-the-trainers is conducted through a three-day FGC facilitated course, taught by native facilitators, which is both interactive and informative.

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