

## WHY USE FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING?

- ◆ Gives families the opportunity to actively participate in the decision-making and care for their children
- ◆ Offers a collaborative, strengths-based, and culturally sensitive approach in helping families
- ◆ **Neutral Facilitation** provided by community service agencies
- ◆ **Creates** plans that are realistic, achievable, and long lasting
- ◆ **Enables** children to strengthen relationships and vital attachments with family, community & culture
- ◆ **Restores** balance and harmony for families, promotes understanding

### Values

*Families and children should be informed of the services available to them, and participate in decisions that affect them.*

*Kinship ties and a child's attachment to their extended family, culture and community, should be preserved.*

*Children are entitled to be raised in a stable, loving, nurturing home.*



## HISTORY OF FGC

*The roots of FGC trace back to traditional Aboriginal cultures in which the care and decision making for children was considered the natural responsibility of the extended family and community as a whole. Likewise, FGC is a replication of the traditional role of family and community before government services took over this responsibility for child protection.*

*FGC is an effective process in re-empowering and re-establishing family leadership to take control of their future. Families develop a plan for the care and safety of their children that is endorsed and supported by children services and the court—rather than being developed and imposed by those agencies.*

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# Family Group Conferencing



*"A sacred family circle"*

*A meeting of parents, children, extended family and those that feel like family to develop a plan of care for the children.*

### VISION STATEMENT

*Children, youth and families reaching their full potential within a safe and nurturing environment.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To enhance the lives of children, youth and families through the provision of quality, community based services, which respect individual beliefs, culture and spirituality.*