

"Family group conference"

Person-centred, interprofessional learning



Content

The model of the Family Group Conference (FGC):

- 1. There is a concern (a huge problem if nothing will change).
- 2. The person concerned agrees to a FGC.
- 3. A co-ordinator helps to organise a FGC.
- 4. Network (all family members, friends, neighbours who are considered helpful) and professionals are invited to meet.
- 5. Conference begin: all are informed about the challenge.
- 6. Private-family-time begins: all professionals leave the room. The co-ordinator leaves but is available if help is needed.
- 7. A plan is made which everybody (network) has to agree to.
- 8. The plan is presented to the person who has the concern(s).
- 9. The person has to accept the plan, if it is safe and legal.
- 10. After 3 or 4 months another conference is to be made to evaluate the plan and if necessary to improve the plan.



Learning objectives

In 1989, the FGC was

implemented by the

"Children, Young

Persons, and Their

Families Act" as a law in

New Zealand. It allows

every man and woman

to make a FGC before

institutions of social

work make decisions.

Empower citizens to solve great problems with safe and legal plan. To minimise concerns of professionals and help them to cooperate.

Yes, the client is expert to decide



Person-centredness

ICF (WHO framework) No

Clinical reasoning

No

Learning principles

(see guide for educators)

Activity-based and exchange-based learning

Setting

A room large enough for all participants, decided by the client

Involved professions

Target groups Number of participants Client / Family / Professional(s) As many as needed by the client

Co-ordinator from social work, link work, community work or other



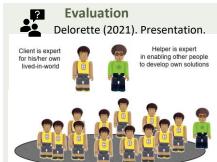
Duration, frequency

The conference ends when everybody agrees to the plan. That means, the private-family-time ends, when a plan is made. There is no timeout duration.



Materials

The room, any brainstorming or visualising material if needed



Because everybody has to agree to the plan, the decisions are very safe and workable. Nearly 80 percent of the plans are realisable.

After 3 or 4 months a further conference is to be made with all the members of the conference which took responsibility for some items to monitor the plan and if necessary to adapt the plan.

Meanwhile FGC is implemented by many institutions all over the world and it is not only made for children but also for persons, which need help and support by a network to solve huge problems. It is used in care and protection cases in a broadly manner.



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