



## “Family group conference”

Person-centred, interprofessional learning

	<p><b>Content</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The model of the Family Group Conference (FGC):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a concern (a huge problem if nothing will change).</li> <li>2. The person concerned agrees to a FGC.</li> <li>3. A co-ordinator helps to organise a FGC.</li> <li>4. Network (all family members, friends, neighbours who are considered helpful) and professionals are invited to meet.</li> <li>5. Conference begin: all are informed about the challenge.</li> <li>6. Private-family-time begins: all professionals leave the room. The co-ordinator leaves but is available if help is needed.</li> <li>7. A plan is made which everybody (network) has to agree to.</li> <li>8. The plan is presented to the person who has the concern(s).</li> <li>9. The person has to accept the plan, if it is safe and legal.</li> <li>10. After 3 or 4 months another conference is to be made to evaluate the plan and if necessary to improve the plan.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Learning objectives</b></p>	<p>Empower citizens to solve great problems with safe and legal plan. To minimise concerns of professionals and help them to cooperate.</p>
	<p><b>Person-centredness</b>  <b>ICF (WHO framework)</b>  <b>Clinical reasoning</b></p>	<p>Yes, the client is expert to decide          No          No</p>
	<p><b>Learning principles</b> (see <a href="#">guide</a> for educators)  <b>Setting</b>  <b>Target groups</b>  <b>Number of participants</b>  <b>Involved professions</b></p>	<p>Activity-based and exchange-based learning          A room large enough for all participants, decided by the client          Client / Family / Professional(s)          As many as needed by the client          Co-ordinator from social work, link work, community work or other</p>
	<p><b>Duration, frequency</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Materials</b></p>	<p>The room, any brainstorming or visualising material if needed</p>
<p>Delorette (2021). Presentation.</p>	<p>Because everybody has to agree to the plan, the decisions are very safe and workable. Nearly 80 percent of the plans are realisable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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