



Family Group Decision Making Key Questions



For the Children and Youth Agency

1. Has there been a Family Group Decision Making conference?
2. If yes, ...
 - When?
 - Who was there?
 - What was the purpose?
 - Did the family develop a plan that the agency accepted? Please provide a copy of the plan.
 - Is there a scheduled follow-up conference?
3. If no, ...
 - Was Family Group Decision Making explained and offered to the family?
 - Why did the family decline the offer?

For the Parent or Guardian

1. Has anyone explained or offered to you a process called Family Group Decision Making?
2. Do you have family or friends who you believe would come together to help you develop a plan to keep your child safe?
3. If you have been offered a Family Group Decision Making conference and declined such, help me understand why you prefer that the professionals make the decisions for you and your family.
4. If you have NOT been offered a Family Group Decision Making Conference, would you like the agency to provide you information on how you and your family can have one?
5. Do you understand what happens at a Family Group Decision Making conference?

For the Youth

1. Has the agency or your lawyer explained or offered to you a Family Group Decision Making conference?
2. Do you have family or friends who you believe would come together to help you?
3. Do you understand what happens at a Family Group Decision Making conference?
4. Would you like to have family and friends come together to develop a plan for how they can support you?
5. Have you had a Family Group Decision Making Conference to assist with transition planning?

FAMILY FINDING & FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING

*Locating and rebuilding meaningful,
lifelong connections so families can take
charge of their own lives.*





Family Finding



Key Questions for Legal AND Relational Permanence

For the Children and Youth Agency

1. **What** specific things have you done to identify family and kin?
2. Who is connected to this child?
3. **How** have you included the identified family and kin into case planning and service delivery?
4. **Permanency Hearings:** Family finding is ongoing. What have you done to **continue** identifying and including family and kin?
5. **How** have you exhausted family and kin as a placement resource option?
6. What resources are being provided to extended family to support connections or placement?

FAMILY FINDING IS NOT AN ACCURANT SEARCH OR A PLACEMENT

Legal Requirements of Family Finding

1. **Identify and build family and kin relationships**
2. **Include the identified family and kin in the planning and service delivery**
3. **Create a network of ongoing support**

FAMILY FINDING IS ENSURING MEANINGFUL, HEALTHY CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS

For the Youth and Parents

1. Has your Caseworker or lawyer talked to you about the people in your life whom you love?
2. With whom in your life do you enjoy talking or spending time?
3. Tell me what your week looks like. What activities do you do throughout the week/month? **(You can ask the child or parent to keep a monthly list/calendar of activities)**
4. If you had to go out of town for the weekend, with whom would your child stay? **When directed to a youth:** If your parent had to go out of town for the weekend, with whom would you want to stay?