

WORKSHOP DIRECTORY PAGE

TITLE: Solutions to Engaging Families in the FGDM Process

COMP. #: 207

NO. HRS: 6

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COMPETENCY:

207-4 The Child Welfare Professional can use assessment data to collaboratively develop an appropriate, culturally competent case plan with the family, and can develop and link supportive family and community resources.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to:

- ▶ Know the values and beliefs of the FGDM process;
- ▶ Be able to explain the FGDM process to individuals and families;
- ▶ Use Strength-Based, Solutions-Focused questions to engage individuals and families in the FGDM process; and
- ▶ Assist individuals and families in understanding how they can benefit from participating in the FGDM process

CALENDAR SUMMARY: Connecting with clients to form a collaborative, protective partnership is essential for achieving the mission and goals of child welfare consistent with the values of the social work profession. This workshop provides child welfare practitioners with an understanding of and useful strategies for effective engagement and how those strategies can assist them in using Family Group Decision Making. It also provides a framework for understanding and applying proven best practice strategies and skills from the solution-focused model.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Child Welfare Professionals who have completed their 120 hours of Direct Service Certification through CORE or Charting the Course towards Permanency for Children in Pennsylvania.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE TRAINER: The trainer must have extensive knowledge of Family Group Decision Making, its history, (including basic concepts), the different phases of an FGDM Conference and the basic components of the FGDM practice. The trainer must have significant experience with implementing FGDM including but not limited to: coordinating, facilitating, co-facilitating, liaison, and/or administrative experience. The trainer will have a strong understanding of family empowerment models and how they differ from more standard practices. The trainer must have a good understanding of CFSR outcomes, best practice standards for child welfare and general human service systems knowledge. The trainer must believe in FGDM and understand its advantages and effectiveness.

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR WORKSHOP:

- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Name tents
- ✓ Masking tape
- ✓ Idea Catchers
- ✓ 2 Flip chart pads
- ✓ 2 Flip chart stands
- ✓ Post-it Notes on each table
- ✓ TV/DVD/VCR
- ✓ Overhead projector/screen
- ✓ Transparencies
- ✓ Handouts for participants
- ✓ Appendixes
- ✓ Video: Family Voices

LIST OF HANDOUTS:

- Handout #1: Solutions to Engaging Families in the FGDM Process (1 page)
- Handout #2: Overview Quiz: Principles and Beliefs of Strength-Based, Solution-Focused Practice and Family Group Decision Making (3 pages)
- Handout #3: Solution-Focused Questions Past Successes (1 page)
- Handout #4: Exception Finding Questions (1 page)
- Handout #5: Scaling Questions (1 page)
- Handout #6: Miracle Questions (1 page)
- Handout #7: Next Steps to Transfer Your Learning (1 page)

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- Overhead #1: Solutions to Engaging Families in the FGDM Process (1 page)
- Overhead #2: Miracle Question (1 page)
- Overhead #3: Family Voices (1 page)
- Overhead#4: Objectives (1 page)
- Overhead #5: Agenda (1 page)
- Overhead #6: FGDM Guidelines (1 page)
- Overhead #7: Sharing of Strengths and Concerns (1 page)
- Overhead #8: Types of Strength-Based Solution-Focused Strategies (1 page)
- Overhead #9: How Will We Learn So We Can Incorporate Techniques Into Our Practice TOMORROW (1 page)
- Overhead #10: Past Successes Questions (3 pages)
- Overhead #11: Skill Practice - Past Successes Questions (1 page)
- Overhead #12: Exception Finding Questions (3 pages)
- Overhead #13: Skill Practice - Exception Finding Questions (1 page)
- Overhead #14: Scaling Questions (5 pages)
- Overhead #15: Skill Practice Scaling Questions (1 page)
- Overhead #16: Miracle Question (4 pages)
- Overhead #17: Skill Practice - Miracle Question (1 page)
- Overhead #18: Next Steps to Transfer Your Learning (1 page)

POSTER

Poster #1: FGDM Guidelines

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix #1: FGDM Brochure

Appendix #2: Quiz Answer Key (3 pages)

LIST OF VIDEOS:

Video: Family Voices

CE CREDITS ASSIGNED:

CE Credits for LSW, LCSW, LPC, & LMFT (6 hours)