

Past Successes Questions

- ▶ **By focusing on the client's past successes, you can learn, when he/she/the family was functioning well enough not to require child protective services intervention, with the goal of helping the family draw on their successes so they can again be independent.**
- ▶ **It is empowering to the client to realize that there was a period in his/her life when he/she was more successful than he/she feels at the moment. It also identifies strengths for you to build upon.**

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- ▶ **Was there a time when you had people around you to provide support? Like when you first had your child, when you were planning an event, when you had to move?**

Possible key follow-up questions:

- **Who were they?**
- **Where are they now?**
- **What do you think would need to happen for them to be willing to provide support again?**
- **Do you think you would be willing to invite them to your FGC?**

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What you may learn by using this technique:

Possible supports to invite to the FGC or that the family has limited or no outside supports increasing the safety threats and/or risk to the children.