

# History of Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)

## Maori Tribe

- Indigenous people of New Zealand
- Maori people played a central role in establishing FGDM
- Made FGDM law of the land

## “PUAO-TE-ATA-TU” (DAY BREAK)

- Written report, which provided 13 recommendations to the department of social welfare
- Foundation of the Maori Project

## 1989 Children, Young Persons, and their Family Act

- Federal legislation in New Zealand that made it mandatory for all serious child welfare and juvenile justice cases to participate in the FGDM Process

## Spread to Australia, Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, and USA

- Family Unity Model – Larry Graber and Jim Nice
- Oregon – started 15 years ago
- Currently implemented in over 35 states across the US