

The Values and Beliefs of FGDM

- ∞ Families have strengths and can change.
- ∞ Strengths resolve concerns.
- ∞ Strengths are discovered through listening, noticing and paying attention to people. – *L. Graber and J. Nice, Family Unity Model*
- ∞ Family Members should be the primary decision makers for their family.
- ∞ Empowering people is preferable to controlling them.
- ∞ Empowering families will lead to families controlling their lives.
- ∞ Family Members know their families best.
- ∞ Families are the experts.
- ∞ Children are best raised in families.
- ∞ Families should be respected.
- ∞ Mistakes are opportunities for growth and development. – *Kinpower Associates, New Zealand*
- ∞ All families have the greatest investment in seeing their children safe and successful.
- ∞ All families have the ability to come together and solve family concerns.
- ∞ All families have some resources they can count on to help them in times of need.
- ∞ Families should choose which relatives, friends and providers will attend their conference.

