

Benefits of FGDM

- Family is invested in the plan. The family has a say and is more likely to follow through with a plan they helped to create.
- California Study compared Caseworker Family Service Plans and FGDM Family Plans and found families were often more strict on themselves and detailed in their planning than providers.
- Often creates more stable living arrangements by keeping children in their family unit and decreasing hostility.
- Creates better futures for our children by decreasing their involvement in formal systems and decreasing repeat offenses.
- Increases family ownership by having family and extended resources take over the decision making and accountability.
- Opportunity to strengthen families and to have families resolve concerns in a safe environment.
- Cost neutrality/Savings
 - Decreased court involvement both in frequency and duration.
 - Reduced restrictive placements.
 - Decrease in intensive and emergency services.
- Saves time by frontloading. Can reduce the amount of time a referral source works with a family.