

Unique Features of FGDM

- Emphasis is on the strengths
- Strengths are the base and the tools to solve concerns
- Communicating in a language of concerns
- Addressing Problems in a different way that may minimize arguing and fighting
- Family is the primary decision maker



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- An Extensive Family Gathering
 - Who is family is defined by the family.
 - Family decides who attends
 - Reaches out to all that care
 - Identifies great resources
 - Family gathering not an agency meeting
 - Site chosen by the family



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FGDM is transformational because:

- ✦ It is not a program, it is a process.
- ✦ It requires a change in thinking and behavior, especially for agency staff.
- ✦ It challenges dominant practices.
- ✦ It requires building partnerships.
- ✦ It is a practice/way of thinking.

