

# **207: Introduction to Family Group Decision Making (FGDM):**

## **Part 2**

### **Appendix B**

#### **Case Scenario #2**

You are working with a 35 year old single mother. She has two girls (14 years and 16 years) that are transitioning home out of residential care. The 14 year old is pregnant. Mother's family members request to be at the initial family contact meeting. At this meeting, the family refuses to support the girls returning home until mother agrees to go into treatment for her alcohol abuse. Family members refuse to support the Family Conference and mother refuses to voluntarily check into treatment for her addiction. The mother states "this is why I did not want them involved." Childrens' Services states if the family cannot come together for an FGDM Conference, then it may jeopardize the girls returning home. The mother has identified limited family resources for the meeting, but has identified numerous friends and patrons from the bar where she bartends. The girls can be manipulative and state they will agree to anything to make sure they go home and "get out of the system".

#### Section IV: Step 5 – Widening the Circle

- Roles:
  - Maternal Grandmother refuses to agree to any purpose involving the girls returning home unless mom gets treatment.
  - Mom refuses to identify additional family resources.

#### Section VII: Step 3 – The Delicate Balance of Coordinating

- Roles:
  - The mother becomes irate and tells all the people in her house to get out.
  - The mother wants to proceed with the meeting, but only with her friends and patrons from the local bar where she is employed.
  - The family members strongly encourage the 14 year old to have an abortion.

#### Section VIII: Step 5 – Pre-Conference

- Roles:
  - Case Worker supports the idea that mom must get treatment.
  - Residential Staff believe that the girls need to go home because they have completed treatment and that they should not be punished for mom's issues.

#### Section IX: Step 10 – Concern Under the Concern

- Roles:
  - Daughter shares that she does not like mommy sleeping.
  - Grandfather states the girls are not acting responsible.