

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

Part 2

Appendix D

Case Scenario #4

You are working with a 19 year old female, who is living with her mother and is pregnant. The father of the baby is in residential care and his family has little to no contact with the soon-to-be mom. This young girl had her first child removed from her care at three months old due to her leaving the hospital against medical advice. She was afraid Childrens' Services was going to take her baby because he had a 102 degree temperature and she could not get it to go down. She stated she wanted to take her baby out to have a quick smoke and left the hospital. Since this incident, she has missed appointments with you and has been non-complaint with other service providers (including the caseworker and the in-home counselor). The caseworker shares that you should probably just close the referral. When you meet with her and her family, her mother requests that certain family supports be invited to the conference. The 19 year old refuses and states "this is my meeting; they do not need to be in my business". The resources that the grandmother has identified appear to be positive and could positively impact the conference. Outside of these family members, limited resources have been identified for the meeting. The young girl speaks a lot about her boyfriend and friends and how their families support her, but does not identify any of them on her resource list.

Section IV: Step 5 – Widening the Circle

- Roles:
 - Mom: Acting like a "normal" 19 year old
 - Grandmother: identifies additional resources, becomes irritated with her daughter for refusing to allow other family members to help

Section VII: Step 3 – The Delicate Balance of Coordinating

- Roles:
 - The mother and daughter have a heated discussion about who they want to attend this meeting.
 - The caseworker shares that she feels this mother will not be compliant with what her family creates in their family plan. She does not want to proceed with the family meeting.
 - The other family members contact the coordinator and want to be invited to the family conference.

Section VIII: Step 5 – Pre-Conference Resources

- Therapist: Doesn't really believe that mom can be responsible enough to parent two small children.
- Intensive Case Manager: Has faith in mom and her support system

Section IX: Step 10 – Concern under the Concern

- Role:
 - Grandmother shares concern about mom's irresponsible behavior
 - Mom feels like no one cares about her