

Family Group Conference: Survey of Critical Partners

County: _____

Date: _____

1. What is your role in the service system? (Please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Master, Magistrate or Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> C&Y Supervisor | <input type="checkbox"/> C&Y Administrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MH/MR Administrator or Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug & Alcohol Administrator or Provider | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JPO Supervisor | <input type="checkbox"/> JPO Chief | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/investigating Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group or Residential Care Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian ad Litem/CASA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Court Representative: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for: _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

2. Have you ever referred children or families for a Family Group Conference? Yes No
 If yes, did you have any difficulty with the referral process? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

3. Have you ever observed a Family Group Conference? Yes No

4. Have you ever seen plans resulting from a Family Group Conference? Yes No

5. If you are familiar with the concept, process or the plans, please check the best response for each.

If you are not familiar with a concept, check Don't Know; this is still valuable information as this practice develops.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
The process builds on family strengths.					
The process addresses the family's religious and cultural needs.					
The plans generally address my safety concerns.					
The plans generally address my permanency concerns.					
The plans generally address my concerns for the child's well-being.					
If implemented, the plans generally protect the community's safety.					
The plans generally hold people accountable.					
The plans generally provide for the youth's competency development.					
The plans generally address the victim's healing.					
The plans spell out roles and responsibilities for both family members and providers.					
The plans include unusual or original features.					
The services are generally community-based.					
The plans are practical and workable.					
The plans save me time in performing my role.					
The process has positively affected casework practice.					
I would recommend family conferences to others.					
Judges: I generally order the plans as presented, or with minor modifications.					
Judges: The plans assist me in making a determination.					

6. Please check the degree to which **Family Group Conferences** have affected your agency thus far:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Increased inter-agency collaboration.					
Increased individualized, strengths-based care to families.					
Improved cultural competence.					
Increased child and family involvement.					
Increased the use of informal community and family supports.					
Made services more community-based.					
Increased pooled or interagency funding.					
Improved agency accountability.					
Improved the results achieved with families.					

7. What effect has Family Group Conferencing had on your job:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
Effects my job satisfaction positively.					
Saves me time overall in working with the family.					
Generally yields better results with families.					

8. Please tell us about yourself:

Years in your profession	0-2	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-25	Over 25
Gender	Male				Female				
Race/Ethnicity (circle all that apply)	African American	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	White	Hispanic	Other _____			
Highest degree completed									

9. Is there anything you want to add? **Your feedback is extremely valuable.**

*Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses will help us to serve children and families.
Please remit to Child Welfare Training Program attn. Jana Hitchcock;
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