

Family Group Conferences: - Where Next?

Policies and Practices for the Future

A Family Rights Group Reader

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Family Group Conferences were initially introduced into child welfare practice in the UK in the early 1990s. The family group conference is a family-led decision making model, that seeks to transform relationships between the State and families on matters concerning the care and well-being of children. Family group conferences originated in New Zealand. In the UK they are now being applied not only in child welfare, including where domestic violence is present, but also in schools and youth justice.

This book *Family Group Conferencing - Where Next? Policies and Practices for the Future* combines a series of essays from policy, research and practice perspectives. The diverse range of contributors means that the book, much like a family group conference, accommodates a wide range of voices. It is hoped the text will provide practitioners, managers and policy makers with some fresh ideas on how best to deliver and develop family group conference practices.

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