Training program

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare presents:

Family Group Conferencing

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February 2012

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st June 2012

Develop the skills to use Family Group Conferencing techniques with families in kinship care and other contexts.

Aim of training

Family Group Conferencing (FGC) is a participative and human rights influenced approach to decision-making. It offers family members and their supporters an opportunity to make decisions and propose plans relating to the welfare of one of their own. It is a practice that appeals to working with a broad range of clients, e.g. in the areas of kinship, family separation, education, youth justice, early childhood, the aged and child protection. With careful preparation and duty of care to participants FGC has yielded positive outcomes working for those who are affected by mental health, disability, loss and grief, substance misuse, family violence and child abuse.

Learning outcomes

At the completion of this program you will be able to:

- Apply the principles and practices of family group decision-making
- Plan how to engage families in constructive decision-making
- Identify resources and strategies required to further support your facilitation skills
- Develop an implementation plan for your own practice, program or workplace

Target audience

This program aims to share the principles of Family Group Conferencing with practitioners from the Kinship Care program area.

Facilitator

Angela McCullagh has 25 years' experience in the child and family welfare sector and 15 years current experience in Family Group Conferencing in Child Protection. In 2001-2002 she co-developed the pioneering Aboriginal Family Decision Making Program in Hume Region in conjunction with Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative and advocated its successful adoption into the Victorian statewide child protection program.

Angela has convened conferences in both Victoria and New South Wales around a range of matters including kinship care, complex issues of mental health, substance misuse and family violence, and permanent care. She is a member of the Victorian Association of Restorative Justice and holds the view that restorative principles apply to FGC when families make decisions that go some way to repair harm to family members.

Topics covered

- Innovations in the traditional model of FGC
- Principles and theoretical perspectives underpinning family group decision-making practice
- Aligning personal values to the practice
- How to prepare for a FGC and enable a safe process for all
- Strategies to engage families in constructive decision-making
- Strategies to empower the facilitator to convene a constructive and outcome-oriented process

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The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare presents:

Registration form

Date options
Tues 21st & Wed 22nd Feb 2012
Wed 20th & Thurs 21st June 2012

Venue
Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare
Level 5, 50 Market Street
Melbourne, Vic, 3000
(cnr Flinders Ln and Market St)

Following is a link to a map of the Melbourne CBD
http://www.ripefruit.com/melbourne/sights/images/map_melbourne.jpg

Cost
$446 incl GST for Members
$556 incl GST non-Members

Arrival
8.45am for a 9am start

Parking
The closest 'Earlybird' all day parking is available at map reference G12, F12, and H13 on the above map.

Public transport
Flinders St and Southern Cross train stations are a 10-15min walk to the Centre.

Other information
To ensure your place please register at least two weeks before the course.

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Please print clearly, tick appropriate boxes and return to:
Fax (03) 9614 1774 or mail to Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare, level 5 / 50 Market Street, Melb VIC 3000

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Please make cheques payable to: Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare

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Position/title

Organisation

Postal Address

State Postcode

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Manager's name and phone

Billing contact name

Billing address

Payment method (Please tick box)

◯ Cheque ◯ Mastercard ◯ VISA ◯ Please invoice

Card No.

Card holder name

Expiry date Signature

Cancellation policy – We will issue a full refund if we cancel the course or reschedule the course.
Withdrawal – Participants who withdraw: more than 14 days before course commencement receive a full refund; between 7-14 days before course commencement receive refund minus 20%; less than 7 days no refund.
Course transfer – Course transfers may be made if vacancies exist. All course transfers will incur a 20% fee. No transfers can occur less than 7 days before course commencement.
Extenuating circumstances – Apply in writing, attaching any relevant documentation, such as medical certificate. Application for special consideration does not guarantee acceptance.