

# FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING (91550NSW)

**Family Group Conferencing (FGC)** is an alternative dispute resolution model that can be used in the child protection system. FGC is a case planning tool which allows families to participate fully in decision making about their children who have been or are considered to be at risk of abuse and neglect or where families require support. FGC has been an effective model in NSW since 1996.

## What to expect from the training:

- An overview of the development of FGC and its role in child protection
- The role of FGC in the case management of children 0 to 18 years
- Discussion about Family Group Conferencing and the current legislation *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*
- Comprehensive understanding of the stages of a Family Group Conference
- Strategies to manage issues that can arise in the preparation of a FGC
- Strategies for the effective facilitation of FGCs
- Ideas to facilitate the voice of children and young people in child protection matters
- Ways to deal with challenges faced in the process of facilitating a FGC

## Who is the training for?

Experienced caseworkers and supervisors involved in the care and protection of children. This training is highly in demand from industry.

## Nationally Accredited Training

This short course is nationally accredited and participants who successfully complete the course and assessments will receive a nationally recognised statement of attainment. The unit of competencies assessed in this course are:

**UNIFGC601B** Plan a Family Group Conference

**UNIFGC602B** Identify Strengths within family and agency systems

**UNIFGC603B** Facilitate and review a Family Group Conference

## The trainer: Patricia Kiely

Patricia is a practising Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience working with children and families in a variety of community and health settings. She worked for UnitingCare Burnside for over 15 years, her last role being Manager of the Family Work Program. She has completed research into the use of Family Group Conferencing in Australia and regularly speaks on this topic at international conferences.

## Student Testimonial

*"Fantastic! Patricia has a wealth of experience that greatly added to this incredible learning experience. Patricia created a wonderfully safe environment in which to truly practise this model. Thank you, Patricia."*

**Time: 9.30 – 4.30pm 4 days Cost: \$800**

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| <b>Dates in 2012:</b> | <b>Thurs/Fri 8, 9 and 15,16 March</b>     | <b>Location: Parramatta</b> |
|                       | <b>Mon/Tues 14, 15 and 21, 22 May</b>     | <b>Location: Parramatta</b> |
|                       | <b>Mon/Tues 21, 22 and 27, 28 August</b>  | <b>Location: Parramatta</b> |
|                       | <b>Thurs/Fri 25, 26 and 29, 30 August</b> | <b>Location: Parramatta</b> |

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