

Family Group Conferencing (FGC) Evaluation – Engaging with Aboriginal Communities



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How to share your perspective on Family Group Conferencing conducted by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)

In this study, we are looking to speak with:



Family members who have participated in a family group conference (organised by DCJ) within the last six months



DCJ Caseworkers and Casework Managers who have participated in at least 3 family group conferences



Independent Facilitators who have convened at least 5 family group conferences with DCJ



Have a Yarn with our researchers about your experience with Family Group Conferencing by DCJ



If it is not possible to speak to you in person, we can offer to have a yarn with you over the telephone or online (e.g., videoconferencing)

Researchers



Dr Lynette Riley, a well-respected Wiradjuri and Gamiliori Elder and advisor on Kinship



Ms Irene Wardle, a Darug woman from the Blue Mountains and emerging Aboriginal scholar



The report will be delivered to DCJ, who will have the opportunity to share it with other key stakeholders



By sharing your voices in our study, you will be helping to inform the way that DCJ operates Family Group Conferencing and help create better experiences for other families



All information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous



We will prepare a detailed report about the experiences and outcomes of Family Group Conferencing for families, especially Aboriginal families.



Our report will make recommendations for achieving better outcomes for children and families, including placement with Kin and sustaining cultural connections

For more information or to take part in our study, please contact:

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