

PRINCIPLES

Unity

Community partnership

Strength

Building family and community capacity

Caring

Enhanced family commitment

Sharing

Decentralize decision making

Kindness

Ensures the protection and care of children



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Aboriginal Family Group Conference

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**Our Children
are the future**



ABORIGINAL FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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is a formal meeting where members of a child's immediate family come together with extended family and members of the child's community to develop a plan to keep the child safe—when a child protection social worker believes a child needs protection.

Philosophy

Based on our traditional belief that children are sacred gifts from the creator.

Guiding Principles for Our Culture

Children, and the responsibility for protection of children, primarily rest with the parents and the community.

Goals

- ⊕ Develop a Plan
- ⊕ Culturally Responsive
- ⊕ Develop Family and Community Capacity

When can an AFGC be used?

- ⊕ Reunification
- ⊕ Reintegration
- ⊕ Strengthening and Supporting Family

AFGC Referral Process

MCFD

- ⊕ Williams Lake
- ⊕ 100 Mile House
- ⊕ Quesnel

Aboriginal Delegated Agencies

- ⊕ Knuwewtwecw Society

Members

- ⊕ Cariboo Chilcotin Zone
- ⊕ 15 Bands

Friendship Centres

- ⊕ Williams Lake
- ⊕ Quesnel

Métis Organizations

- ⊕ Williams Lake

Families

- ⊕ Very diverse
- ⊕ Extend beyond nuclear kinship into the community
- ⊕ Other strong relationship ties
- ⊕ Capitalize on strengths
- ⊕ Ability to make positive decisions
- ⊕ Experts on their own family

AFGC Setup

- ☞ Circle of Chairs
- ☞ Smudge and Prayer
- ☞ Flip chart in corner for information
- ☞ Meal and snacks provided

1st Round

Round of Introductions

2nd Round

Information Sharing

3rd Round

Private Family Time

4th Round

Presentation of Plan

Desired Outcomes

- ☞ Protected from abuse and neglect
- ☞ Families will maintain responsibility
- ☞ Approval of Care Plans
- ☞ Reduce the number of children in care
- ☞ Children do not come into care
- ☞ Returned to their family in less than three months following a conference
- ☞ Exit successfully from care following a conference