The Core Principles of Family Group Conferencing
Reflection & Discussion

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Goals of Session

• Review and discuss the philosophical tenets and principles of Family Group Conferencing that underpin the decisions that coordinators must make on a daily basis.
• Provide an opportunity to reflect upon these foundational principles.
• Provide an opportunity to enter into a discourse about the relevance of these principles to the work of FGC in the context of ADR.
Core Principles & Values of FGC

- Family voice
- Family membership
- Inclusionary
- Child-focused
- Maternal/paternal
- Culturally competent
- Partnership
- Authorship
- Transparency
- Independence & Impartiality
- Safety
- Strengths-based
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Questions to Consider

1. What do you think this principle mean in the context of FGC?
2. How do coordinators incorporate this principle into their work?
3. What are some of the challenges of adhering to this principle?
4. How does this principle reveal itself in other contexts within child welfare and/or ADR?
Family

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Independence
1. How will today’s reflection & discussion impact your own work in the field of child welfare and ADR?

2. Are there any principles that you felt should be included and surprised that they weren’t there?