HOW THE CONFERENCE WORKS...

PART 1:
- Everyone is welcomed
- We have the opening
- There are introductions
- The worker will say what your family has done well and what the concerns are
- Other service providers may give more information that is useful to your family.

PART 2:
- You, your relatives, and friends have time together (without the service providers) to decide on a plan

PART 3:
- The worker comes back with the coordinator
- The worker listens to the plan. If it is a good one for you, it will be accepted
- Your family could decide to have a second conference to see how the plan is working

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Food is usually served during Part 2

You can ask questions at anytime during the conference

You can take as many breaks as you need to during the conference

EVERYONE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE IS IMPORTANT!

FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING

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FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING CONFERENCE IS FOR:

DATE OF FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING CONFERENCE:

COORDINATOR NAME & NUMBER:

With thanks to the Family Group Conferencing Project of Toronto

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A Family Group Decision Making Conference is a meeting where you, your relatives and friends decide on plans to keep you safe.

In our conference, my family and friends will talk about:

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THE PEOPLE WHO COULD ATTEND A CONFERENCE ARE:

Parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncle, cousins, grandparents, close friends, your worker and other who have worked with your family.

Some of the people I hope can attend our conference are:

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PREPARING FOR YOUR CONFERENCE

• The coordinator meets everyone invited to the conference.

• It takes a few weeks to arrange a conference.

• You can choose pizza, Kentucky Fried Chicken, or Chinese food for the conference.

**My choice is:** ________________

• You can have a special way of starting the conference, such as your favorite song, a poem, lighting a candle, a prayer.

**My choice is:** ________________

• You can choose a relative or a friend as a support person to help you tell your family what you would like them to know and to help you be part of the meeting.

**My choice is:** ________________

• You can choose how you tell your family what you would like them to know, such as by writing a letter, talking with them on the day of the meeting, or doing an “I want to say something” statement with the Coordinator.

**My choice is:** ________________

THE ADULTS NEED TO HEAR WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU...

1. The good things about my family are:

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2. What I don’t like about what is happening:

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3. What I worry about is:

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4. Some questions I would like my family to answer are:

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5. Some things the adults need to know to make a good decision are:

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