The Kempe Center, established in 1972, improves the care and well-being of all children by strengthening families, communities, and the systems that serve them. We believe abuse and neglect are preventable, children are resilient, and supportive care can bring health and hope. The Kempe Center supports communities with the implementation of FGDM and other family engagement approaches, nationally and internationally.

This webinar series is one such way to bring virtual learning opportunities on FGDM to communities—far and wide. With this 2015 webinar series, we are hoping to support the many child and family serving professionals, advocates and other community stakeholders, working to advance and improve the many systems that touch the lives of vulnerable children, youth and families. In particular, this webinar series focuses on family engagement and decision making.
Webinars leverage technology to:

- Increase your interconnection with others, across geographic boundaries and systems
- Build knowledge about cutting-edge issues in child welfare systems, from the comfort of your own office

Those who should participate include:

Administrators, program managers, supervisors, workers, practitioners, family meeting coordinators/facilitators, family members, judges, legal professionals, foster parents, community members, service providers, teachers, community leaders in a religious or spiritual institution, policy makers, researchers/evaluators, advocates

Those connected to:

Public and private child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, juvenile and family courts, education, medical services, aging and adult services, hospice services, faith-based services

About FGDM and Other Family Engagement Approaches

FGDM and other family engagement approaches, which are being implemented in all States, the District of Columbia, and 22 countries, offer a strong, inclusive approach to working with family groups involved with different public systems to resolve such issues as child abuse and neglect, delinquency, domestic violence, truancy, elder issues and economic hardship. In partnership with representatives of public systems, family groups composed of extended family and kin are engaged to lead decision making, in partnership with formal systems as necessary to protect and nurture their family members. For more specific information about FGDM or other family engagement approaches, please visit [www.fgdm.org](http://www.fgdm.org).
Registration
All webinars are free of charge. The call-in lines are toll-free. Dialing in by speakerphone will allow multiple people at the same location to participate, but if you call in from multiple telephone lines, then you must register for each line separately. A link to register for each webinar will be available three to four weeks prior to its scheduled date at www.fgdm.org. If, after you register, you do not receive an auto-generated email confirmation of your registration, please go back and register again. Once you have registered, an automatically generated confirmation email will be sent to you that includes call-in information for your webinar as well as the link to join the meeting on-line.

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Using the call-in information you’ll receive after you register for the webinar, you will have three options for how you access the webinar:

- By phone only, (you may want to print the PowerPoint presentation to follow along)
- By phone for the audio portion and by computer for the online visual portion, by accessing the web link included in the call information. If you are unsure whether your system supports our internet conferencing site, then we suggest that you check your system in advance.
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Focus on Follow-Up

Anita Horner, Practice Advancements Manager, Kempe Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics
Thursday, March 19, 2015 | 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 12pm MDT, 11am PDT, 8am HST

Why is follow-up vital to the successful implementation of the plan? What does follow-up really entail? How does a follow-up conference differ from an initial conference? How can effective follow-up occur while continuing to support a family-driven process? This session will focus on defining and more thoroughly understanding the function and vital role of the follow-up component of the FGDM process; how it directly impacts the successful implementation of the plan after a conference is held; and how to support and implement effective follow-up efforts, while maintaining a family-driven process that is reflective of FGDM values and philosophy.

Creating a Safety Net: Coordinating a Safe Process When Family Violence is Present

Michelle Howard, Training and Practice Advancement Manager, Kempe Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 | 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 12pm MDT, 11am PDT, 8am HST

Coordinating family meetings when family violence is present can be an intimidating process. Coordinators may ask: how can I support widening the circle and bringing family voices to the table when there are serious safety concerns due to family violence? This webinar will provide participants with some guidance on what to be aware of and how to foster a safe meeting process for family members before, during and after the family meeting.
Honoring the Family’s Voice in Youth Behavioral Health and Juvenile Corrections
Kelli DeCook, Program Director, Family Service Rochester, and colleagues involved in the 2012 Family Connections grant

Thursday, September 17, 2015 | 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 12pm MDT, 11am PDT, 8am HST

Olmsted County Child and Family Services, in collaboration with Family Service Rochester, has been utilizing family group conferences with children and families working with Child Protective Services since the late 1990s. Building on this experience, Olmsted County received a 2012 Family Connections grant to develop an integrated Family Finding-Family Group Decision Making model and expand the use of this family driven process within the Youth Behavioral Health (Children’s Mental Health) and Juvenile Corrections unit. In this webinar, referring workers and coordinators will focus on key considerations when working with this population specifically highlighting engagement skills and tools when widening the circle of support with at-risk youth and their family support systems.

What Have We Learned? Lessons from the No Place Like Home Evaluation of FGDM
Tyler Corwin, PhD, and Erin Maher, PhD, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, WA; Heather Allan, MSW, and Lisa Merkel-Holguin, MSW, Kempe Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 | 2pm EST, 1pm CST, 12pm MST, 11am PST, 9am HST

This webinar will present process, outcome, and cost findings from the No Place Like Home project evaluation, funded in 2011 by a three-year Family Connections grant from the Children’s Bureau. The project evaluated FGDM implementation with the in-home services child welfare populations in three sites in Colorado, Texas, and South Dakota. Results around FGDM fidelity and outcomes for treatment and comparison groups will be discussed.

How to register for the webinars
Online Registration: Visit www.fgdm.org. Scroll down and click on the webinar link.

Questions
For questions about the webinars please contact Anita Horner at anita.horner@childrenscolorado.org.