




What happens after the meeting?

Your co-ordinator makes sure that everyone has a copy of the plan. Everyone will do their best to help you and your family with your plan. Sometimes another meeting is arranged in a few months to find out what is working and change anything that isn't working.



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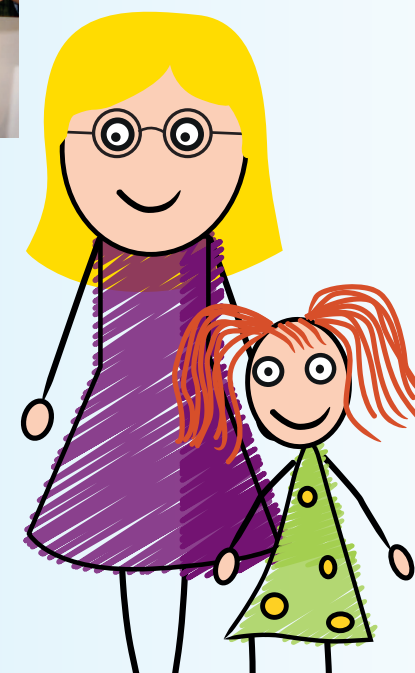


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A Family Group Conference is a meeting where you and your family get together to talk about any problems you may be having and think about how to sort them out. The aim of the meeting is to come up with a Family Plan to make things better for you in the future.

Who comes to the meeting?

You help decide who gets invited to the meeting. They could be anyone who cares about you: close family, other relatives (including ones who live far away) and friends or neighbours who feel 'part of the family'.



Who arranges the meeting?

The person who arranges the meeting is called a **co-ordinator**. They are separate from your social worker or school staff.

Their job is to make sure the meeting runs smoothly and everyone's voice is heard.

You can have your say in the Family Group Conference

It's really important for you to have your say, your co-ordinator will help find ways of **making it easier**: they can help you think about what you want to say; you can choose the food; you can make pictures; write a letter; or record yourself speaking.

What happens on the day?

1) Information sharing:

The co-ordinator will welcome everyone and you can help with this if you want. Everyone will talk about what is going on, what needs to change and what they can do to help. Everyone can have their say and ask questions, including you.

2) Private family time:

Then you and your family will be left in private to talk and make a plan. You can take as much time as you need and have as many breaks as you want.

3) Checking and agreeing the plan:

When the plan is ready, you can ask the co-ordinator to come back in. They will help you to make sure that the plan has all the things in it that you all need to make it work.

Next, everyone gets back together so you and your family can talk through the plan you've made. Your plan will be agreed so long as it keeps you safe and answers the worries everyone spoke about at the beginning.

