Family Group Decision Making Bibliography

Compiled by Alice Boles Ott


Note: The Following publications offer a good starting place for studying Family Group Decision Making. These publications are basic yet comprehensive, and should you want to learn more about Family Group Decision Making, these publications provide you with extensive bibliographies and sources for further information.


Available from: American Humane Association, Children’s Division, 63 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, Colorado 80112-5117. Tel. 303-792-9900.

• This issue of the journal, Protecting Children, is entirely devoted to Family Group Decision Making. There are articles from social work and legal perspectives, and from American as well as New Zealander’s perspectives. There is also a Selected References on FGDM section which is very helpful.


Available from: American Humane Association, Children’s Division, 63 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, Colorado 80112-5117. Tel. 303-792-9900.

• This is a monograph which provides a comprehensive description of the FGDM model (as well as Patch). It gives philosophical background, the principles of FGDM, how to plan for and implement a FGDM program, references for further study, and numerous program examples in various states.


- This book provides a description of how family group conferences are organized in New Zealand, written from the point of view of an American. This book offers a comprehensive introduction to family group conferences, its history and policy development, important practice and legal issues, as well as a comprehensive bibliography and a Where to go for more information section.

(Rev. 1/00)