

History of Family Group Decision Making

Maori Tribe

- Indigenous people of New Zealand
- Maori people played a central role in establishing Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)
- Made FGDM law

“PUAO-TE-ATA-TU” (DAY BREAK)

- Written report, which provided 13 recommendations to the department of social welfare
- Foundation of the Maori Project

1989 Children, Young Persons, and their Family Act

- Federal legislation in New Zealand that made it mandatory for all serious child welfare and juvenile justice cases to participate in the FGDM Process

Spread to Australia, Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, and U.S.A.

- Family Unity Model – Larry Graber and Jim Nice
- Oregon – started 15 years ago
- Currently implemented in over 35 states across the U.S. (American Humane, 2010)