

The Values and Beliefs of FGDM

- Families have strengths and can change.
- Strengths resolve concerns.
- Strengths are discovered through listening, noticing, and paying attention to people. – *L. Graber and J. Nice, Family Unity Model*
- Family members should be the primary decision makers for their family.
- Empowering people is preferable to controlling them.
- Empowering families will lead to families controlling their lives.
- Family members know their families best.
- Families are the experts.
- Children are best raised in families.
- Families should be respected.
- Mistakes are opportunities for growth and development.
- All families have the greatest investment in seeing their children safe and successful.
- All families have the ability to come together and solve family concerns.
- All families have some resources they can count on to help them in times of need.
- Families should choose which relatives, friends, and providers will attend their conference.

