FGDM Statewide Webinar:
Utilizing FGDM to Reduce Congregate Care

Session 1: Prevention
October 27, 2020
1:00 to 3:30 PM

Session 2: Transitioning from Congregate Care
November 18, 2020
1:00 to 3:30 PM

Purpose: The purpose of this webinar is to discuss how the Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) model can be used in the Pennsylvania child welfare system to prevent and reduce congregate care placements of youth. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a two-part series related to congregate care and the use of FGDM. Session 1 will focus on reducing congregate care through prevention, and Session 2 will focus on transitioning youth from congregate care to less restrictive settings. Throughout both sessions, the focus will align with the Family First Prevention Services Act, which calls upon all child welfare professionals to support youth remaining at home, reduce the unnecessary use of congregate care, and build upon families and communities to support youth.

Learning Objectives:
Session 1: Prevention
- Recognize how the FGDM process has been used in Pennsylvania for placement planning and prevention
- Discuss how FGDM can be used in Pennsylvania to prevent congregate care placement

Session 2: Transitioning from Congregate Care
- Recognize how the FGDM process has been used in Pennsylvania to support youth in congregate care and safely transition youth in congregate care to less restrictive settings
- Discuss how FGDM can be used in Pennsylvania to increase natural supports to safely transition youth in congregate care to less restrictive settings

Continuing Education (CE) Credits have been requested.

Webinar

Target Audience: Child welfare professionals and other family engagement specialists

Registration:
Participants will have the opportunity to register for both sessions or may choose to register for one. Registration for Session 1 will close on **October 23, 2020**, or upon reaching capacity; registration for Session 2 will close on **November 16, 2020**, or upon reaching capacity.