



Pennsylvania has embraced Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) since 1999 and has engaged in evaluation of this practice since 2007. This document provides a summary of information gathered via the FGDM survey that was implemented in January 2011 to assess fidelity to the FGDM model. All conference participants are invited to complete the surveys at the end of the conference and counties submit these forms to the PA Child Welfare Resource Center (CWRC) which is responsible for processing, managing and reporting on these data.

<i>Statewide</i>	
# of Conferences	# of Surveys
1,641	8,118

<i>Statewide Respondents</i>		
Child/Youth	443	(5%)
Parents	1,505	(19%)
Relatives	2,678	(33%)
Friends	552	(7%)
Others	905	(11%)
Professionals	1,985	(24%)
Clergy	50	(1%)
Overall	8,118	(100%)



The survey asks questions about three different areas related to the FGDM model (i.e., fidelity). These areas include cultural safety (4 items), community partnerships (6 items), and family leadership (7 items). The items related to **cultural safety** examine the extent to which the conference was held in a way that felt right to the family group (e.g., in a place/in a way that felt right to the family). The items related to **community partnerships** examine role clarity as well as preparation for the conference (e.g., professionals and family members understood the reason for the conference and were prepared to participate). Finally, **family leadership** items examine the extent to which participants respect and support the family as the driving force in developing the plan. In addition, respondents indicate their rating of the extent to which the plan will lead to increased safety for the child(ren) as well as the extent to which they agree that they would recommend family group to other families.

	Cultural Safety	Community Partnerships	Family Leadership	The child(ren) will be safer as a result of this plan.	I would recommend family group to other families.
Child/Youth	3.59	3.59	3.53	3.60	3.58
Parents	3.62	3.60	3.54	3.62	3.62
Relatives	3.61	3.57	3.54	3.60	3.61
Friends	3.62	3.56	3.54	3.59	3.63
Others	3.62	3.61	3.55	3.57	3.66
Professionals	3.62	3.63	3.56	3.58	3.71
Clergy	3.59	3.46	3.53	3.48	3.65
Overall	3.61	3.58	3.54	3.58	3.64

*Ratings range from 1-4, where 1=Strongly Disagree and 4=Strongly Agree; Numbers in this table represent the average ratings.*

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