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Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program

Family Group Decision Making Conference Survey Report

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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This information is from the Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) Fidelity survey that was implemented in January 2011. Results are calculated from the responses to the scannable surveys received from participating counties. Results are not based on the number of conferences, but the total number of surveys returned by each participant. These numbers may differ from personal counts because some surveys can not be scanned.

The surveys contain nineteen (19) questions about the conference. Seventeen (17) questions measure practice fidelity, specifically; cultural safety, community partnerships and family leadership. Further explanation of these subscales is on the second page of this report. The remaining two (2) questions focus on safety and satisfaction with the family group process. Respondents indicate how strongly that they agree with the survey statements and their answers correspond to a numeric score. For example, a selection of strongly agree is given a score of four (4); a selection of strongly disagree is given a score of one (1). Additionally, the survey includes several demographic items including; relationship to the child, gender race and ethnicity. This report contains information from the 19 items but does not include demographic information.

Children are Safer: 87 % Agree
Total Number of Surveys: 5374

Recommend Family Group: 91 % Agree
Total Number of Conferences: 1169

Respondent	Count	Cultural Safety			Community Partnerships			Family Leadership		
		Mean	Median	Mode	Mean	Median	Mode	Mean	Median	Mode
Child/Youth	318	3.58	3.75	4	3.57	3.67	4	3.51	3.57	4
Parents	924	3.59	3.75	4	3.57	3.67	4	3.53	3.57	4
Relatives	1651	3.57	3.75	4	3.55	3.67	4	3.52	3.57	4
Friends	500	3.60	3.75	4	3.55	3.67	4	3.56	3.71	4
Others	531	3.55	3.75	4	3.54	3.67	4	3.48	3.57	4
Professionals	1321	3.54	3.75	4	3.55	3.67	4	3.49	3.57	4
Clergy	39	3.55	3.75	4	3.56	3.67	4	3.61	3.71	4

Survey scores range from 1(strongly disagree), 2(disagree), 3(agree) and 4(strongly agree) .

Mean- the average.

Median- the mid-point of a distribution: half the scores are above the median and half are below.

Mode- the most frequently occurring value. Multiple modes may exist, the smallest value is shown.

Keep in mind that low respondent counts should be considered when making decisions.

Key

Children are safer: percent of respondents that agreed that the plan would keep the children safe.

Recommend Family Group: percent of respondents that agreed that they would recommend family group to others.

Total Number of Surveys: This is the total number of surveys received by CWTP and were scanned . This number may differ from individual counts because some surveys could not be scanned.

Total Number of Conferences: This is the total number of conferences that CWTP received surveys . Counts may differ since not all surveys can be scanned.

Child/Youth: Respondents that selected the relationship child/youth & the focus of the meeting.

Parents: Respondents that selected the relationship mother, father, stepfather, or stepmother.

Relatives: Respondents that selected the relationship sibling, maternal aunt/uncle or cousin, maternal grandparent, mother's/father's significant other, paternal aunt/uncle or cousin, paternal grandparent or godmother/godfather.

Friends: Respondents that selected the relationship family friends, neighbors

Others: Respondents that selected the relationship legal guardian or other.

Professionals: Respondents that selected the relationship foster parent, faith based, CYS caseworker/supervisor, legal, Juvenile/Adult probation, Children's residential provider, Mental health/drug & alcohol professional, School professional, Community support resource, Domestic violence professional, Housing shelter professional, Early Intervention/early head start/head start professional.

Clergy: Respondents that selected the clergy relationship.