

HISTORY OF THE FAMILY JUSTICE PROGRAM

In 1999 Carrier Sekani Family Services conducted research to determine the magnitude of family disputes within the communities the organization serves.

It was determined that a community driven response was needed to deal with family disputes in a culturally appropriate manner that respects Carrier values and laws.

Based on Community consultation, a model of Carrier dispute resolution was developed.

Aims of the Program

- ♦ Reduce the number of children entering ministry care
- ♦ Reduce tensions between and within families
- ♦ Increase community satisfaction and confidence in the family justice system
- ♦ Increase integrated service delivery
- ♦ Increase community transparency, responsibility-taking, problem solving skills and accountability
- ♦ Increase the use of Carrier systems in resolving disputes
- ♦ Assist youth in care in addressing their future needs



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FAMILY CASE PLANNING CONFERENCE

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WHAT IS A FAMILY CASE PLANNING CONFERENCE?

Family Case Planning Conference (FCPC) is a 90 minute meeting facilitated by a CSFS Family Justice Facilitator and is social worker driven. This is a crisis driven meeting meant to address immediate safety and protection issues for a child. Ideally it is a precursor to a Family Group Conference where long term plans can be made by the family.



Who comes to the meeting?

The social worker decides who needs to be at the meeting and invites those people to attend.

When and where is the meeting?

The social worker arranges the time and the place for the meeting.

Is there a fee for the Family Case Planning Conference?

No, all fees are paid for by the Province of British Columbia.

What happens at the meeting?

The facilitator guides the meeting by leading discussions. You make decisions as a family, and receive help to:

- ◆ sort through issues
- ◆ learn about supports in your community, and
- ◆ make a formal plan that works for your children, builds on your strengths, and meets your family's needs.

Family group conferences also can help you reach agreement on things like:

- ◆ how to keep your child safe
- ◆ what services your family needs
- ◆ where your child will live, or
- ◆ how your family and community will support you and your children.

What are the benefits?

Family group conferences provide an opportunity for you and the people you care about to come together to plan for your future.

Family group conferencing is a voluntary decision-making process. Family conferences also help to:

- ◆ make sure your voice is heard
- ◆ make decisions more quickly
- ◆ bring together people who care about you, and
- ◆ build stronger relationships by helping families work out their problems together

What happens after the meeting?

The facilitator writes up the plan. The plan is signed by all participants and a copy is given to each participant.

Often a follow up meeting is booked for about 6 to 8 weeks down the road to determine progress and next steps.

When possible, a Family Group Conference is held and long term plans are made by the family for the child; a Family Group Conference is a separate meeting.

Who can make a referral?

Referrals are made by a social worker at any point of crisis in the life of a file held by the social worker.

Please contact a family justice facilitator if you have any questions or would like more information on Family Case Planning Conference.



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