



Children's Social Care Innovation Programme Event Family Group Conference, 26th January 2017, London

The Family Group Conference model has been used in a variety of different contexts - as a small service, services supported by a national FGC organisation and by large a local authority using it throughout its work. It has also been used in new areas of work for the UK with domestic violence as an example. The Innovation Programme would like to host this event to share mutual learnings on what is needed for successful and sustainable implementation and to consider what might help support its development in the future.

Who should attend?

This workshop is targeted to local authorities and their partners who either have substantial FGC services or are currently adopting or adapting the FGC model in their area. The participants will ideally be a combination of Managers of FGC services and a Social Work Manager responsible for fieldwork services dealing with FGCs.

The purpose of the workshop:

- To share mutual learning with local authorities who have and are currently adopting or adapting this model
- To explore what is needed for a successful and sustainable implementation
- To consider a number of key issues, including:
 - Fidelity to the model
 - Social work and service issues
 - Maintaining quality while expanding and mainstreaming
 - Co-ordinator employment issues
 - Evidence of impact including early evaluation findings where available
 - The limitations of the FGC model

The day

The workshop will be highly participative, and in advance there will be:

- Some brief information provided by participants about the FGC service
- An indication of particular areas of interest within the key issues proposed

The workshop will also consider how any continuing work in this area could develop to engage and connect the Children's Social Care sector around relevant learning and how to interpret and apply that learning.

Date, time & location

Date: 26th January

Time: 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location: London (venue details will be shared in the confirmation email)

Booking your place

Spaces for this event are **limited and by invitation only** for local authorities who have and are embarking on this journey. If you are interested in joining the session, please email innovation@springconsortium.com outlining your experience and interest in this area clearly stating the event title (Family Group Conference) in the subject of the email. If places are available or become available we will let you know by email.

The workshop will generate material highlighting key discussion points and learning, which will, in due course, be part of the Innovation Programme learning materials to be shared with the Children's Social Care sector.