

# Family Group Conferences



## What are Family Group Conferences (FGCs)?

FGCs are meetings where parents, family members, community members, and other support people develop long-term plans for a child's care. Families have private time to plan away from professionals. FGCs are organized by a facilitator who helps everyone communicate and coordinate roles.



## What are the benefits of FGCs?



Plan with family and other support people



Share your voice in decision-making



Build relationships with family and other supports



Improve communication with your social worker and others



Reduce time in court

# Frequently Asked Questions



## When can FGCs be used?



- Anytime during a child welfare matter
- Helpful for long-term planning

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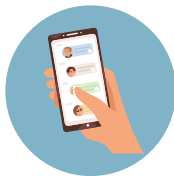
## How much do FGCs cost?



- Free for all participants
- Extra costs (e.g., childcare, transportation, technology) may be covered by your social worker

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## How do you start a FGC?



You can:

- Tell your social worker you're interested in a FCPC
- Ask a support person or lawyer for assistance
- Contact a Navigator at Mediate BC at **1-877-656-1300 ext. 104** or [\*\*navigator@mediatebc.com\*\*](mailto:navigator@mediatebc.com)