

Collaborative Planning Program Values

***Family ties** are important and should be preserved where possible.*

***Children and youth** have a right to maintain family and cultural identity.*

***Families and children** should know about the services available to them and be encouraged to participate in decisions that affect them.*

***Children** are entitled to be protected from abuse, neglect, and harm.*

Family Case Planning Conference (FCPC)

Family Case Planning Conference (FCPC) is a facilitated 90-minute meeting where participants (family and professionals) create a short-term plan to address safety concerns. Everyone at the meeting leaves with a written record of the meeting.

Family Group Conference (FGC)

Family Group Conference (FGC) gives you and your family a voice in deciding what is best for your family.

FGC brings together family, professionals, and others who care about the children to talk and create a long-term plan that will support the children to be safe and grow up to be healthy, happy adults.

FGC is a **future focused and strength-based** program. We cannot change the past but we can work together to create a different future for our children.

The FGC Coordinator will organize the meeting, keep the focus on the future, ensure safety and respect for all, and write up the plan.

You and your children can attend the FGC and you invite the people who are important to you and your children.

After the FGC your Social Worker will review your family's plan to ensure it addresses the safety concerns for your child and meets your family's needs. A copy of the plan is provided to everyone attending the meeting. You may have a follow-up FGC to update the plan.

Youth Transition Conference (YTC)

Youth Transition Conference (YTC) is a youth-led meeting that helps to create a support network for youth as they approach adulthood and exit from MCFD care or a Youth Agreement.

YTC helps to identify the people in a youth's life who will be there to support them after their 19th birthday. It may also help the youth identify and plan for future goals.

YTC can happen every few months to support the youth as they move towards transition from care.

Program Outcomes

In 2014-2015:

- The program provided neutral facilitation and support to 150 conferences and meetings between families and social workers.

We offer free, respectful, non-judgmental, and strength-based services.

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Comments from Clients:

"Great way for families to intervene in children's' lives."

"Everyone was sharing and forgiving through the Circle."

What is Collaborative Planning?

Collaborative Planning is a program for families involved with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). We guide meetings between families and social workers to make decisions in the best interests of the child. Meetings are compatible with traditional Aboriginal decision making practice.

Our Coordinators have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or a related field, with two years recent related experience.

The Collaborative Planning Program is funded by MCFD.

We are open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information call:

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Mission Statement

The John Howard Society of North Island is a charitable organization whose mission is to provide programs and support to help children, youth, and families lead safer, healthier lives.



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