



Family Conferencing/family group decision-making

This workshop provides individuals with foundational knowledge and basic skills for facilitating restorative circles with families and provides experiential learning in Family Group Conferencing, also known as Family Group Decision Making or, simply, a Family Circle.

Learning objectives are:

- to experience Circle as Ceremony, grounded in relational trust, *mamawohkamatowin*
- learn how circle process forms a foundational restorative approach for addressing issues of concern in families, schools and communities
- to examine components and techniques of the facilitator (circle keeper) role for creating a culturally safe environment and modeling empowerment-based strategies
- to deepen our collective understanding regarding the intention of family group conferencing for families dealing with current or potential child protection issues
- to gain competency in planning and facilitating circles and Family Group Conferences
- to increase understanding of historical impacts and transgenerational trauma for Indigenous peoples and how the FGC process can activate the village for a child
- to learn how this process offers an invitation to family healing and decolonization therapy for Indigenous families

Facilitator:

Sharon Steinhauer has extensive experience in training facilitators since UnBQ began offering FGC training in 2003. University *nuhelot'inethaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak* Blue Quills (UnBQ) is situated in a former residential school owned and operated by the seven First Nations in northeast Alberta. Blue Quills is committed to reclaiming Indigenous knowledge and practice and has established programs that learners of all cultures describe as transformative, influenced significantly by the relational practice of engaging in circles to build common ground.

Who is this training for?

- ✓ Child intervention workers, family enhancement workers, community agencies, community leaders, school liaison workers, Elders and other resource people interested in restorative practices and circle applications

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✓ **REGISTRATION FEES \$ 350.00 per person**

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DATES: ___ **November 9-11, 2026** ___ **February 16-18, 2027** ___ **May 5-7, 2027**

LOCATION – Blue Quills Campus, St. Paul, Alberta, 5 km west of St. Paul, N of HWY 29, on Airport Road
TIME 9:00 – 4:00 each day, for info or to register, please email: shannonb@bluequills.ca

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