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FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING

We would like to tell you about family group conferencing and how it works to help you and your children. First of all, thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Supporting families is very important to us, helping you meet your goals is also very important to us. A family group conference is a way to do both.

The first thing you should know is this is your meeting, you can invite anyone you want such as friends, family and service providers that are working with you now. This is a very positive meeting and we use a chart to help capture important ideas shared in the meeting.

Everyone who comes will be asked to think about your family's strengths, and they will be written on the chart. It might be helpful if you think about what you would like to get out of the meeting as well as what you and others could do to help you reach your goals. The more friends, family and service providers that can be there "the better", as others may have resources to help you.

You and your team will create a family plan, which will include who will do what, and when it will be done. There will also be one service provider, that you invited, to the meeting, who will make sure everything gets done.

We believe that most any family could benefit from a family group conference in one way or another.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at 330-722-9283, ext. 275.

Happy Family Group Conferencing!

Sincerely,
The Family Group Conferencing Committee