

Permanence for children & FGCs (including reunification, kinship and adoption)

Authors	Title	Journal/Publisher/ Organisation	Date	Available free at:	Summary/Abstract	Country
Karen Smith Rotabi K, Pennell J, Roby J L & McCreery Bunkers K	Family group conferencing as a culturally adaptable intervention: Reforming intercountry adoption in Guatemala	International Social Work 55(3) 402– 416	2012	no	Study that looks at the role of FGCs in finding families for children in Guatemala and avoid the need for inter country adoption.	Guatemala
Aldgate J and Mcintosh M	Looking after the family: a study of children looked after in kinship care in Scotland	the Social Work Inspection Agency	2006	http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/129074/0030729.pdf	An academic and detailed examination of kinship care in Scotland.	Scotland
Doolan M, Nixon P, Lawrence P	Growing Up in the Care of Relatives and Friends: delivering best practice for children in Family and Friends Care	Family Rights Group, London	2003	no	Sets out findings from action based research projects in two local authorities.	England

McKillop L	Life Changing Decisions The relevance of Family Group Conferences in permanence planning	Children1st		http://lx.iriss.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Life%20changing%20decisions.pdf	The purpose of this research was to determine the extent that Family Group Conferences (FGCs) are being used in permanence planning for children in Scotland, when FGCs should be considered, what contribution this approach can make to the process and any potential problems.	Scotland
WANG E W., et al	Expediting permanent placement from foster care systems: the role of family group decision-making	Children and Youth Services Review, 34(4), April 2012, pp.845-850	2012	http://www.journals.elsevier.com/children-and-youth-services-review/	The aim of this study was to investigate the impact of FGDM on expediting permanent placements for youths in foster care. The study participants were a sample of 80,690 youths in foster care in the state of Texas. The outcome variables were speed to permanent placement and type of permanent placement (family reunification, permanent placement with relatives, or adoption). The results from a discrete-time survival analysis indicated that Family Group Conferences after removal increased the odds of achieving the desired outcome of placement with family (reunification with family or placement with relatives) compared to adoption. The results also indicated that Family Group Conferences after removal did not decrease or increase time to permanency.	