

## What is a Family Group Conference?

The family group conference has its roots in aboriginal cultures, where the care of and the decision making for children are the responsibility of the extended family and community.

The concept of FGC's was developed in New Zealand where aboriginal Maori felt that there was an overrepresentation of their children within child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Once absorbed into these systems the children were lost to their families and to their culture.

In 1989, New Zealand incorporated the model into Child Protection legislation, following extensive consultation with the public and aboriginal Maori groups.

Family Group Conferences emerged in England in the early nineties. **They were seen as a very successful way of working in partnership with families to make the best plans for children and other vulnerable family members.**

*Daybreak are pioneers in the delivery of FGC's*

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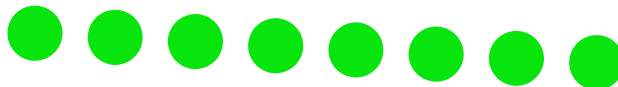
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Turn the page to  
find out more!

**The leading charity in the delivery  
of Family Group Conferences.**

We empower families to make the best  
decisions for themselves.

Last year alone, 89.5% of the children  
that we worked with who were at risk  
of entering the care system were  
deflected from this following a Family  
Group Conference meeting.

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## ► What is an advocate?

An advocate can be described as someone who publicly speaks out on behalf of another.

As an advocate with Daybreak you could be assigned a child, young person or vulnerable adult to support in this way.



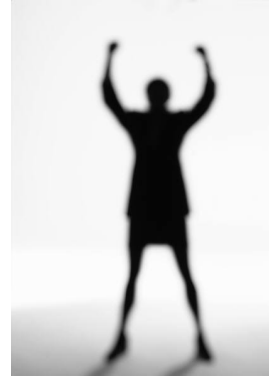
It would be your role to engage with them and find out what their views are prior to a **Family Group Conference (FGC)** taking place (please see the back page to find out about FGC's).

This would involve visiting them a few times in their home or other location convenient to them, attending the FGC with them and attending a review meeting.

You would volunteer for a maximum of 12 hours over the course of approximately 4 weeks and this can be done fairly flexibly.

## Why we need advocates

The people that we work with are often very vulnerable and may find it hard to get their opinions across, or to be heard. As an advocate you would provide them with a voice in the meetings, ensuring that their views are clearly represented and listened to by other members of the group.



## What we provide For you

- ★ Excellent Advocacy Training
- ★ Ongoing Support
- ★ A challenging yet rewarding opportunity to help someone in your local community
- ★ A chance to develop excellent skills that could help you find a new career in a similar role
- ★ Flexible volunteering hours
- ★ Volunteer Socials



This opportunity would be great for anyone wanting to gain experience in the area of health and social care!

## Interested?

If you think you might be interested then please contact us to find out more or to request an application pack.

Details of who and how to contact are on the back page.



*"My Advocate helped me to say what I wanted to say to my family"*

**Mary Aged 12**