



## **Family Group Conferencing** **(*family group decision-making circle*)**

This workshop provides individuals with foundational knowledge and basic skills for facilitating restorative circles with families and provides experiential learning in Family Group Conference.

Learning objectives are:

- to learn how circle process forms a foundational restorative approach for addressing issues of concern in families, schools and communities
- 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 intergenerational trauma for Indigenous peoples which are contributing to the over-representation of this population on many social indicators including kids in government care
- to learn how this process can offer an invitation to family healing and decolonization therapy for Indigenous families
- to examine components and techniques of the facilitator (circle keeper) role for creating a culturally safe environment and modeling empowerment-based strategies.

### **Facilitators:**

Shirley Hunter is Program Head for Social Work education at University *nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak* Blue Quills (formerly Blue Quills First Nations College). Blue Quills 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 students of all cultures describe as transformative, influenced significantly by the relational practice of engaging in circles to build common ground. Shirley's co-trainer is Sharon Steinhauer who has extensive experience in training facilitators since UnBQ began offering FGC training in 2003.

### ***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

*for registered social workers in Alberta, this workshop is 18 hours ACSW Category 'A' Continuing Competency credits*

### **✓ R E G I S T R A T I O N F E E S \$ 350 per person**

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**DATES:** \_\_\_ ~~March 14-16, 2022~~ \_\_\_ ~~May 9-11, 2022~~ \_\_\_ ~~October 24-26, November 8-10, 2022~~

**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 email [ShirleyH@bluequills.ca](mailto:ShirleyH@bluequills.ca)

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