

Restorative Family Group Conferencing



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Braithwaite 2002

The core values of restorative approaches are “about **healing**, rather than hurting, moral learning, **community participation** and **community caring**, respectful dialogue, forgiveness, apology and **making amends**.”



Family Group Conference Process

Referral

Preparation (including child inclusive practice)

Meeting

- Information Sharing
- Family Private Time
- Plan Developed

Implementation - key person appointed

Review

Social Justice

- Equity
- Access
- Participation
- Rights



RESTORATION

UN Convention On The Rights of The Child

- right to survival
- to develop to the fullest
- to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation
- to participate fully in family, cultural and social life.

4 core principles of the Convention

- non-discrimination
 - devotion to the best interests of the child
 - Rights of the child to life, survival and development
 - respect for the views of the child.
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- Every right spelled out in the Convention is inherent to the human dignity and harmonious development of every child.

The Convention protects children's rights by setting standards in health care; education; and legal, civil and social services.

The **Victorian Charter of Human Rights** and Responsibilities contains twenty basic rights that promote and protect the values of:

- Freedom
- Respect
- Equality
- Dignity.

Victorian Human Rights Commission 2012

Victorian Equal Opportunity And Human Rights Commission 2011

‘Human rights are the cornerstone of strong,
healthy communities where everyone can
participate and be included.’

Partnerships, fostering of awareness, place based intervention and citizen involvement are recognised as features of a shared social responsibility approach to complex social problems.

**CFECFW Issues Paper One Their outcomes: local governance and outcomes frameworks for vulnerable children, young people and their families.
Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children Inquiry 2011 p4**

True shared social responsibility has great potential for underpinning a systems-wide approach to vulnerability through recognition of the unique contribution and capabilities of the people and organisations which surround the child.

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**Message Stick:
There's a time to:**

Sit and Talk

Hunt and Gather

Celebrate

