

# Delinquent Children Have Families, Too! Using FGDM for Dually Adjudicated Youth

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**I have been working with delinquent youth  
for \_\_\_\_\_ years.**

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**I see Family Group Decision making used in delinquency cases:**

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**The youth I work with have a strong support network.**

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**At which stage of the case could family and kin be most helpful to a youth involved with Juvenile Probation?**

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**A concern that I have when using FGDM with delinquent youth is \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**What is the first name of an adult who meant a lot to you growing up, but whom you didn't see very often?**

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# Today's Agenda

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**Working with Cross System's Youth Video**

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**Understanding the Drivers and Priorities of Each System**

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**Shared Case Planning**

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**A Former Dependency/Delinquency Hearing Officers Perspective**

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**Understanding the Needs Base Plan and Budget**

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**When can Family/Kin and FGDM be used in Delinquency Cases**



Know the  
Drivers and  
Priorities of  
Each System



# Child Welfare and Dependency System Priorities

Child Welfare System	Dependency Mission and Guiding Principles
Safety	Protect Children
Permanency	Promote Timely Permanency
Well-Being	Promote Child Well-Being
Family Engagement	Promote Strong Families



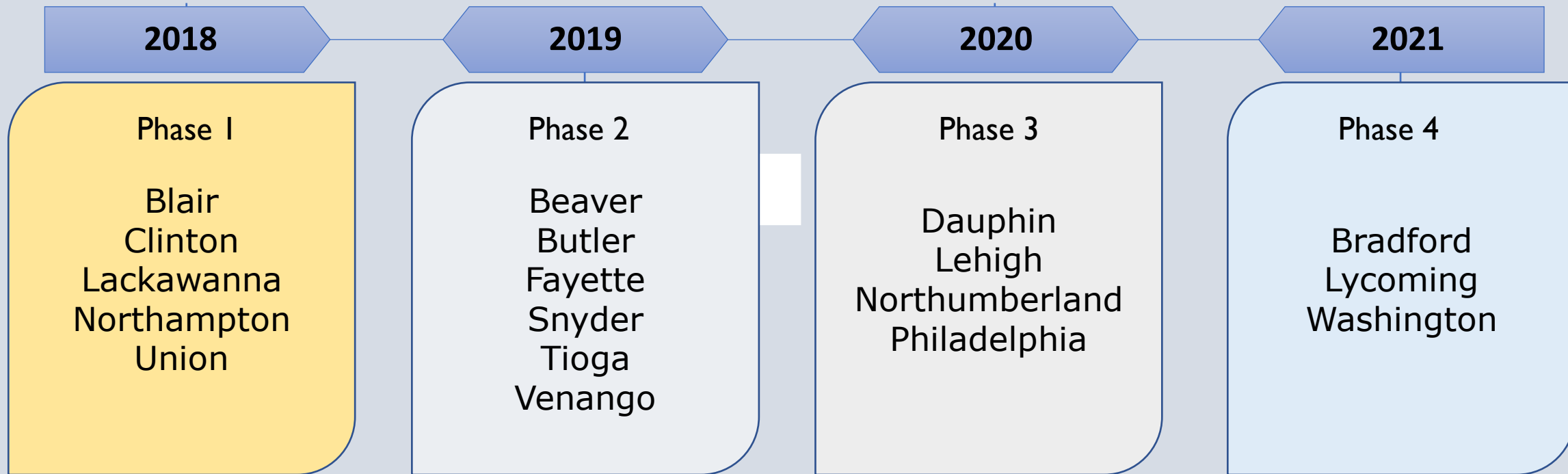
# 2022 State Roundtable Priorities

- ❖ **Safely Increasing Kinship Care**
- ❖ **Autism Awareness and Responsiveness**
- ❖ **Safely Decreasing Congregate Care Use**
- ❖ **Reasonable Efforts**
- ❖ **Family Finding**
- ❖ **Father and Paternal Engagement**
- ❖ **Children and Youth in Court**
- ❖ **Education**
- ❖ **Family Engagement Initiative**

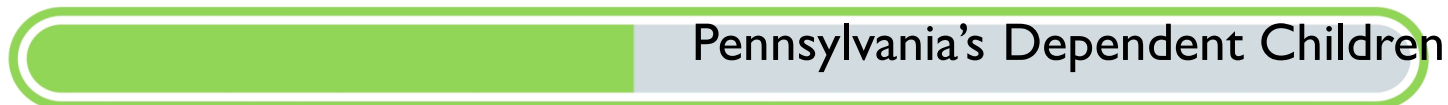


# 2022 State Roundtable Priority Issues

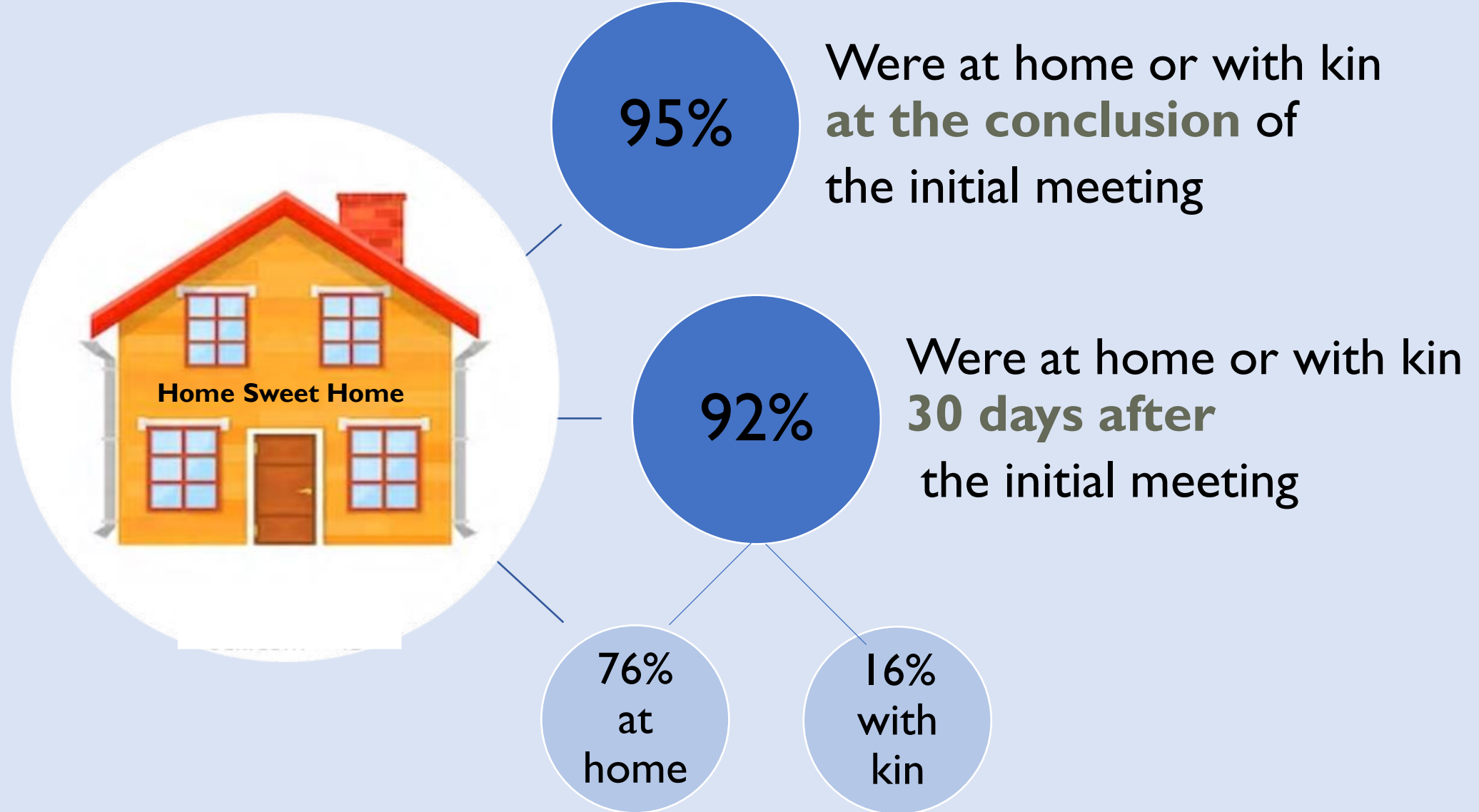
## Family Engagement Initiative (FEI): 18 Participating FEI Counties



**44%**



# FEI Crisis Rapid Response Family Meetings



# Balance and Restorative Justice (BARJ)

- ❖ Treatment
- ❖ Rehabilitation
- ❖ Supervision
- ❖ Competency Development
- ❖ Accountability
- ❖ Community Protection





## Child Welfare/Dependency Role

## Juvenile Probation/Delinquency Role

Focus on the Child **and Family**

Focus on the Child/No Authority Over Parents

Act of Abuse or Neglect Leads to Involvement

Act of Delinquency Leads to Involvement

Protect Children, Promote Strong Families, Promote Child Well-Being and Provide Timely Permanency

Ensure Child Accountability, Develop Child Competency, Protect the Community

Works with the ***Child and Family***

Works primarily with the ***Child***

**QUESTION:** Is there a Safety Threat to the Child in the Home

**QUESTION:** Is the Child a Safety Threat to Themselves or the Community

Shared

Case

Planning



# A Former Juvenile Court Hearing Officer's Perspective

# Similarities

## Family Situation

## Child's Behaviors

Living with One Parent

Drug and Alcohol Use

Living with Grandparents/Kin

Truancy

Parent/s with Drug and Alcohol Addiction

Poor Grades

Parent/s with Mental Health diagnosis

Runaway Behaviors

Parents have Burned Bridges with family/friends

Aggressiveness/Incorrigibility

Extended Family/Kin Support

Sex Offending Behaviors

Trauma Exists

Trauma Exists

# Similarities

## Systemically

Lack of Available Services in the Community and or struggles with access to services for Child and Family

Ability to work with Child/Family Prior to Court Intervention

Difficulties identifying/locating extended family/kin

Difficulties engaging extended family/kin

Staffing challenges

Professionals care about outcomes for children

Many Counties Have the Same Judicial Officer

# Common Themes Seen in Hearings

Same Home  
Environment =  
Same Behaviors  
at Home

Same School  
Environment =  
Same Behaviors  
at School

Little  
Involvement in  
School Activities

Little or no  
Involvement in  
activities/events  
with  
friends/family

# Common Themes Seen in Hearings

MH, Addiction and  
Criminal Issues Impacting  
Parenting and/or  
relationships

Lack of  
Friends

No  
Extended  
Family  
Included

Need for more  
child/family specific  
plans  
(Both JPO/CYS)

Family and  
Kin

“Family is not an important  
thing. It’s everything.”

- MICHAEL J. FOX





When to  
Consider  
**Family and  
Kin**

## **Informal Supervision**

- Diversion Programs
- Informal Adjustments
- Consent Decree

## **Adjudicated Delinquent**

## **Aftercare**

## Services

# JPO and Child Welfare

<b>Family Finding/FGDM</b>	<b>Parenting</b>
<b>Family Counseling</b>	<b>MST</b>
<b>STOPP</b>	<b>FFT</b>
<b>Drug and Alcohol</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>
<b>Independent Living</b>	<b>Electronic Monitoring</b>
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>Diagnostic Programs</b>
<b>Sexual Offender Evaluations and Tx</b>	<b>Alternative Schooling Options</b>
<b>Truancy Programs (i.e. "Why Try")</b>	<b>Housing</b>

**Strategy 3:**  
Understand  
the Budget  
and Available  
Services



# Key FGDM Take-Aways for Delinquent Youth

Ask Delinquent Youth about their Family and Friends


Provide Family and Friends information to the Court

80/20

Communication is Key in Dually Adjudicated Cases

Allow Family to drive the FGDM Plan and bring the FGDM Plan into the JPO Case Plan

Challenge historical thinking traps about delinquent youth and their families

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*Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes*

Thank you! Enjoy the rest of your day!

