

From a passive recipient of help to the active role of a citizen - FGC as an empowering practice -

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Mitt i Skåne

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A history of paternalism!

Experts know what is best for children and families



Ur den vårdandes synvinkel

Legislation emphasize empowerment!



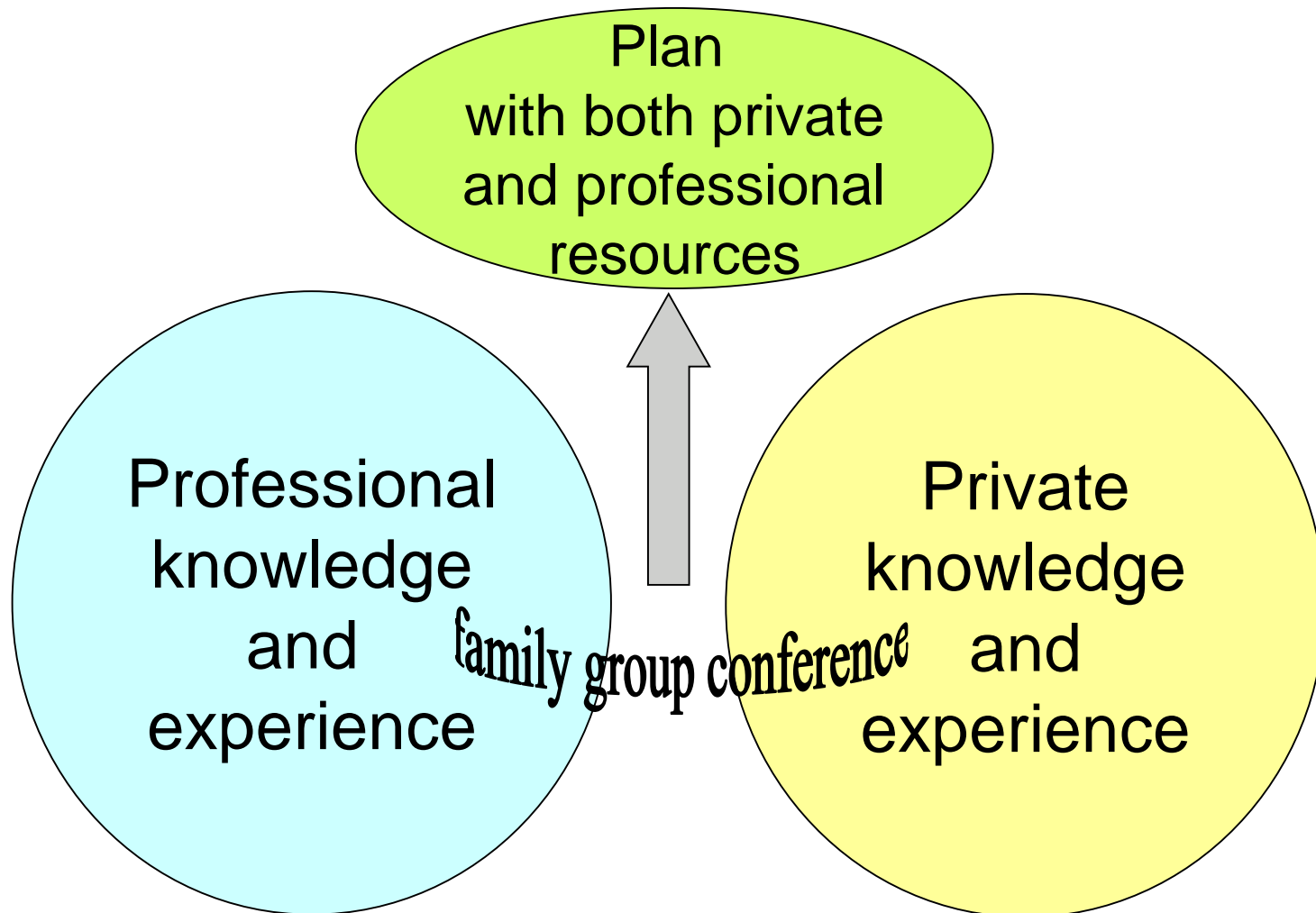
Partnership
between
professionals
and families

**What does
it mean to
be a social
worker,
to be an
expert ?**



**Different
views**

Family Group Conference



What kind of knowledge and experience is needed to plan for the future of Andreas?

From family and friends?

From experts?



What kind of support is needed to carry out the plan for the future of Andreas?

From family and friends?

From experts?





Höör

16 000 inhabitants

Höör, the Social Welfare Committee

Our vision

The citizen is the natural party of knowledge in the daily meeting with social services.

FGC used in all kind of situations and for children as well as adults

6 socialworkers working with children at risk and their families

Between 4 and 6 FGCs every month

The important information giving stage

- Information given to the family by each professional – not professionals sharing information with each other
- Respectfully give clear information, strenghts as well as weaknesses/problems, that can be used by the family
- Start here and now with a focus on the future
- Assess the childs needs according to each professionals role of expertice
- Give information about different methods and their scientific evidence, but not propose method
- Give information about legislation and organisation

FGC practice strengthens and clears the role of the professional

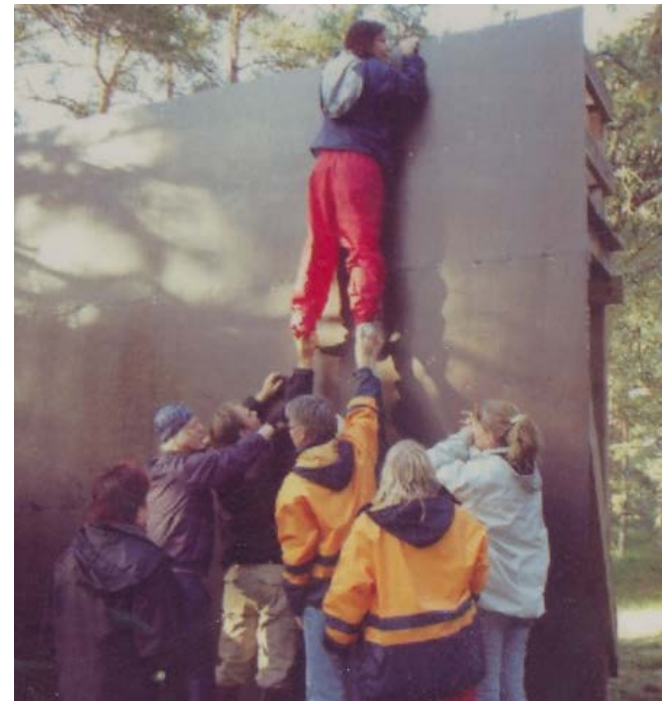


I bring general knowledge and experience to the table. I share this with the family so they can put it together with their private knowledge and experience.

I also bring information about the mandate the family have, so that they can make plans for the future.

Democracy and citizenship

From the role of client or patient, as passive recipient of help, to the more active role of citizen, with rights and responsibility to the means to participate fully in social and economic life.



...it is not about...



...inviting the client to be an active part of decisions about her or his life

...instead it is about....

...the citizen owning both the problem and the solution. As a social worker I can be invited to be an active part in the decisionmaking

