



## ***Probation Service Definition***

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<b>Service Name</b>	<b>Expedited Family Group Conference</b> <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile</span>
<b>Category</b>	Non-Treatment
<b>Setting</b>	Community-based
<b>Facility License</b>	Services conducted by the Nebraska Mediation Center trained staff-no licensure necessary Reference; Nebraska Revised Statute 43-247.03
<b>Service Description</b>	<p>An expedited and focused family group decision making model, which engages the youth, their family, and supportive community agency members to resolve an identified barrier to the youth’s success.</p> <p>The focus is often on the immediate problematic behavior and solution related to that behavior; however, it may include solutions to longer term barriers that impact the youth and family’s success.</p> <p>With the support of a trained mediator, the team identifies the youth and family’s strengths, discuss the behaviors and factors creating barrier(s), and empowers the youth, family, friends and community to create a written plan to address the youth’s behavior.</p> <p>The plan will also provide the necessary supports to overcome identified barriers with the overarching goal of enhancing family and community engagement. This will prevent the utilization of out-of-home placement and more intensive services to manage the youth’s behavior as a means to ensure community safety.</p>
<b>Service Expectations</b>	<p>Provider shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and locate a physical location for the conference.</li> <li>• Perform an exhaustive search of all extended family and supportive community members.</li> <li>• Identify and contact all relevant service providers.</li> <li>• Prepare all conference participants for the conference itself.</li> <li>• Provide a written plan to the officer/team within five(5) business days of the conference.</li> <li>• Provide post conference facilitation/follow up if requested by the probation/problem solving court officer within 30 days of the conference.</li> <li>• Facilitate the group conference no later than five (5) business days from date of initial contact with the probation/problem solving court officer when in a response to a crisis.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whenever possible the conference must be held within 72 hours of the crisis.</li><li>• This service does not take the place of case management strategies employed by the probation/problem solving court officer to assist the youth in working through difficult situations.</li></ul>
<b>Service Frequency</b>	One conference and one family team meeting.
<b>Length of Stay</b>	Up to five hour for conference and prep time
<b>Staffing</b>	All staff and affiliates must abide by Nebraska's Family Group Conferencing Policies and Standards in accordance with the Office of Dispute Resolution.
<b>Staff to Client Ratio</b>	One conference and one family team meeting.
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Flexible to accommodate the youth, family and team's schedule
<b>Service Desired Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To develop a family-driven written comprehensive plan to overcome identified barriers<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Maintain a youth in the family home or an extended family/kinship home</li><li>○ Increase the likelihood the youth will be successfully discharged from probation</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Unit and Rate</b>	Per conference; see rate

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