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- Use this format as a guide to help your family start with a supporting frame to hang their ideas on during a family meeting.
- Choose which ones are suitable. You'll not need them all in one session. Adapt them. Add your own.
- There are two formats. If you prefer using a decision tree you can have that during your meeting to help. Or you can use the list of sentence starters.
- This is an easy oral reminder or if family members prefer they can write their ideas.
- It's an aid to help the process run smoothly so the conversation doesn't stall or get stuck.
- It also gives a solid start, middle and end to conversation, which is a good thing for us all.
- Tip for opening up the conversation: End with the question: What do you think?
- This frame and decision tree is really useful for families beginning family meetings. Change the vocabulary to suit your age and stage.
- Print this frame and decision tree to help everyone to have a voice at the family meeting:: family roundtable or family gathering.

I want to talk about _____

(name of the subject/brief intro)

I'm bothered about...

It concerns me.....

I want to raise an issue...

I want to share an idea...

I'd like these _____ things to
happen (insert number)

I'm not sure of a solution, what do
you think?

I think this would be good for these
_____ reasons, what do you think?
(Insert number)

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I want to talk about _____

1.Is it a problem?

YES

No

I'm bothered about...

It concerns me..

I want to raise an issue...

I want to share an idea...

2.Do I have an answer/solution/suggestion(s)?

Do I have reasons to help explain my idea?

Yes

No

No

Yes

I'd like these ___ things to happen

I'm not sure of an answer/solution/suggestion(s), what do you think?

I think this would be good for these ___ reasons, what do you think?