



## Wraparound Key Points

### **What is Wraparound?**

Wraparound differs from many service delivery strategies, in that it provides a comprehensive, holistic, youth and family-driven way of responding when children or youth experiencing serious mental health or behavioral challenges. Wraparound puts the child or youth and family at the center. With support from a team of professionals and natural supports, the family's ideas and perspectives about what they need and what will be helpful drive all of the work in Wraparound.

The young person and their family members work with a Wraparound Facilitator to build their Wraparound team, which can include the family's friends and people from the wider community, as well as providers of services and supports. With the help of the team, the family and young person take the lead in deciding team vision and goals, and in developing creative and individualized services and supports that will help them achieve their goals and vision. Team members work together to put the plan into action, monitor how well it's working, and change it as needed. The process typically takes between 6-18 months to complete, based on outcomes.

### **Key Elements of Wraparound**

- Collaborative action
- Access to needed supports and services
- Accountability
- Strength and needs based
- Family and child perspective driven
- Goal oriented
- Efficacy monitored and evaluated
- Transition the family once

### **The 4 Phases of Wraparound**

- Engagement and team preparation
- Initial Plan Development
- Implementation
- Transition.

### **How do I know if the youth needs Wraparound Services vs. Service Coordination/Case Management?**

Wraparound is for children and youth with serious and intense mental health or behavioral challenges, and their families. Many times, there is risk of the youth being placed temporarily outside the home or custody relinquishment. These youth are categorized as Multi-System Youth because they are involved with multiple agencies (mental health, the Board of DD, juvenile court, etc.). Wraparound focuses on the dynamics of the family as a unit, Service Coordination is more focused on aligning services to meet the family's immediate needs.

## **What Can I Expect?**

A Wraparound Facilitator will meet with the youth and their family. A family narrative will be created based on the family's history and present-day situation. Next, key people in the child's life will be identified to create a Family Team. This team will be made up of natural supports and professional supports in the child's life. After the initial meeting, the facilitator will talk with other people in their life to get their commitment to participate on the Wraparound team.

The individual family will:

- Describe what has worked in the past to help the family
- Determine what you would like to see happen
- Talk about people who care about your child and family and who have been helpful
- Describe your family's beliefs and traditions as well as strengths.

The team creates a plan based on strengths. A team mission statement is developed that gives the team a sense of direction towards a shared goal. Needs statements will be identified and recorded. The facilitator will lead the team in brainstorming strategies to meet each chosen need. After the development of the initial plan, your team members are responsible for implementing the process. Ongoing team meetings follow a regular agenda starting with accomplishments. The plan will be assessed to determine whether it is working. Adjustments may happen and responsibilities will be assigned for specific actions. Ultimately, the team will find that outcomes are being accomplished and the team's mission has been met, leading to transition to ensure that children and their families can experience success in their communities, homes, and schools.

## **The Referral Process**

A referral form can be submitted for Service Coordination or Wraparound from any agency or can be a self-referral from a family. A Release of Information must be submitted with the referral form (standard ROI from the referring agency), unless the referral is a self-referral. Our typical contact time is within 72 hours of receiving the referral form but may vary depending on current caseloads. The Huron County Family & Children First Council Referral Form can be found on our website: [www.huroncountycfcfc.org](http://www.huroncountycfcfc.org) under the Service Coordination menu or can be emailed by contacting Niki Cross, HCFCFC Director @ [Nicole.Cross@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Nicole.Cross@jfs.ohio.gov).

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