



Vision for the County

- WRAP = Wellness & Recovery Action Plans.
- The WrapAround model used in Ohio develops individualized plans around young people and their families based on their strengths.
- The concept is looking at all of the needs of each family member and finding creative solutions to meet those needs. The goal is to improve the quality of life for children and families and keep families intact.



What are the needs?

- Some components of WrapAround already existed within single agencies.
- The Family & Children First Council coordinates these efforts so there is a **process** for multiple agencies to work together successfully on behalf of families.
- Social service agency's and county government share a common goal of preventing out of home placements.
- Supports to youths when they leave placement.
- Inclusion of families in service coordination.

Key Elements of WrapAround Teams

- Must be a family driven process
- Cross system involvement
- Inclusion of natural helpers
- Identification of needs & service solutions
- Services are tailored to the family
- Flexible location, timing and structure of meetings

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- Intensiveness
- Skills, creativity and willingness of team
- Ensure services are accessible
- Respect for child and family's unique cultural heritage
- Ongoing training of the WrapAround model

How Wrap Around Begins...

Referrals

Referrals can be made by any community agency:

- Court System
- Job & Family Services
- Law Enforcement
- Schools and the E.S.C.
- Counseling Centers
- Help Me Grow
- Health Department
- MR/DD
- ADAMHS Board
- Churches
- United Way
- Other

Release of Information



- The referring agency or school is responsible for obtaining parent signatures on the release form.
- The referring agency or school is responsible for completing the one page referral form.
- Both forms are provided today.
- The referral and the release should be given to the Family & Children First Council which initiates the WrapAround process.

Timeline After Referral

- Council Coordinator initiates referral process within 3 working days.
- The WrapAround Coordinator will make phone contact with the family within 5 working days of receiving the referral.
- The WrapAround Coordinator has 10 total days to make personal contact with the family, or assign another facilitator to the family.

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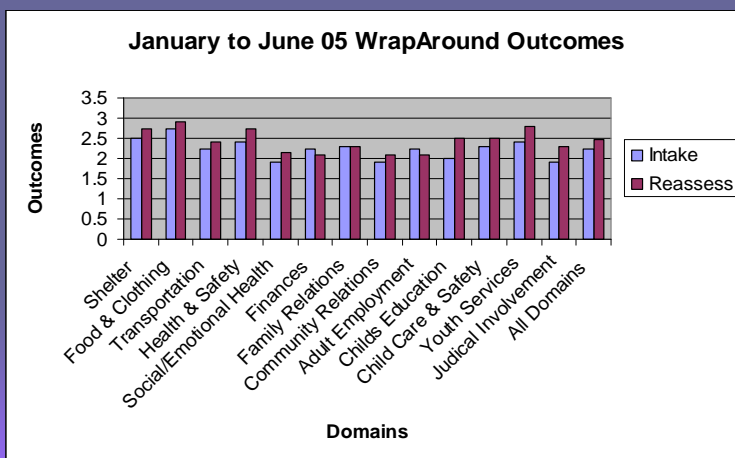
- During the initial meeting the family meets the WrapAround Coordinator (or their WrapAround facilitator) and learns what is expected of them in the program.
- The intake and assessment forms are completed during the first or second meeting with the family.
- The facilitator meets with the family to do a “Strengths, Needs & Culture Discovery”.
- The facilitator assists the family in forming a Family Team.
- The frequency and location of Family Team meetings are determined by family needs.



Implementation

- July 2004
Representatives from Juvenile Court and Probation, Family and Children First Council, JFS, and Pathways began discussion on ways to prevent and decrease placements and a desire to improve support for youth and families.
- Aug./ Sept. 2004
Council hosts presentation on effective WrapAround services. Interested agencies visit counties with successful programs.
- October 2004
Formation of WrapAround advisory committee to assess county needs and wrote a county WrapAround plan.
- Nov. / Dec. 2004
Family and Children First Council membership approves the plans for WrapAround. First WrapAround Coordinator was hired and began piloting four families.

The First Six Months... Progress Report for 12 Families



The First Year... Progress Report For -- Families

Funding

- \$20,000 in "Family And System Team" (FAST) state funds allocated to WrapAround by the Putnam County ADAMHS Board in both FY 05 and FY 06.
- \$9,000 in "Access to Better Care" state funds allocated to wraparound in by the Putnam County ADAHMS Board in FY 06.
- \$9,700 competitive grant from Ohio Department Of Youth Services in 2005. Non-renewable in 2006.

Family support funding

- \$3,000 United Way Venture Grant and \$1,800 in United Way agency funding. New application to be filed in March, 2006.
- \$3,300 contribution from Putnam Co. Juvenile Court to support families enrolled in the program in 2006 and 2007.

Accountability

- A WrapAround Advisory Committee was created to oversee policies, procedures and funding.
- A Family Coordination Team meets monthly to evaluate delivery of services and progress of families.
- The team has regular communication with Juvenile Court Judge Daniel Gerschutz.
- Pre and post survey's are completed by the family when they transition out of Wrap.
- A budget report is available mid-year and end of the year to all FCFC members.

Goals

Short Term:

- Gain support of schools and other groups that are critical sources for **obtaining referrals**
- Voluntary and **active participation** by families
- **Improved** coordination of services
- Families referred to WrapAround are **prevented** from escalating into crisis.

Goals

Long Term:

- Improved quality of family relationships and home environment achieved when families reach their WrapAround goals and families stay intact.
- Decreased placements to residential facilities, detention centers and foster care which cuts costs for agencies, schools and the county.
- Sustainability: realizing the benefits to families and cost savings, stakeholders will have the opportunity to “pool” funds to help sustain WrapAround personnel and services.

Spring 2006

- Prepare to expand services to more families.
- Deliver presentations to community groups and school administration and personnel.
- The Family and Children First Council will co-sponsor a 3-day training in April 2006 to train additional people as WrapAround facilitators.



What's in it for schools?

For students with significant needs
who face the threat of an out-of-home placement...

- WrapAround addresses non-academic barriers to school success.
- WrapAround provides a coordinator with immediate access to behavioral health services and resources.
- WrapAround provides a consistent team of multiple agencies, the family and the child.
- WrapAround provides a coordinator whose *primary job* is the family.
- WrapAround provides a coordinator who “will not go away.”