

Innovative Mental Health Programs for Ohio's Youth & Young Adults in Transition

Wraparound: Program Description

Wraparound is a strength-based planning process designed to meet the needs of families with complex issues. Trumbull County has promoted and practiced the Wraparound Process for many years, believing that family-centered, strength-based planning is best for children and achieves optimal results. The primary objective has always been to keep children in their own homes, providing whatever support families need to remain together.

Trumbull County has also found Wraparound to be an effective process for transition aged youth. In working with these young men and women, the focus often transitions from family-centered to youth-centered, to help them prepare for independence. Many of the Wraparound facilitators in Trumbull County have received training in the TIPS model. They work to incorporate this model, with the life domains that are more relevant to this population, into their plans.

In 2007, the Trumbull County Family Wraparound Committee amended its eligibility guidelines to extend funding for individuals over 18, as long as they met one or more of the following criteria: MRDD, in CSB custody, or still in school with an active IEP. The Committee also included some more specific recommendations for working with transition aged youth. The following is taken directly from the eligibility guidelines:

For children over the age of 16, teams must include planning for their transition to adulthood including:

- Permanent long term relationships with adults other than paid system staff
- Planning for family or family substitute connections
- Plan for maximizing career and educational opportunities
- Assuring the maximum level of community involvement and participation in daily life

Operational Resources

Full time Wraparound Coordinator, part time Wraparound Facilitators, office space for Coordinator, meeting space.

Financial Resources

The Family Wraparound Oversight Committee is very fortunate to have multiple sources of funds available to pay for services and supports included in Wraparound plans. These include state allocations and local contributions from CSB, MRDD, DJFS, LifeLines and Juvenile Court. In kind contributions include Wraparound facilitation, office space and meeting space.

Trumbull County Family Wraparound

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