

Each of our six counties has had to work with children/youth and their families, in which they have experienced significant levels of trauma and other multi-systemic issues, putting families at-risk for crisis and the child/youth at significant risk for out-of-home placement – resulting in the destabilization of families. It was because of these issues that our counties formed a working collaborative to work together to apply for the Strong Families Safe Communities Funding. The first two years of funding included Lucas, Erie, Sandusky and Seneca Counties, SFY's 2018 and 19 added both Ottawa and Wyandot Counties to our NW Ohio Collaborative, and while not formally part of the funded counties, Wood County also now participates in our SFSC Meetings and the "Wrap Club" meetings.

We are working together to improve our response to these issues within our counties by:

- **Building Capacity:** This has included pursuing strategies within our individual counties to address our county specific needs and also identifying shared priorities around building capacity, which include:
  - ✓ **High Fidelity Wraparound:** Initiation, development and strengthening of high fidelity Wraparound within each of our counties. This has also included the development of the Wraparound Club or "Wrap Club" for short. While we fall along a continuum of where we each have started and are at, we are committed to ensuring that families with complex needs can access the Wraparound process. We are also committed to developing local Wraparound Training Capacity by providing train the trainer opportunities for several staff across our agencies/counties. It is our intent and commitment to share training resources across the counties involved in the Collaborative. We will also work this year to develop training resources to better educate community stakeholders on Wraparound and how to be an effective WA team member.
  - ✓ **Trauma Informed Care:** Working to build capacity to ensure that families have access to trauma informed care both in the services they receive but also in how teams work with families that are involved in cross-system teams. In SFY 2018, Lucas County and Sandusky County developed an important strategic partnership which included the Trauma Informed Care Coalition in Lucas County and resulted in the development of a Trauma Informed Care Coalition in Sandusky County.
  - ✓ **Development of Peer Supports:** Our counties are committed to working together to pursue strategies to develop peer supports for both youth and parents involved in Intersystem Care Coordination. Since NW Ohio is also involved as one of two regions in the ENGAGE 2.0 grant – we will work to collaborate and coordinate this work with this development for ENGAGE.
- **Improving Regional Inter-County Collaboration and Coordination**
- **Improving Access to Services:** By improving both Capacity and Regional Collaboration and Coordination we think that this grant ultimately helps better connect children/youth and their families with very complex challenges to available services/supports in a timelier and more coordinated manner.