



# SHIAWASSEE Health & Wellness

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## WRAPAROUND SERVICES

### **What Is Wraparound?**

Wraparound is a process or a way of working with the child and the family. It is not a program or service. The process is based on the idea that services should be tailored to meet the individual needs of children and families. A Wraparound Specialist or Facilitator will work with the family (and team) to discover strengths, set goals, determine major needs and develop strength-based option to meet those needs.

The Wraparound Process has many parts, including:

- Deciding who is on the Wraparound team
- Identifying the strengths of the child and family
- Setting outcomes (What observed changes because of being involved in Wraparound?)
- Listing needs by reviewing all areas of the child's life and the family life. (These areas are called life domains.)
- Designing strength-based strategies. (Ways to meet needs and make progress.)
- Developing a safety plan to be sure your child, family and community remain safe and lives are less stressful.

### **Who Decides Who Is On The Wraparound Team?**

The child and family, with the help of the Wraparound Facilitator, will decide who is on the Wraparound Team. Team participants may include close friends, family, neighbors and/or other people who know the child and perhaps have helped in the past. Agency staff who are already involved with the child and family should also be included, such as therapists, school social workers, probation offers, or others.

### **What Else Is Involved In Wraparound Services?**

The Wraparound Specialist working with the family will help discover strengths and resources that already exist in the family. The strengths of the family and the child's team are the most useful parts for developing a successful plan.

### **What About Setting Outcomes?**

Wraparound goals are outcomes. The child and family, along with your team, will determine the desired outcomes and this will determine the services the child and family will receive. It is important for the child and family to let the Wraparound Team know

what supports and resources you need so together the desired outcomes can be achieved.

Once the Wraparound Team has decided on outcomes, it is time to determine what the child, family and team need from each other to reach the desired outcomes. The team will explore all the different area (life domains) of the child's and family's life and identify the needs.

### **What About Brainstorming Options?**

The Wraparound Team will thoroughly review the needs that were chosen and list possible options to help meet those needs. The team will be as creative and inventive as possible. Then the team will review the list of options and choose those that best match with the strengths of the family.

### **What About Crisis/Safety Planning?**

Keeping the child and family safe are very important parts of Wraparound planning. The child/family may have lived through frightening situations and may be worried about what could happen because of certain behavior. The child/family and the Wraparound Team will talk about and develop a safety plan that will explain the steps the child and family will take to prevent or manage a crisis in the future.

### **What Is The Referral Process?**

Wraparound referrals are provided to the Community Team, a group of representatives from various public and private agencies. Staff at any agency that provide services to children and families can complete referrals.