



# Wraparound Services and Probation Youth: Supporting Youth at Risk for Out of Home Placement

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## Wraparound & ICPM

- ▶ Our Wraparound model is driven by the Integrated Core Practice Model/ICPM.
- ▶ The nationally recognized core values and principles of the ICPM are derived largely from research about how collaborative and integrated family services work best.
- ▶ Every initial meeting with the family starts off with a review of the 10 Principles of Wraparound (same as the ICPM) model

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### 10 Principles of Wraparound



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## Santa Barbara County Wraparound Demographics

- ▶ 30 Slots
- ▶ 2021/22: Approximately 30% of Wraparound clients were probation youth
  - ▶ 67% have maintained placement when they have remained in the program for more than 2 months
- ▶ 2022/23: Approximately 40% of Wraparound clients are probation youth
  - ▶ 80% have maintained placement when they have remained in the program for more than 2 months

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## FFPSA Part IV & Wraparound

- ▶ The Family First Prevention Services Act Part IV requires that all youth who are stepping down from an STRTP be offered Wraparound services.
  - ▶ Families can decline to participate, but they must be offered the services.
- ▶ The referring party offers Wraparound to the youth and families.
  - ▶ Ideally, this occurs when the youth is still in placement
- ▶ If a youth/family agrees, a referral to Wraparound is made.
- ▶ Wraparound services can begin 30 days prior to a youth returning home from placement to support with engagement, transition, safety planning, etc.

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So, what do we do when we know that these youth are right on the precipice of going to out of home placement?

## Focus on a Few Strategies

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## Collaboration

- ▶ Involvement from the supervisors down
  - ▶ Wraparound PM and Probation Supervisors work together strategies to implement change.
  - ▶ Interagency Placement Committee/IPC is involved in the development of ideas.
- ▶ MDT meetings are held with team members and supervisors to brainstorm, problem solve barriers, and explore solutions from a systems perspective
  - ▶ What additional needs could the system meet to support this youth in being successful? How do we better engage the family?
- ▶ Then hold a CFT with the family to develop a cohesive plan with the entire team

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## Persistence

- ▶ The majority of the job is just showing up.
- ▶ It's not a 2 no shows and you're done kind of service.
- ▶ Do what we say we are going to do and being there when support is needed.
- ▶ Sometimes persistence means being persistent with other providers on behalf of the client.

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## Strength-Based

- ▶ How many times do we sit with cases where caregivers cannot identify a single strength for the youth that is sitting in front of them?
- ▶ How can that youth be motivated to change if others cannot see the strengths that they have to offer?
- ▶ How can caregivers see strengths when everyone just focuses on negatives?
- ▶ We need to be the ones who help to change the lens of what is focused on. This does not mean ignoring the negative but spending more time focusing on the positive and even the smallest of successes.
- ▶ Even when we have closures, and those closures are not for positive reasons (new offenses, etc.), we end by focusing on strengths (participation or whatever we can identify).

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## Celebrating Successes

- ▶ When youth complete our program (completing probation or placement is stabilized) we always celebrate with a graduation.
  - ▶ Provide graduation certificates for youth and caregivers highlighting all of the strengths and hard work we have seen throughout participation in the program.
  - ▶ Use flex funds to have a graduation party with caregivers, natural supports, Probation, etc., to celebrate the progress. Youth and families get to choose where to have these celebrations and each one looks different.
  - ▶ Provide families with a transition plan that highlights the goals that were met, ongoing goals, and contacts for supports. Wraparound team members numbers are provided and the "Once Wraparound, Always Wraparound" Philosophy is explained
  - ▶ Transitional objects are provided and individualized for each youth and caregiver based on the staff members' work with that person.
- ▶ When youth may not have "graduated" but are ending services (not going to a higher level of care) we still have a celebration of participation.
  - ▶ Provide participation certificates the same as graduation certificates.

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## What Happens When Wrap “Isn’t Successful?”

- ▶ We always end on a positive note, keeping our strength-based approach
- ▶ Remembering we are always planting seeds, sometimes we just don’t get to see those seeds grow in the moment
- ▶ Encouraging youth they can ask to be re-referred to our program when they come home
- ▶ When youth do go to STRTPs, they continue to be staffed routinely at IPC so Wrap remains up to date in preparation for when the youth come home
- ▶ Reminding youth and families of the “Once Wraparound, Always Wraparound” philosophy and remaining available for connections to supports if it’s needed

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## Success Stories

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