

WrapMN: Minnesota's High-Fidelity Wraparound

Minnesota System of Care is working on an ambitious project to pilot WrapMN, Minnesota's High-Fidelity Wraparound, using a system of care values-based approach. WrapMN is a care planning process designed to help children and youth with serious mental illness who are served by multiple agencies and are at risk for out-of-home placement. It is a process within a system of care broad framework that brings together a team of family, friends, community members, professionals, and cross-system supports resulting in the creation of a plan of care that best fits the family's vision, story, strengths, and needs.

What is WrapMN?

WrapMN is a strength-based and family-driven approach to service delivery which works to ensure that services within a system of care work together to provide youth with the best possible care. In order to accomplish these goals, the current initiative seeks to demonstrate high-quality, high-fidelity Wraparound through comprehensive training, consultation and evaluation in five communities in Minnesota over the course of two years (August 2019 – September 2021).

Funding Source

This initiative is federally-funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through a System of Care (SOC) Expansion and Sustainability implementation award, a multi-state competitive grant that seeks to improve systems of care for youth.

Components

- Coordinating Center: University of Minnesota Institute for Translational Research (UMN/ITR) and the National Wraparound Implementation Center (NWIC)
- Expert training in Wraparound principles and practices
- Individualized coaching to reinforce the implementation of WrapMN
- System of Care infrastructure enhancement to ensure sustainability
- Dedicated Wraparound Care Coordinators in each community to ensure youth and family voice in the Wraparound process and to facilitate the creation of one Plan of Care
- Quality Assurance (QA), data collection and evaluation

Communities and lead agencies chosen for initiative:

- Sherburne County/Main Street Family Services

- PACT for Families Collaborative
- Hennepin County/FamilyWise & Volunteers of America
- Ramsey County/Change, Inc.
- Winona County/Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center

Youth and Families Impacted by Initiative

- Approximately 110 youth at risk for initial or further out-of-home placement and their families will be served by the participating community system of care partnership

Service Sectors Impacted by Initiative

- Approximately 75 family, community and staff members from participating communities will receive training and individualized coaching in WrapMN implementation from a variety of service sectors including schools, juvenile justice, child welfare, behavioral health, etc.

Why WrapMN?

High-Fidelity Wraparound is an evidence-based process in children's mental health because it is:

- Driven by youth and their families
- Inclusive of the people who are important in their lives
- Reflective of the youth and family's strengths and culture
- Supported by an effective team process
- Led by a single care coordinator.

WrapMN will be implemented in five regions across the state. This will include intensive evaluation with national and state measures intended to study both qualitative and quantitative processes.