

## WRAPAROUND PROCESS

Wraparound is a planning process that follows a series of steps to help children and families realize their hopes and dreams. The wraparound process also helps make sure children and youth grow up in their own homes and communities. It is a team-based activity that helps people involved in a family's life work together toward a common goal. With the help of a care coordinator and family support provider, the team creates a plan that includes ways to assure that children/youth and their families can experience success in their communities, homes and schools. Before you decide to participate in this process, you should know:

### What do I need to know?

- You will be asked to help develop a team and make decisions with that team.
- You will be asked to identify your family's strengths and needs.
- You and your team will consider a variety of actions to meet needs.
- Your wraparound plan will change regularly.
- You and your team will get an opportunity to evaluate whether your plan is getting the results you want.

### What can I expect?

- You can expect a care coordinator or family support provider to contact you to get to know you and your family.
- You can expect regular team meetings.
- You can expect to get copies of all plans and reports including your wraparound plan and your strengths, needs, culture discovery.
- You can expect your first child and family team meeting to occur within one month of your initial contact with your care coordinator and or family support provider.
- You can expect that your care coordinator may ask you to sign papers so that he or she can talk to other people in preparing for your first team meeting.
- Throughout the process, you can expect to be respected and your voice to be heard.

### Phases of Wraparound

- **Engagement and Team Preparation**  
Care coordinator and family support provider meet with you to discuss your family's story. They will listen to your concerns, needs, hopes, dreams and strengths. You will identify people who have been helpful for each family member.
- **Initial Plan Development**  
Your first child and family team meeting will be held with people who are providing services to your family as well as people who are connected to you in a supportive role. When the meeting is over everyone will leave knowing what they have to do and how to contact team members.
- **Plan Implementation**  
Your team comes together regularly. The team will review your accomplishments, assess whether your plan has been working to achieve your goals, adjust things that aren't working within the plan, and assign new tasks to team members.
- **Transition**  
This happens throughout the process, but there comes a time when you will no longer need to meet regularly with the team. You will make a plan for the future. Completion of the program may involve a final team meeting, a celebration, or simply saying you are ready to move on.