

Wraparound Oregon



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- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Local Funding Partnerships four-year \$500,000 matching grant
- Meyer Memorial Trust Foundation
- Northwest Health Foundation
- Oregon Community Foundation
- Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Community Partners:

- Albertina Kerr Centers – grantee organization for the RWJ matching grant
- CareOregon
- ChristieCare
- City of Portland
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Department of Human Services – Children, Adults and Families
- Juvenile Rights Project
- Lifeworks Northwest
- Metro Public Defenders
- Morrison Child and Family Services
- Multnomah County Circuit Court
- Multnomah County Commissioners
- Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice
- Multnomah County Developmental Disabilities Division
- Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
- Multnomah County Mental Health and Addictions Services
- Multnomah Education Services District – grantee organization for SAMHSA grant
- Oregon Family Support Network
- Oregon Youth Authority
- Portland Public Schools
- Portland State University

Overview

PROBLEM:

In recent years, a number of groups at the state and local levels have proposed solutions that might better serve children and youth with complex mental health needs, but to date, none has been entirely successful in creating the kind of system change that is needed. When the child and family service systems are fragmented and duplicative, children are often served in more restrictive environments and at a much higher cost.

SOLUTION:

Wraparound Oregon is an initiative to transform how government agencies and nonprofits respond to children with complex mental health needs.

This community-owned effort, based in Multnomah County, is building capacity to more effectively use existing resources to serve the highest need, most costly children. Wraparound Oregon is developing a coordinated system of services and supports for

children and youth who are involved in multiple systems such as child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health and special education.

By implementing a collaborative governance structure consisting of alliances between child-serving public and private agencies and families, this system change project is adapting wraparound techniques and fidelity measures to insure higher quality services to this population.

Progress & Benefits

PROGRESS:

In its fourth year of operations, Wraparound Oregon has made impressive inroads:

- Launching two pilot projects – one for school-age children and youth and one for children birth to eight.
- Ensuring buy-in and commitment from major child serving systems through Interagency Agreement and considerable in-kind contributions.
- Providing cross-system training and coaching on the wraparound process and system of care values

and principles to community partners.

- Sharing information through a web-based management information system accessed via the Internet by all systems.
- Monitoring system and service outcomes through a system and service evaluation.
- Working closely with governor's office and state agency leaders to develop an integrated financing structure for Oregon.
- Involving families and youth in decision making at the policy, program and individual case levels.

BENEFITS:

- Children served in less restrictive environments and at a much lower cost.
- Youth reporting satisfaction with their involvement in case plans.
- Reduced psychiatric residential treatment and hospitalization stays.
- Fewer foster care transitions.
- Less extended use of detention facilities.
- Fewer highly restrictive educational settings.
- Shared multi-system funding used to meet individual needs.