

## Strengths Assessments

- Are helpful with learning the good news about families.
- Establish a positive focus to build on with families.
- Identify strengths which can help families get through difficult times.
- Help families find hope to make positive changes for their future.

## Child and Family Teams

- Are people who know the child and family best within the family, community, and careprovider representatives.
- Support the family unconditionally.
- Encourages strong parent involvement.
- Are committed to providing support within the community.
- Provides a positive environment for families to work on their needs.

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## THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS

Wraparound is a planning process that follows a series of steps to help children and their families realize their hopes and dreams.



## What is Wraparound?

Wraparound is a planning process that is designed to create an individualized plan to meet the needs of children and their families by utilizing their strengths.

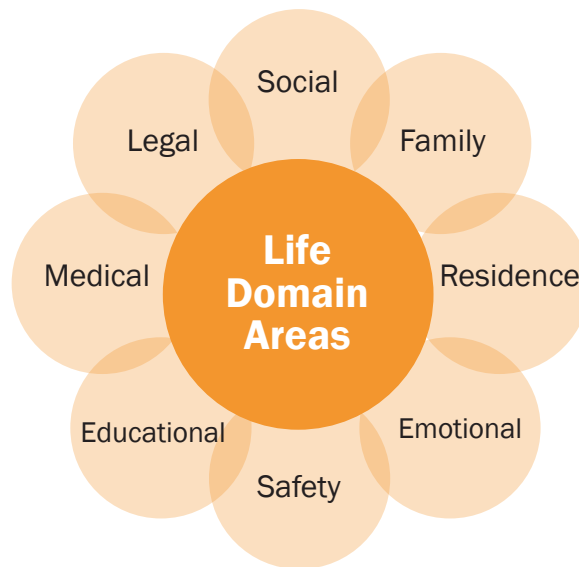
Wraparound is an established process for delivery of services and supports to children and families, with severe and multiple needs and risks, being served by multiple agencies.

Wraparound refers to an individually designed set of services and supports provided to children with serious emotional disturbance or serious mental illness and their families that includes treatment services, personal support services or any other supports necessary to maintain the child in the family home.

The Wraparound process is a team approach that includes the child/youth, parent(s) or guardians, other services providers/agencies, schools, extended family, friends and others who the child and/or family identifies to work together toward a common mission. The Wraparound process is a particularly effective approach in serving children served by multiple systems.

## How does Wraparound work?

1. The Wraparound Facilitator meets with the family and together they develop a Strengths Assessment.
2. A Child and Family Team is created.
3. The team typically meets once a week in the beginning to create an individualized plan to help meet the families' needs.
4. The plan is strengths based and usually focused on at least three Life Domains.
5. The Wraparound process is community based and created to meet the families' needs.
6. The plan is monitored and evaluated often.



## Phases of Wraparound

**Phase I: Engagement & Team Participation**  
The family discusses their concerns, needs, hopes, dreams and strengths. They describe their vision for the future. The family decides who would be most helpful to be on their family team.

**Phase II: Initial Plan Development**  
The Team develops a mission statement. They develop the family's needs list. The family comes up with ways to meet their needs, which are matched with their strengths. Team members are assigned tasks.

**Phase III: Plan Implementation**  
The Team reviews the family's accomplishments. They discuss whether the plan is working for them. The family adjusts things that are not working in the plan. The Team decides on assigning new tasks.

**Phase IV: Transition**  
This phase includes making a plan for the future and identifying who the family can contact as the process phases out.

## Wraparound: Commitment to your family

The philosophy of Wraparound is based on an unconditional commitment to your family's success. If the plan, or supports or services are not improving the life of your child or family, or if the plan fails to produce the outcomes you were hoping for, the plan is changed. You and your team keep working until you find what works.