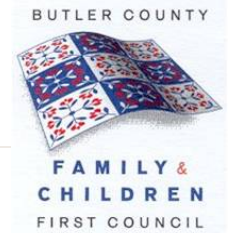


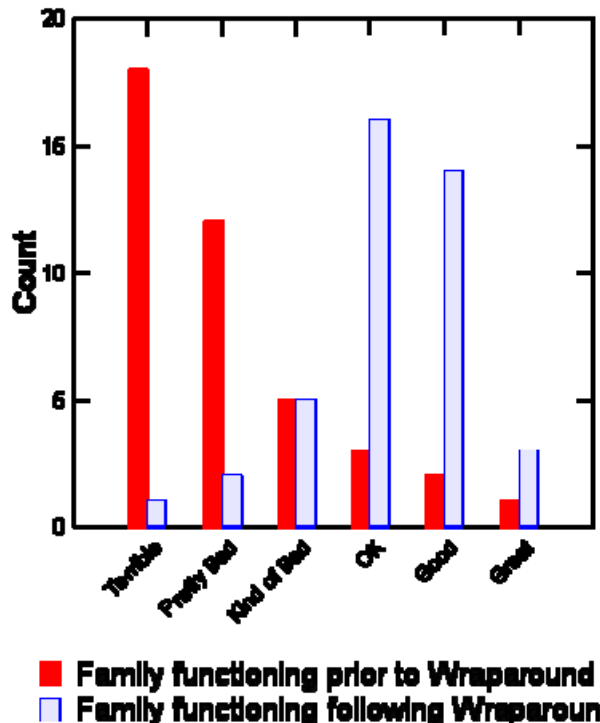
It's A Wrap!



Community Wraparound A Year in Review

Community Wraparound continues to serve more families in 2010 in both facilitation and advocacy. In addition, the changes to our evaluation process were able to provide us with more meaningful data to measure progress for individual teams as well as the program. The 2010 Annual Report is available through the FCFC and showcases demographics, placement stability, improved youth/family functioning, parent satisfaction, cost savings, and fidelity measures. The charts to the right and below are samples highlighting improvements for families and our adherence to the values of Wraparound.

Caregivers report that family functioning has improved as a result of Wraparound.



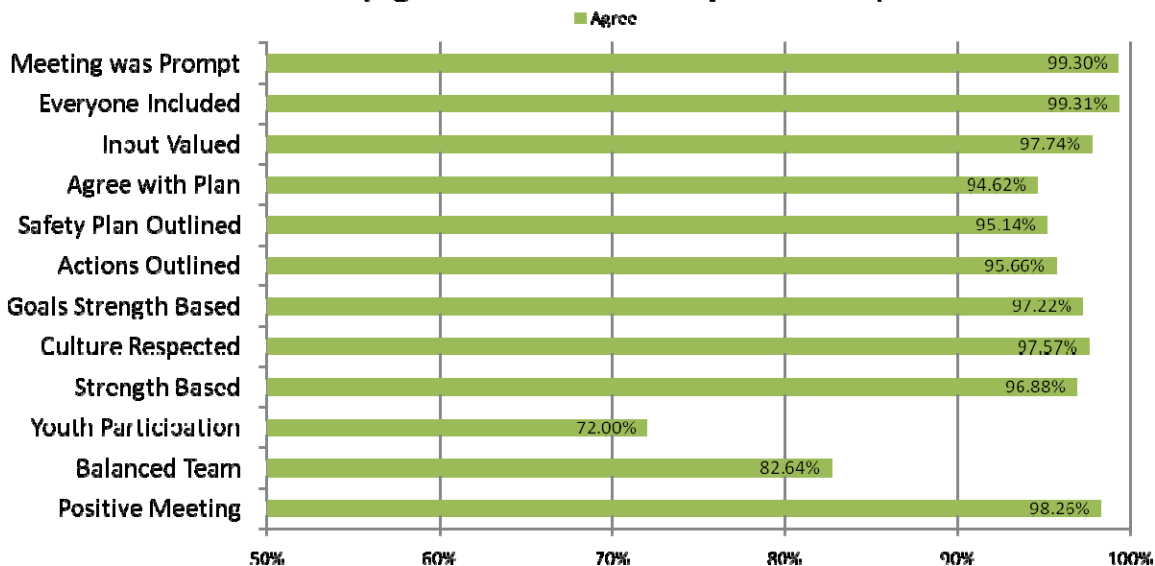
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2010 Team Satisfaction Survey

Team Members' Response to Post Meeting Surveys (Agreement with Fidelity Measures)



For an in depth look at our annual report, please visit our website at www.bcsc.org or contact Stephanie Kingrey at (513) 887-5510 for a printed copy.

Top 10 Reasons Parents Love Butler County Wraparound:

By Susan R.

1. My facilitator is an excellent drill sergeant to stay on task at my family's meetings.
2. My Parent Advocate is the sweetest!
3. We have meetings all about me!
4. I love to see everyone working together to solve problems.
5. I clean my house regularly for meetings every 2 weeks.
6. A computer is in my house!
7. I'm 39 and I'm going to college!
8. Great to have everyone's ideas and strategies.
9. We found resources to help our family.
10. My son, my family, and I are getting the help we need.

My family and I have been in Butler County Wraparound for a little over a year. Wraparound has

benefited my family immensely. Together with my team, I've celebrated many personal successes. Also my family and I have improved in many ways. I deal with my family's stressful episodes calmer. We created a plan to help us. Thanks to my team for coming together and planning. I believe the most important thing I've gained is organizational skills and to prioritize the important things. Our team gets together every 2 weeks to plan different strategies to help solve family conflicts. Wraparound has helped me redefine who I am. A valuable lesson I've learned is to have my own sense of identity and to take excellent care of myself just as I do my children. Community Wraparound, along with my team, helped our family to hook up with

many important agencies we needed. Our family is on the right path; however, not quite there yet. I'm striving for success and excellence to make sure my family and I complete our goals and dreams. I am looking forward to handling everything that comes my way with grace, peace and confidence, referring back to everything we planned in our meetings. As for me and all of the Wraparound families, we have the blessing of getting the help we need to live our lives to their fullest potential. For me, that includes family peace and to be able to use the skills I've learned to be recycled to help somebody else. I'm growing, my kids are growing, good things are happening! We are getting better and better! Thanks to my team! Kudos to you!!

Family Fun Corner

Intro by Leah Draut Article by Susan R.

One thing that I have learned as a parent is that I often look to other parents for great ideas of activities to do with my own child. Different families have different traditions that are fun for the adults in the family as well as for the kids. Here is a great idea I got from a family in Wraparound of how to make meal time fun while spending quality time with your kids. Leah Draut

Hey, Wraparound Families! I want to pass on a great idea...My family and I sometimes have carpet picnics on the floor in

our living room. Carpet picnics are fun! You can watch TV and eat at the same time. My 3 kids and I throw a blanket on the floor and "cop a squat." We eat while we are watching TV. They love it and ask for a carpet picnic often. For those who need extra incentives with kids on privileges, this is a fabulous "free" reward that makes everyone happy. FYI, it works best with finger foods. Just make sure the blanket is washable. Just throw it in the wash when done-easy clean up. Enjoy, and embrace simple, memorable



moments with your kids! Susan R.

By a Wraparound Teen

The Unedited Truth

My parents raised me with the belief that hurting others is wrong. Nobody, however, taught me that hurting yourself is wrong. With this upbringing, it seemed only logical to turn my rage towards other people to myself. When they first found out, this method of dealing with my feelings was not smiled upon by others, but there were few consequences.

Consequences started to kick-in during November '07 when I skipped class and blurted out to my Vice Principal that I was mad my overdose didn't kill me. I had no reason for wanting to die; it just seemed optimal. Nobody bought my story, and I endured my first 12 days in a psych ward.

I returned to school and made a new friend. We agreed on a suicide pact; February 20. When the suicide plan played out on February 21 I received a recommendation for expulsion and a trip back to the psych ward until our insurance ran out.

I transferred to an alternative school, but ended up back in the hospital. I managed to fake my way out of the hospital and stay out of trouble until August. I spent some more time locked up, and I started 9th grade, pretty much a mess. My behaviors had

long since been about my emotions. I was addicted to the self-harming behaviors, and it was almost impossible to stop them. I couldn't make it through school without them. My behaviors got me kicked out of my school. School wanted me to be "fixed" before I was allowed to return.

In order to help my parents deal with the mess that I was, Wraparound was brought in. Within one meeting, I had already guaranteed myself a spot in a short-term resident facility. I had no intention of changing my behaviors; I decided to wait until the money or my time ran out, rather than change. About 45 days into my 30-day stay at my first residential facility, I was discharged in order to be sent to a longer-stay residential in Cleveland because I had failed to improve.

In Cleveland, I had no intentions of stopping my self-harming behaviors; I had always been fond of hiding my behaviors, rather than stopping. In a little over a month, I decided I was done. I was so miserable where I was, and I wanted things that I could not have while locked up. I quit, cold turkey, for about three months. I gained so many freedoms in those months and made so much progress.

Unfortunately, I had like a super-snap and I ended up encountering the cops, an ambulance, and a bed in another psych ward. Although I got a free pair of pants, I back-tracked a great deal in my progress. I was furious with myself, because I had been about a month away from coming home.

About a week after returning from the psych ward, I decided to start clean again. From there, I did a lot of work to get back home. After nine months and a whole lot of memories, I returned home in time to start 10th grade.

It was hard, losing everyone's trust. I've gone through some smaller mess-ups and a whole lot of therapy since I've been home. I don't agree with everything I have to do, but I've been behavior-less for almost eight months and facility-less for a year. My success has been credited to many people, but I'm ultimately the one reaping the rewards. From being a kid who was facing expulsion, to a "poster child" that shows what benefits programs can provide, I've definitely changed. For someone who can't even finish a book, I feel like that's an accomplishment!

10 Tips From Teens to Adults

1. **Look At Us.**
Make eye contact.
2. **SPEND TIME TALKING WITH US.**
Ask open-ended questions. Build the conversation.
3. **LISTEN.**
Pay attention. Don't multi-task or get distracted when you're with us. Respond to our messages and texts.
4. **BE DEPENDABLE.**
Do what you say you're going to do.
5. **SHOW APPRECIATION FOR WHAT WE DO.**
Give compliments. Show that you're glad to see us or hear from us. Send us personalized cards.
6. **RELAX.**
Don't feel like you have to be on guard.
7. **SHOW THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED.**
Attend our concerts, games and other events. Ask us to show you what we can do.
8. **LAUGHT WITH US (AND AT YOURSELF).**
Laugh at our jokes. Show us your humor.
9. **ASK US TO HELP YOU.**
Ask us for our ideas. Share your own, too.
10. **CHALLENGE US.**
Teach us what you know. Push us to do our best.

Find more at www.at15.com through the Search Institute.



Upcoming Events

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We update the newsletter quarterly and it can be found at our website listed below. Click on the Family & Children First Council tab.

www.bcesc.org



Butler County Community Wraparound provides service coordination for families requesting a planning process to create action steps to support them and their children. For more information or to make a referral, contact Tom Jenne at 513.887.5514.



- **The Kinship Navigator Program** is available to families in Butler County that are new to taking care of children other than their own. The Kinship Navigator can help you “navigate” the many community systems and access available resources. Taking care of another’s child can be fulfilling and rewarding and help is available. Call Melissa Ruffner for more information and dates of the upcoming support groups and events at 785-6881.
- **Peer Support Group** meets the Second Tuesday of every month at the Janet Clemmons Center, (282 North Fair Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011), from 6-8 pm. Please contact Victoria Chitwood at (513) 828-5116 or victoriachitwood@yahoo.com for more information.
- **Kids In Care Of Kin (KICK)** group is open to all members who are not being served by the Kinship Navigator program. Meetings are held the Third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8pm at the Janet Clemmons Center (211 Fair Ave, Hamilton, Ohio). Contact Barb Brock at (513) 939-8271 for more information.
- **New Worker Orientation** is scheduled for Thursday September 30th and Friday October 1st from 8:30-4:00 pm. For more information, contact Heather Wells at 887-5534.
- **Wraparound 101** training is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19 from 12:30-4:30 pm at the Butler County Educational Service Center’s new location: 400 N. Erie Blvd, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. For more information, contact Sharon Custer at 785-5177.
- **The Ohio Families Organizing for Change** is a parent run organization which provides support for families raising children with special needs. The group offers monthly social events and informational sessions as well as drum circles for children. For more information, visit their website at www.ofofc.org or contact Elena Graham at 513-889-9391.

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 Yahoo Group!
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