

# It's A Wrap!



## Butler County Community Wraparound

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### Wraparound Reports Annual Program Outcomes

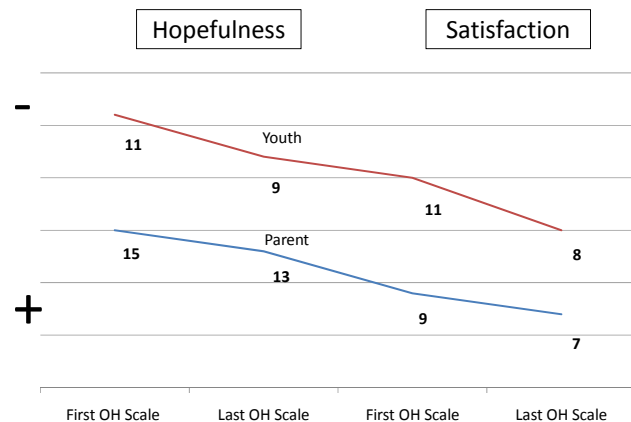
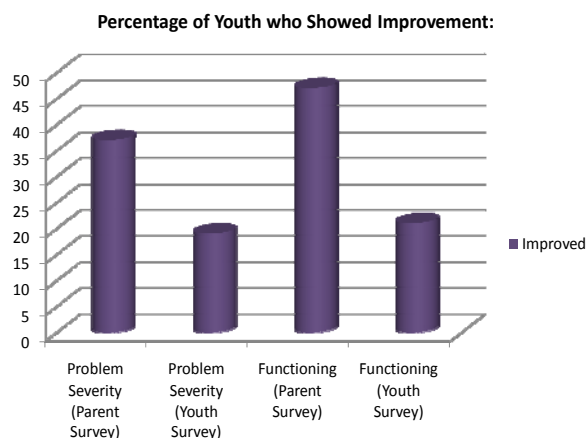
At Community Wraparound, we have been busy collecting data from the families we serve. This is done so that we can know that what we do is actually making a real difference in the lives of children and their caregivers.

We have many goals for families as a result of their involvement in Wraparound. Some of them include: that kids and their caregivers will feel more hopeful and satisfied; the youth's negative behaviors will decrease and their ability to function will improve; kids will have fewer changes in placement and are able to stay in their own home; and they will have access to new and/or flexibly funded supports. In addition, we want to know if we are offering them a Wraparound process that is timely and consistent with the National Wraparound Initiative.

So what did we find? Well, for most families, we are hitting the mark! Kids are improving, families are feeling more hopeful and we are being good stewards of our funding. Of course, part of being Outcome Based means we need to use this data to figure out how to improve on our current processes and how to be even more helpful to families and systems.

We included some of the data elements from our annual report for you to review. If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact Stephanie Kingrey at 513-887-5510 or [kingreys@bcsc.org](mailto:kingreys@bcsc.org).

### Ohio Scales Outcomes



A majority of caregivers and youth report that problem behaviors decrease and behavioral functioning improves during their involvement in Wraparound.

Caregivers and youth feel more hopeful and satisfied with services during their involvement with Wraparound. Due to the way the Ohio Scales is scored, a lower number indicates improvement.

*Community Wraparound forms a team around a child and family who are struggling to stay safe, stay together, and/or maintain everyday life and functioning. The team works together to create, implement, and monitor a community and strength-based plan that will help the family realize its vision for a better life.*  
Adapted from "Quality and Fidelity in Wraparound" by Janet S. Walker and Eric Burns as found in Focal Point.

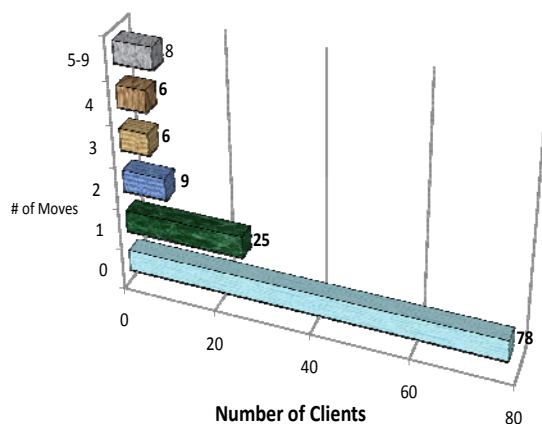
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	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09
Total number of children served at any point in the process	112	163	212	242
Number of new children referred	112	95	134	184
Number on the waiting list on last date of the fiscal year	8	3	11	20
Number of active cases on last date of the fiscal year	60	81	68	85
Number of cases closed after participating in Wraparound	16	47	83	78
Number of families served by a Parent Advocate	11	20	54	86

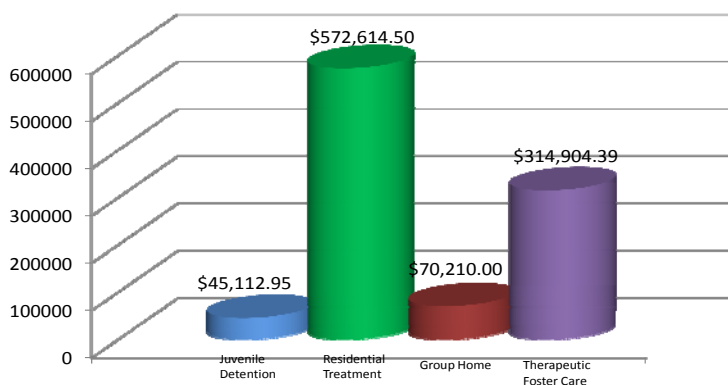
- Average length of involvement for all cases was 11 months
- Average length of involvement for cases closing successfully was 13.3 months (range of 3 to 40 months).

## Placement Stability:

- 59% of youth did not have any placement changes during FY 09
- Of the 54 clients who did have placement changes, 63% had two moves or less, with almost half (47%) reporting their final move was back into their own home.
- Only 6% of families closed with Community Wraparound while the youth was still out of the home.



## Estimated Cost Savings from Out of Home Placement Prevented/Reduced



Creative, individualized, family-driven planning keeps youth in the community rather than expending emotional and financial resources for out of home placements. For those youth needing placement as part of a plan, Wraparound teams' active involvement ensured a more successful, expeditious transition back to Butler County.

**The Estimated Cost SAVINGS for FY09 was \$1,002,842!**

## Parent Network: Families Organizing for Change!

Parents and caregivers are on the move!

The Family & Children First Council recently invited caregivers of children with behavioral health needs to come together in support of each other and other families in Butler County. Many families responded and have already

started to work! Currently, members are planning activities for socialization, respite, and advocacy.

Families can find the group on Facebook (search: Ohio Families Organizing for Change) and Yahoo Groups (search: Butler

County Wraparound Parent Network). For more information, contact the Family & Children First Council at (513) 887-5510.

## Parent Advocacy In Butler County

Families often verbalize how helpful having a Parent Advocate has been for them. With enhanced advocacy skills, parents often feel more empowered to speak on behalf of their children and family. Not only do they feel better equipped to handle situations within their own families, some have become involved in their communities and are reaching out to others. Seeing families develop

confidence in taking an active role in meetings, finding out the steps they took in resolving situations or simply kind words of gratitude are some of the impacts evidenced through Parent Advocacy. FCFC is always seeking individuals to serve as Parent Advocates. If you have personal, direct experience with a child with special needs as caregiver or family member and are looking for a way to reach out to families in Butler County,

please contact Lynda Coombs, Family Advocacy Coordinator, at 513-887-5519. You can make a difference in the life of a family!



## Kinship Navigator Program

### Kinship Navigator



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 we are here to help. Call Melissa Ruffner for information and dates of the upcoming support groups and events at :785-6881.

Butler County Community Wraparound provides service coordination for families of children with behavioral health issues and who may be struggling in their home, school and/or communities. For more information or to make a referral, contact Tom Jenne at 513.887.5514.

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## Upcoming Events

- Next **FCFC Administrative Council** Meeting December 2, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at Janet Clemmons Center. Call (513) 887-5510 for more information.
- **Asset Builders' Roundtable** - Bring your lunch and join other Asset Builders as we talk about how to improve the lives of young people in Butler County! Thursday, October 15, 2009 12:00 - 1:30 pm at the ESC. Contact Heather Wells at (513) 887-5534 for more information. No registration needed.
- **Wraparound 101** training Thursday, September 24, 2009 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm at the ESC. Register at [www.bcesc.org/Family & Children First](http://www.bcesc.org/Family%20&%20Children%20First) or contact Christina Curcio at (513) 293-8373 for more information.
- **Autism Expo** on September 26, 2009 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Live Oaks Campus, 5956 Buckwheat Rd, Milford, Ohio. Get full details at [autismexpo.org](http://autismexpo.org) or call 513-444-4979.
- **Bridges out of Poverty training:** Day 1- Wednesday September 30, 2009, Day 2 - Monday October 26, 2009 8:30-4:00 at the ESC. Call (513) 887-5505 for more information. Cost is \$50.00 per day.
- **Support Group for Parents of Children (up to age 18)** who have a child with a serious emotional disorder or a child who has been diagnosed with or exhibits symptoms of a neurobiological brain disorder or mental illness Grandparents and other caregivers are welcome. Call (513) 721-2910 ext. 12 for more information about meeting dates and times.
- **2009 Safety, Health & Resource Fair** open to families, children, human services providers, Head Start staff and interested community members will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 1200 Main Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.



## Search Institute presents the Healthy Communities - Healthy Youth Conference

November 5-7 2009 at the Millennium Hotel - Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

[www.searchconference.org](http://www.searchconference.org) or 887-240-7251