



Shoulder to Shoulder
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Oregon Children's Wraparound Initiative

Helping children and families realize their hopes and dreams.

Target Population

Children from birth to 18 who have emotional, behavioral or substance abuse related needs, and who touch at least two systems. This population includes children who are at risk of developing problems, as well as those who already have a diagnosed problem. ❖

The Initiative

The Statewide Children's Wraparound Initiative, launched in March 2007 by a Governor's Executive Order, is building a community-based, coordinated system of services and supports for children with complex behavioral health needs and their families. Multiple systems, including education, child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health and the Oregon Youth Authority, are working together to provide an improved response to Oregon's families in need. Efforts will:

- Provide services as early as possible so children can be successful at home, in school and in their communities.
- Make services available based on individual strengths and needs of the child and family.
- Maximize resources available to serve children across systems. ❖

***"It's this incredible collaboration creating the dynamic that says together we are stronger than our individual parts."
Ron Hitchcock, Superintendent, Multnomah Education Service District***

Implementation

This ambitious one-year project has a host of "deliverables," which include the following:

- **Managing various committees.**
- **Analyzing state-level contracts, administrative rules, statutes, federal regulations and identify needed changes.**
- **Submitting a multi-biennial financing strategies document.**
- **Conducting a market assessment and an information system assessment.**
- **Developing a family-run, youth guided organization with capacity to provide services, oversight and evaluation of the System of Care. ❖**

What systems are doing differently

There is a heightened awareness of top-level decision makers that business must be conducted differently, especially for the highest need, most costly population of children and youth.

In wraparound communities, child-serving systems are working together, sharing resources and expertise. Families are driving the decision-making process at the policy, practice and team levels. Youth are participating in the development of their plans of care.

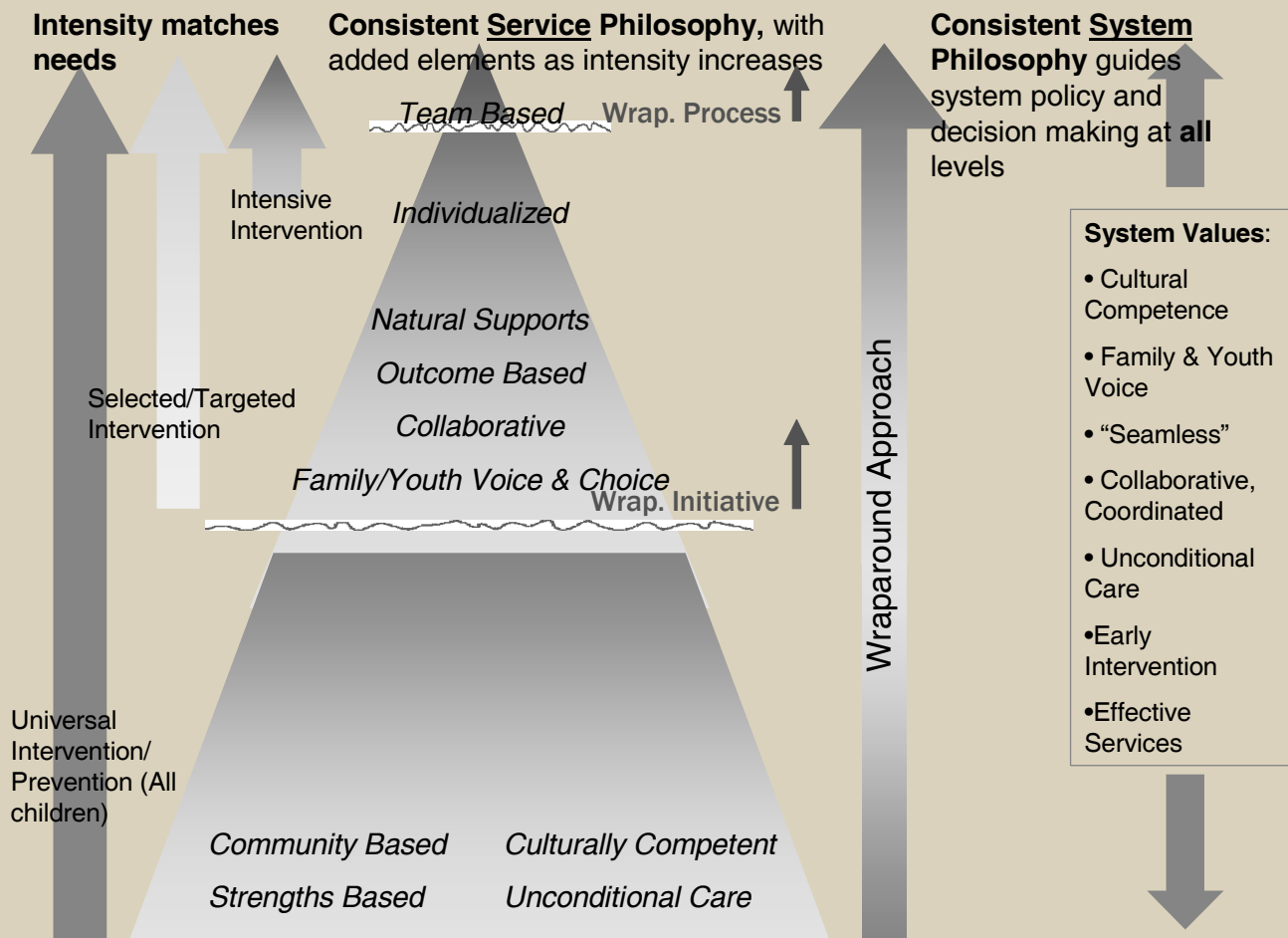
With wraparound, there is one plan of care, one psychological evaluation, one facilitator and one juvenile court judge. Funds are blended, shared and maximized to benefit a child's individual needs. Systems better understand each other's mandates and constraints. All systems take responsibility for the child's outcome along with the family.

The wraparound team is accountable for the execution of the plan of care. Wraparound is a holistic approach driven by strengths and needs, not a response based on children's deficits. ❖



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Below is a diagram of the Oregon Children's Wraparound System of Care



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