

Statewide Children's Wraparound Initiative

Executive Summary

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This Statewide Children’s Wraparound Initiative report is in response to the requirement in ORS 418.985 (4) that the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the committee, shall report biennially to the Governor and the Legislature on the progress toward and projected costs of full implementation of the wraparound initiative by 2015. The report fulfills the additional statutory requirement that the state establish at least three local system of care sites.

The goals of the Statewide Children’s Wraparound Initiative (SCWI) are to bring wraparound, an evidence-based practice model, to all communities and serve children with the highest levels of need and their families.

Children have the full array of child welfare and mental health services available to them, as well as other services and supports. Wraparound is fundamentally different. Rather than a model that identifies the existing services a child qualifies to receive, SCWI takes strength-based approach that also is team-based, systems-driven and family- and youth-driven. This model creates a flexible, coordinated plan of services and supports based on each young person’s strengths.

State leadership and support for the SCWI is a joint commitment between the Oregon Health Authority’s Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) division and the Department of Human Service’s Children, Adults and Families (CAF). Accountability is enhanced through engagement of the youth and families we serve, in critical roles to shape policy and practice in their communities through their membership and involvement on committees in the governance structure.

SCWI was launched at three demonstration sites in July 2010: Mid-Valley WRAP (serving 180 youth in Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, and Yamhill counties), Rogue Valley Wraparound Collaborative (serving 100 youth in Jackson and Josephine counties), and the Washington County Wraparound Demonstration Project (serving 60 youth in Washington County).

Early analysis shows significantly improved outcomes within the first 90 days of a child receiving services and supports within the SCWI. Overall, 45 percent of the child and family teams rated the children as demonstrating improvement within the first 90 days of participation in the initiative. In addition, the analysis showed improved outcomes for the following measures using scores from entry into the project to comparable scores after 90 days in the project:

- More children returning to a birth or adoptive parent (9 percent at entry to 18 percent at 90 days);
- More children exiting temporary foster care (18 percent at entry to 9 percent at 90 days);
- Fewer children running away (9 percent at entry to 6 percent at 90 days);
- Fewer incidents of delinquent behavior within the past 30 days (11 percent at entry to 6 percent at 90 days);
- Less substance use by children within the last 30 days (12 percent at entry to 10 percent in 90 days);
- More children producing school work appropriate to their ability (42 percent at entry to 51 percent at 90 days);
- More caregivers saying they feel supported (58 percent at entry to 77 percent at 90 days).

SCWI's next phase will focus on approximately 1,400 children in the custody of child welfare who have complex needs that can be met only through an integrated system solution of culturally specific services and supports. An additional general fund investment of between \$7 million and \$10 million is required to expand to statewide implementation for the identified population of children in the care and custody of child welfare.

As described in the Early Childhood and Family Investment Transition Report, there are also opportunities within the Early Learning Council for innovative approaches that are very consistent with SCWI.

The full report will be posted on the Oregon Health Authority, Addictions and Mental Health Divisions Statewide Children's Wraparound website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/mentalhealth/wraparound/main.shtml>.