

## Department of Human Services Statewide Children’s Wraparound Initiative

Roles and Responsibilities of Family Members and Youth/Young Adults  
*System of Care values and principles are imbedded in the wraparound philosophy and process.*

The role of Family Members and Youth or Young Adults in the Statewide Children’s Wraparound Initiative is critical to the successful development of a strong service system of care (SOC) that will assist children and youth with behavioral challenges, and their family members. Family and youth perspectives are intentionally elicited and prioritized throughout all levels of the system and during all phases of the wraparound process; including design, implementation, evaluation, and oversight of policies, programs, and outcome measures.

- Ensure that services are **Family Driven** –Families have a primary decision making role in the care of their own children, as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children in their community, state, tribe, territory and nation. This includes: choosing supports, services and providers; setting goals; designing and implementing programs; monitoring outcomes; partnering in funding decisions; and determining the effectiveness of all efforts to promote the mental health and well being of children and youth.
- Ensure that services are **Youth Guided** – Young people have the right to be empowered, educated and given a decision-making role in their own care, as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all youth. This includes giving young people a voice while keeping the focus on creating a safe environment that enables a young person to gain self-sustainability in accordance with their culture and beliefs.

Who/What	System Level (SOC)	Child and Family Team Level (CFT)
Best practices regarding meaningful family and youth involvement throughout the SOC and wraparound process for CFTs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership on advisory committees shall be 51% advocates. ‘Advocates’ refers to family members, foster parents, youth and young adults.</li> <li>2. Advocates are included in all phases – design, implementation, and oversight of policies, programs, outcome measures, etc.</li> <li>3. Meetings will be held at times to ensure meaningful advocate participation.</li> <li>4. Supports for meaningful advocate involvement (childcare, mileage, stipends, etc) will be made available as needed.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A family member, youth, or young adult (14+ years old) must be present and participating for a meeting to count as an official child and family team meeting.</li> <li>2. Dually supervised (clinical and peer) peer support providers are available to all family members and youth or young adults.</li> <li>3. Child and family team meetings will be held at times and locations to ensure meaningful participation of family members, the child, youth, and young adult and natural support team members.</li> </ol>
Family & Youth/Young Adult Advocates (at system level);  Family and Young Adult Peer Support Providers (at CFT Level)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have a meaningful part of all decision-making processes throughout the child-, family- and youth-serving system including an invitation to participate on all work groups and committees.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure the family and youth have a meaningful part of all decision-making processes on child and family teams.</li> <li>2. Ensure that meeting times are convenient for family and/or youth’s participation.</li> </ol>

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