



WHY WRAPAROUND?

Wraparound was first implemented in Mississippi because the state needed a long-lasting way to reduce out-of-home placements for youth and families in crisis and keep families together.

Mississippi needs Wraparound in order to

- Reduce out-of-home placements,
- Keep families together,
- Approach children's mental health treatment in a way that families choose for themselves and streamlines services to make receiving help efficient and family-friendly,
- Move away from services controlled only by professionals toward services that are developed in partnership with families,
- Build involvement of communities in helping families help themselves,
- Move away from focusing on deficits and toward using strengths to plan for healing and recovery for families affected by mental illness,
- Use strategies that are culturally competent and take the individuals into account when making plans, and
- Provide an avenue for system partners, such as education, juvenile justice, child protective services, mental health providers and more, to work together in partnership with families.

WHO WE ARE

About Us

The Mississippi Wraparound Institute represents the collaboration between the Department of Mental Health, Division of Medicaid and The University of Southern Mississippi's School of Social Work to train, support and sustain high-fidelity Wraparound in Mississippi.


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WHAT IS WRAPAROUND?

High-fidelity Wraparound is the path to creating lasting solutions for families in need of new answers for problems related to children's mental health.

Wraparound is a holistic process and approach to care planning that differs from traditional case management or other types of services that most families are used to. Wraparound is a community-based, collaborative process that enables people to work together to support and empower families. It builds on the teamwork of a committed group of family, friends, community, professional and cross-system supports by getting team members on board to do what they do best.

Wraparound results in the creation of a plan of care that incorporates the families' talents, hopes and dreams; the team's input; and individualized, future-focused strategies.

WHAT DOES THE MISSISSIPPI WRAPAROUND INSTITUTE DO?

The Mississippi Wraparound Institute was developed to train, support and sustain provision of Wraparound in Mississippi. MWI provides leadership for state-wide oversight and quality assurance for all Wraparound activities.

Training: MWI provides monthly statewide training about Wraparound and supporting topics to improve the skills of facilitators across Mississippi.

Community Outreach: MWI provides information at conferences and community locations to involve professionals, community members and families in learning about how to strengthen communities through Wraparound.

Technical Assistance: MWI provides consultation and support to state entities as well as provider agencies in development of staff and systems that promote high-fidelity Wraparound.



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Professionals: Contact MWI to learn about training opportunities for you and/or your staff.

Community Members: Learn more about Wraparound to support families in your community. Those with lived experience in coping with mental illness as an individual, family member or community member can learn about becoming a Peer Support Specialist through the Department of Mental Health.

Administrators: Contact MWI, DMH and/or Medicaid to learn how to become a part of the System of Care Effort in Mississippi.

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OF THOUGHTFUL,
COMMITTED CITIZENS
CAN CHANGE THE
WORLD. INDEED IT IS
THE ONLY THING THAT
EVER HAS.”**
- MARGARET MEAD