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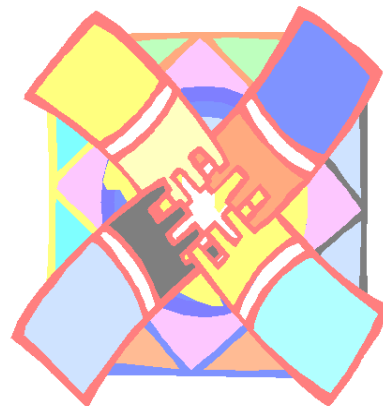
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# Wraparound Report

FY08 & FY09



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## Wraparound Overview

Wraparound is a planning process that brings people together from different parts of the whole family's life to support children and families. This group of people is referred to as a Wraparound Team. The role of the team is to support families to achieve their hopes and dreams through the development and implementation of a Wraparound plan.

Wraparound consists of four phases: Engagement, Initial Plan Development, Plan Implementation and Transition. Because it is an individualized process that is tailored to the specific needs of each family, Wraparound will look different from one family to another. However, all Wraparound teams are driven by the same principles listed below:

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- Team Based
- Natural Supports
- Collaboration
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At the onset of his administration, Governor Bob Taft identified Ohio Family and Children First as the vehicle to coordinate state-wide efforts to improve outcomes for Ohio's children, youth and families. OFCF engaged community stakeholders to develop Ohio's Commitments to Child Well-Being. OFCF is moving forward in utilizing the commitments as a framework to organize programs and resources, align state activities and measure the state's performance in improving the lives of Ohio's children. The six commitments to child well-being are:

1. Expectant parents and newborns thrive
2. Infants and toddlers thrive
3. Children are ready for school
4. Children and youth succeed in school
5. Youth choose healthy behaviors
6. Youth successfully transition into adulthood

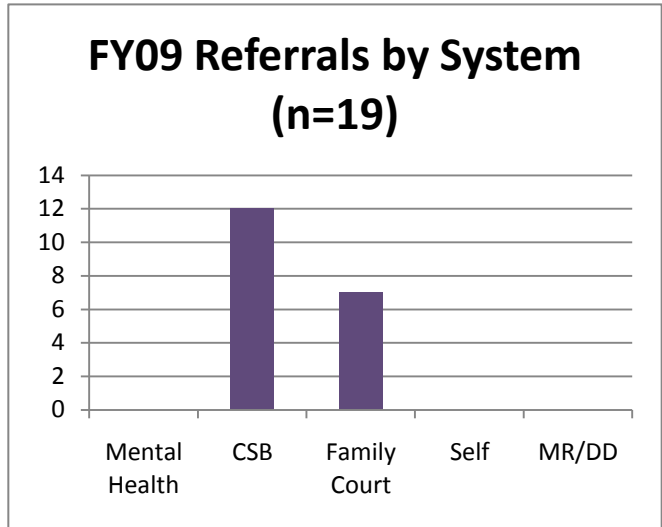
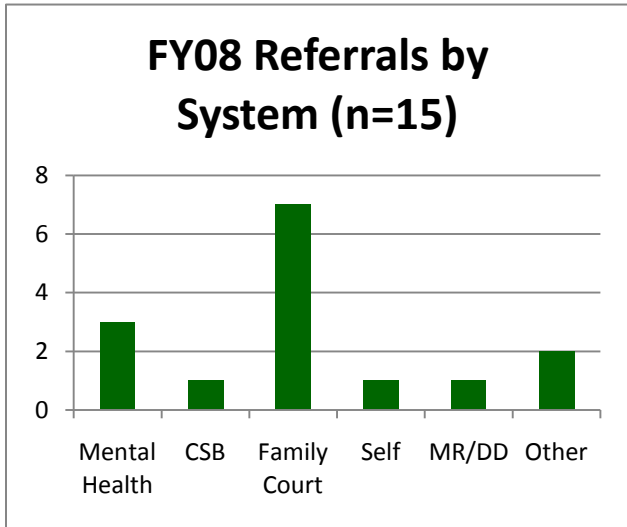
Logan County Family & Children First Council supports the Governor's six commitments to child well-being through several initiatives. Service coordination in the form of Wraparound may be provided to those children not meeting the six commitments or when traditional agency services are not successful alone. A collaborative strengths-based effort is set up for families to creatively identify and implement innovative strategies to make the child and family successful in meeting the six commitments to child well-being. In Logan County, Wraparound is used primarily with families who have youth at risk of out-of-home placement and youth who are transitioning back to the community from a more restrictive placement.

**Children Served in FY08 and FY09**

Wraparound referrals are approved or denied by a Triage committee that meets weekly. Triage serves as the central intake and referral for formal Wraparound teams. Triage is made up of staff from various community agencies. Within two weeks of an approved referral, the FCFC Program Coordinator makes initial contact with the family to explain the team process, complete necessary paperwork and help the family determine if Wraparound is appropriate. The numbers below include those families that met with the Program Coordinator and chose to participate in Wraparound.

	FY08	FY09
Total number of children served at any point in the process	15	24
Number of new children referred	15	19
Number of active cases on last day of fiscal year	11	12
Number of cases closed after participating in Wraparound	4	5
Number of families served by a Parent Advocate	2	1

**Referrals**



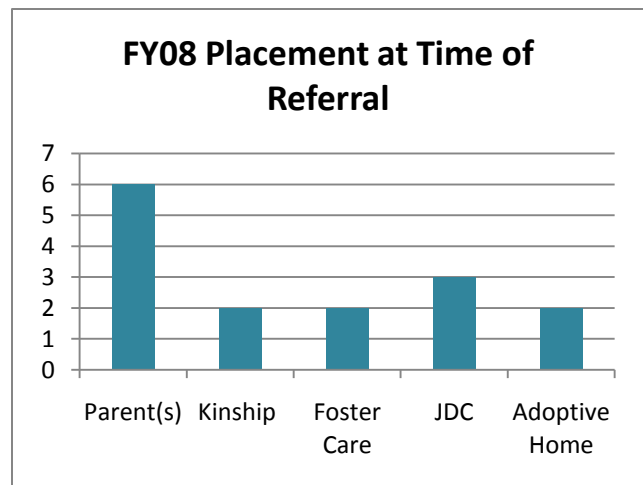
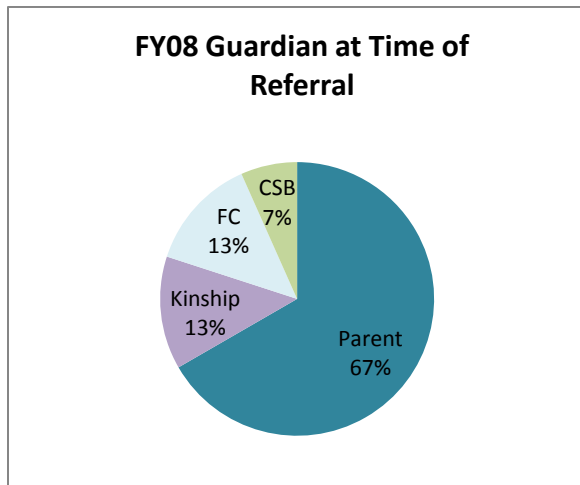
In FY08, the majority of the referrals came from the Logan County Family Court. However, Children’s Services made 59% of all FY09 referrals to Wraparound. Children’s Services referrals went from one to 12 from FY08 to FY09. Referral data reflects the number of children referred rather than the number of families referred.

## Characteristics of Children Served

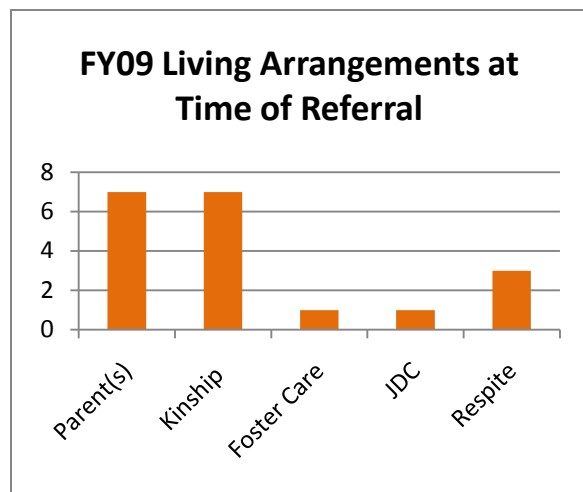
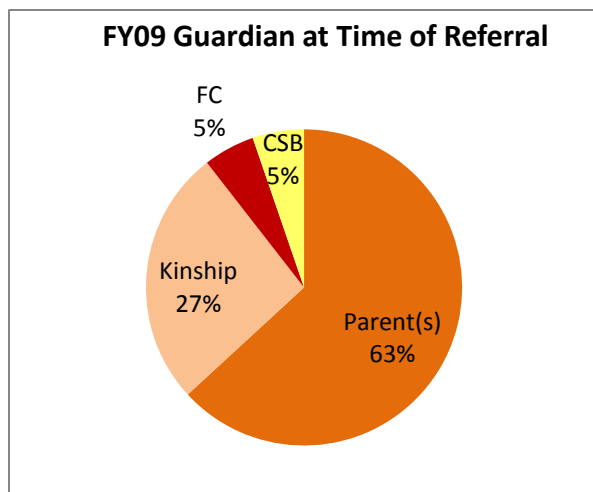
Demographic data collected at the time of referral in FY08 indicate they are more frequently male (60%) than female (40%) and all were Caucasian (100%). The majority of youth were served by special education via an Individual Education Plan (73%). All children served in FY08 were school aged (6 in high school, 6 in middle school and three in elementary).

The same demographic data collected in FY09 indicated that 53% of children served were male and 47% were female. Ninety-five percent were Caucasian while five percent were African American. Of the children involved in Wraparound in this year, 53% had an IEP. The ages of kids referred in FY09 varied greatly from the prior year (six in high school, two in middle school, five in elementary and six under age 6).

The graphs below show the guardians and living arrangements of the children at the time of referral to Wraparound. In FY08, 80% of children were in the custody of their parents or kinship caregivers, and 40% were living with their parents at the time of referral.



In FY09, 89% of youth (n=17) were in the custody of either their parents or a kinship caregiver, and 74% of those youth were living with their custodian at the time of referral. Sixteen percent were in respite at the time of referral.



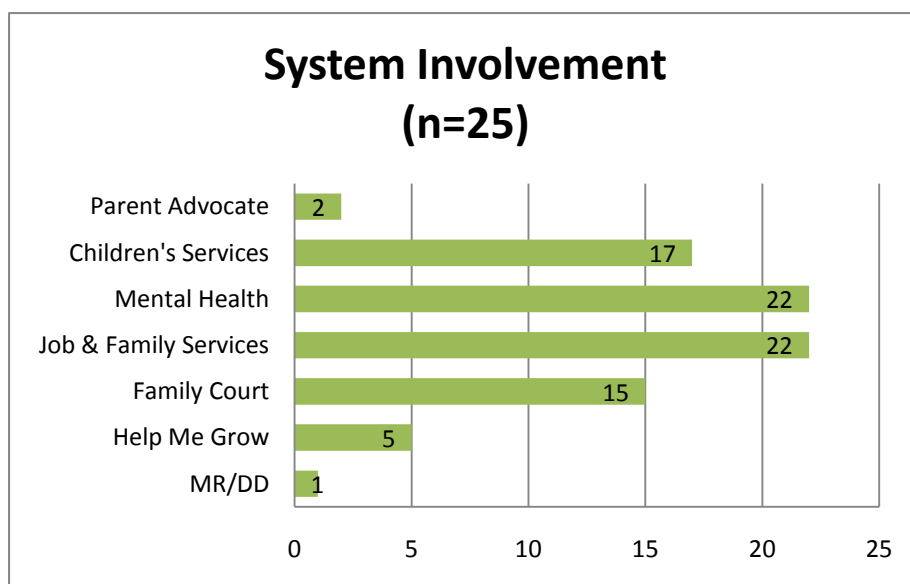
Many parents and families involved with the Wraparound process deal with mental health and behavioral issues of the children. The three most common diagnoses in combined FY08 and FY09 are Attention Deficit Disorder, Bi-Polar Disorder and Oppositional Defiant Disorder. At the time of referral, 71% of children were involved with mental health services. Of the 29% (n=10) that were not involved, seven of those children were under the age of four. Of those children with a diagnosis, seventy-five percent of children were reported to be taking medication for mental health issues. Caregiver mental health issues were not assessed for this report.

Diagnostic Categories	# Kids (n=34)
ADHD/Disruptive Disorders	13
Mood Disorders	9
Adjustment Disorders	4
Anxiety Disorders	3
Substance-Related Disorders	3
Mental Retardation	1

### Wrap Around Team Characteristics

Throughout the duration of the team (referral, ongoing meeting, transition) many systems are represented on the team. Of the twenty-five families involved in Wraparound during the FY08-09 years, 88% were receiving benefits from Department of Job and Family Services, 60% had involvement with the Family Court and 68% had formal Children’s Services involvement either through an investigation or case plan. Twenty percent of families were receiving Help Me Grow services. Four percent had youth involved with MR/DD, and eight percent of families utilized a Parent Advocate.

Eighty-eight percent of families had youth receiving mental health services, including case management, individual therapy, psychiatric services and Intensive Home-Based Treatment (IHBT). Six of these families received IHBT at some point during the Wrap Around process (24%). Three families had youth with no mental health involvement, and two of these families had children younger than age three.



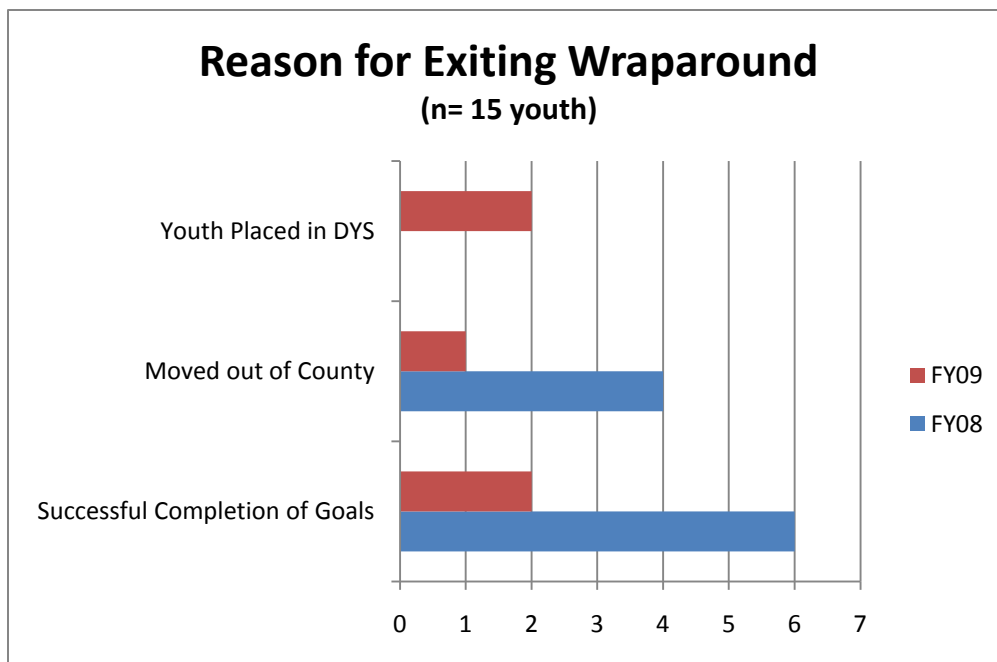
## Reason for Exiting Wraparound

Teams exiting Wraparound are provided a transition plan. Many teams transition to an informal team with a case manager or case worker as the point of contact. Typically, these informal teams do not meet as frequently as formal Wraparound teams. Informal teams provide ongoing service coordination between the social service organizations involved with a family. At times, families feel and teams decide that they no longer need the support of a team. In these cases, the families are given an updated copy of their crisis plan that was created prior to transition. This provides the family with a workable plan to use when service providers are unavailable or no longer involved.

In FY08, nine families (ten youth) transitioned from Wraparound. Of those nine, three families (33%) were closed due to moving out of the county. The remaining six (67%) closed after successful completion of goals.

In FY09, five families transitioned from Wraparound. One family (20%) moved out of county while two others (40%) completed successfully and transitioned to informal. Lastly, two youth (20%) were placed in the Department of Youth Services during the Wraparound process.

The average length of time in Wraparound (n=14 families transitioned) for combined FY2008-09 was 266 days. More specifically, the teams that transitioned successfully (n=8) spent an average of 321 days in Wraparound.



## **Wraparound Success Stories**

(Note: Names have been changed)

### *“Lisa”*

Lisa’s mother came into the Family and Children First Council office looking for help with her daughter. Lisa was nine years old and had been adopted by her parents at age five. Prior to this adoption, she had been in seven foster homes during which time she became the victim of further abuse. She had been diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder and also showed symptoms and behaviors associated with Reactive Attachment Disorder. Lisa had recently been placed on diversion through the court system and spent some time in the Juvenile Detention Center. Mom and Dad felt if they couldn’t get her behaviors under control, Lisa would have to be removed from their home. Thus began the Wraparound Process. The family needed to see there was hope to turn things around, and the Wraparound team worked hard to show them things could change. Regular team meetings were scheduled, and the family became involved with Intensive Home Based Treatment and Biofeedback therapy. School participation was vital on the team as well as their partnership in finding solutions with the mental health providers. Crisis plans were developed, and the family was given tools to use to deescalate situations themselves rather than relying on professionals. Other services, including respite with a family select provider, were also put into place. After six months, the family felt like they had made enough progress to exit from Wraparound. Lisa was taken off diversion and successfully completed the fourth grade. Mom and Dad felt like they had the ability to continue to care for Lisa and keep her a part of their family.

### *“Mark”*

Mark and his caregivers were referred to Wraparound by an in-home mental health provider. Mark was in middle school and living with an adult cousin. The biggest concern with Mark was that he liked to run away, and no one could figure out why he ran or could predict where he was running to. Furthermore, Mark’s running was jeopardizing his living arrangements with his cousin. Initially, the team met while Mark was placed in the Juvenile Detention Center and helped his caregivers create a plan to allow Mark to return home and prevent future disruptions. His caregivers decided to use an incentive system, promising to take him out of state to visit friends if his behaviors and grades improved. They also received supports from friends who offered to hire Mark for odd jobs like mowing. Mark was put on electronic ankle monitoring for a couple of months until he earned trust from his probation officer as well as his caregivers. In fact, Mark did so well once on probation that he was released in less than six months. His behaviors and grades improved enough that he earned his trip out of state. The family was involved in Wraparound for just over five months, and at their request, transitioned from Wraparound after successfully completing their goals.