

Southwestern Indiana Regional System of Care

A System of Care is a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that are organized to meet the challenges faced by youth with significant behavioral and mental health needs and their families. A System of Care is not limited to traditional mental health services, and the goal is to "wrap services around the family."

In 2011, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. received a two-year grant from the Division of Mental Health and Addictions to develop a System of Care (SOC) to serve children in Vanderburgh, Gibson, Posey and Warrick Counties.

The purpose of the initial grant was to establish an interagency collaboration, referred to as a SOC, which would coordinate services for families who have children that are experiencing behavioral and mental health challenges.

F.A.C.E.S is our local System of Care organization. Currently, the council consists of representatives from mental health services, healthcare, child welfare, juvenile justice, education, department of child services (DCS), social services, childcare providers, parents, the private sector, and other child-serving entities.

Successful SOCs provide positive outcomes for children/youth including significant improvements in school performance, and a decrease in suspensions, expulsions, suicide attempts, arrest rates, out of home placements, and PTSD symptoms.

Our Mission: Families and communities collaborating to establish partnerships which enhance our children's social and emotional health thereby improving the entire community's quality of life.

Our Vision: To develop a better approach to serving children and their families in the community. The team approach enables the creativity and energy of the group to be harnessed in planning for the community and initiating system improvements based upon the needs of children and their families.

What is High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW)?

Wraparound is a team-based planning process intended to provide coordinated, complete, family-driven care that meets the complex needs of youth who are involved with multiple "systems". Systems include mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice and special education. Wraparound services create change and build upon family assets.

Who is Eligible?

- Wraparound is for families of children who are struggling with significant behavioral and mental health challenges
- Must be a resident of Gibson, Posey, Warrick or Vanderburgh County
- Children between the ages of 6 and 18
- At risk of out of home placement
- The family is willing and wants to participate in the wraparound process

Access Site for HFW: incmhwportal.fssa.in.gov

What Can the Family Expect?

Families can expect to meet with a Wraparound Facilitator who will explain the Wraparound process. Families will be expected to identify the family's needs, strengths, and goals. They will identify team members and participate in regular Child and Family Team Meetings.

Who can Refer? A family member, service provider, community member or parent can refer a child for services. Once the referral is completed and submitted, additional assessments will be administered. Eligibility will be determined, and the family will be accepted into the program or referred to other services.

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