



# Wraparound Orange



**Mission:** Wraparound Orange facilitates a family-driven, youth-guided and culturally competent system of care for youth with social, emotional, and behavioral health challenges and their families.

**Vision:** A community of resilient youth and families well equipped to deal with the stressors of life and enjoy empowered, independent, healthy and productive lives.

**Values:** Family Driven, Youth Guided, Culturally and Linguistically Competent, Strengths-based, Individualized, Integrated, Comprehensive, Competent, Respectful, Outcomes Based, and Evidence Based.

## Context

### Significance of Problem:

- 12,500 youth in Orange County are estimated to have social, emotional, and behavioral health challenges
- 450-500 youth 12 and under are referred to Dept. of Juvenile Justice every year

### Community's Population of Focus:

- Youth 12 and under with:
- Mental health diagnosis
- Have been referred to the Department of Juvenile Justice
- And reside in Orange County

### Community Strengths:

Orange County has :

- A county-wide government and school system
- A strong faith-based community
- An Ethnically/Racially/and Culturally Diverse Population
- A strong philanthropic base, historically
- Well-known athletic and cultural/role models
- A committed leadership group invested in changing mental health services and supports
- Prior successes in agency cross-collaboration

### Community Issues in Orange County:

- The total population is large and scattered
- There is Fragmentation in the mental health service system
- Families are not fully engaged as partners in mental health
- There is a low level of community awareness regarding mental health and illness
- There is a high level of stigma around the discussion of mental health and mental health issues

## Goals

- Families, youth and agencies serving as equal partners in mental health decision making
- Families and youth engaging appropriate services based on their unique needs
- Systems integrating timely and targeted services in a seamless fashion
- A community growing in mental health literacy and advocacy

## Strategies

- Expand existing family and youth centered mental health & wellness organizations that offer education and support to families and youth
- Develop and sustain less restrictive treatment options
- Active collaboration among youth-serving systems through facilitated group projects
- Aggressive community-wide outreach and education campaign using existing and emerging outreach method
- Increase community participation on local mental health organizations, school boards, family and youth councils

## Outcomes

- Families and youth empowered to make informed decisions about choosing services that best suit their individual needs
- Family and youth will have access to treatment options in line with their long-term plans
- Family and youth will have access to timely community based services
- Family and youth needs will be accommodated by community providers
- Systems will offer non-duplicative and streamlined services
- Community will demonstrate the importance of mental health by making it a featured topic at health fairs, through media outlets, etc.