

# Fairfield County

Judge Terre L. Vandervoort

## Program Name

Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

## Program Intervention

High-Fidelity Wraparound and Parent Project

## Primary Service Location

Community, School

## Program Description

- The purpose of the program is to improve the success of families involved in the juvenile court system and improve outcomes in the areas of recidivism.
- The Fairfield County Juvenile Court is partnering with Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council to implement High-Fidelity Wraparound, an evidence-based model of service coordination and family support that aims to achieve positive outcomes by providing a structured, creative and individualized team planning process with four specific phases (engagement, plan development, implementation, and transition).
- The Parent Project is a 10-week parenting class that focuses on strategies for families facing multiple challenges.
- The court chose “*The Parent Project*” as an intervention because it is proven to be successful in identifying preventing, and intervening in the most destructive of adolescent behaviors.

## Outcomes

- Recidivism cannot be calculated at this time.
- 96% of youth were diverted from residential placement, and 100% from DYS
- 89% of ACTIVE participants have been diverted from out-of-home placement, and 61% have been diverted from detention.
- 89% of ACTIVE Wraparound youth are participating in behavioral health services.
- 100% of ACTIVE Wraparound youth and their families are participating in coordinated community services as recommended in their Community Control Case Plan and Wraparound Plan.
- 36% of the total 25 participant's parents completed the Parent Project

## Lessons Learned

Research shows that the average successful youth graduates 12-18 months after enrollment. More facilitators are needed due to the large number of referrals response and time needed to facilitate and provide intensive service coordination for the entire family.

Incorporating Wraparound into the Community Controls & Case Planning process has allowed for greater service coordination and specificity in objectives. Those probation officers participating in Wraparound teams have become more open to discussions regarding alternative responses to detention as a negative consequence.

## Program Snapshot

(As of June 30, 2016)

### Gender:

92% Male  
8% Female

### Race/Ethnicity:

84% Caucasian  
16% Bi-racial/Other

### Age Range:

13-18

### Offense Level:

Felony, Misdemeanor, Status, At-Risk

### Youth Re-offense Risk Level:

Moderate & High

### Screens & Assessments:

OYAS Disposition Tool, Protective Factors Survey, CRAFFT Substance Abuse Screening Duke Mental Health Screening Multi-System Youth Assessment Component of Referral Packet

### Program Start Date:

May 4, 2015

### Received Services:

25 Youth & 22 Families

### Program Completion Successes:

3 Youth Successes  
18 Youth & 15 Families Continuing into FY17

**Average # of Service Units: - NA**

### Program Partners:

- Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council
- ENGAGE Wraparound Program
- Multi-System Youth Program
- Parent Project (University of Tennessee for evaluation)
- National Wraparound Initiative (University of Washington)
- New Horizons Mental Health Services
- Integrated Services
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services/Child Protective Services
- Fairfield County Schools
- Uplift Healthcare Services, Inc.
- Ohio Guidestone Mentoring Services

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# Fairfield County Early Successes – HiFi WRAP

"Youth who are identified as high risk in the juvenile justice system most often have a complex set of obstacles and needs that require the resources and collaboration of multiple service providers. The Fairfield County Juvenile Court High Fidelity Wraparound services provided through the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council and funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services Competitive RECLAIM funding, provides an intense and comprehensive level of service coordination for these high risk youth. In addition to reducing out-of-home placements, this program has brought a level of coordination and made great strides in building a family's capacity to sustain change that will support the success of these youth as they navigate out of the juvenile justice system."

**Judge Terre L. Vandervoort,  
Fairfield County Juvenile Division**



"We in Fairfield County applaud the partnership of Hi-Fidelity Wraparound, an evidence-based process to enhance lives of our highest risk youth and their families. Within the name of the partnership is the word "fidelity" – which highlights the importance of exactness within the process. Parents and caregivers are empowered with a detailed plan that they can manage. Progress is apparent and happens frequently. That is terrific for our youth, families, and community."

**Dave Levacy  
Fairfield County Commissioner**



"Wraparound program is able to help several of our families understand who they are working with and why, clarifying everyone's role, help them understand what is required of them and other systems (Team meetings) and provide moral and financial support. The program helps some of our clients acquire items that can help improve their self-worth (shoes to play basketball, movies or the Zoo outing to spend time with family members). These activities build on the senses of belonging, family and community."

**Aden Moges, Intensive Home-Based  
Program Supervisor, New Horizons**

"Fairfield County Juvenile Court reports that the Wraparound program has become an integral part of our Drug Court Program and has demonstrated success on our high risk/high need kids. The positive outcomes to this program include increased sobriety, family stabilization, decreased mental health symptoms and a reduction in criminal behavior and thinking. We hope to see this program not only continued but expanded to further serve the families and youth of Fairfield County."

**Jennifer Saelens LISW-S, LCDCIII,  
Family and Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator,  
Fairfield County Juvenile Court**

“The high-fidelity wraparound program through RECLAIM provides families the unique opportunity to have a strong, guiding voice in the process of preventing recidivism and raising children who thrive and succeed, despite a dizzying array of challenges. The response in Fairfield County has been phenomenal. Family members are treated as equals in the plan, and work with a Wraparound Coordinator who cares about them and is trained to coach rather than dictate plans for the family – and it has made all the difference with many of the youth served by the program.”

– **Katrina Metzler, Former Executive Director, Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council**

**Youth Success Story (Wraparound Only)** - Ben\* was referred to Hi-Fidelity Wraparound by his probation officer on August 13, 2015, with a moderate OYAS score and offenses/violations including domestic violence against a sibling, absconding, fighting at school, and marijuana use. Prior to his Wraparound referral, Ben spent 52 days in detention during (3) occasions with his longest stay being 41 days. Ben and his mother built his Wraparound team to include his three siblings, probation officer, home-based therapist, and the Wraparound Coordinator with the mission of keeping their family together while functioning in a safe, happy, and healthy environment. Wraparound plan objectives included intensive service coordination with the court and local mental health provider, New Horizons, along with addressing needs identified by the family such as access to positive activities, respite to relieve family tension, transportation challenges, and identification of professional and natural supports. Along the way, Ben met his goals academically, earning incentives for meeting needs for clothing and shoes, regularly participating in Lancaster Youth Police Athletic League boxing and attending the Robert K Fox Family YMCA with his family. Additionally, positive reinforcement was provided to his mother and siblings meeting transportation needs, positive summer activities, and individual mental health services for a sibling. As Ben and his family transition to traditional Multi-System Youth Service Coordination, he has initiated his own lawn care/snow removal service, is working through the TANF Summer Youth Employment program, had no additional suspensions from school, no additional days out of his home, and no additional charges.

“Wraparound has been a huge help to our family by linking us with resources for activities as well as moral support. We have been involved with juvenile court and social services for some time. Wraparound is an asset to the system.”

**Parent - G.T.**



**Youth Success Story (Wraparound & Parent Project)** - Jack\* is participating in Hi-Fidelity Wraparound with a team consisting of his mother, probation officer, mental health provider, mother's fiancé, school staff, and the Wraparound Coordinator. Parent education was identified as a need for the family to assist with family engagement and functioning. Through completion of The Parent Project, the mother, supported by her natural support persons including her fiancé and Jack's maternal grandfather, experienced curriculum covering parent knowledge of youth, community, limit setting, connection, acceptance, hopefulness and resources. Additionally, youth behavior, academics, family conflict and time management also are a focus of the 10-week course. The family successfully completed this course together while supporting each other through nearly perfect attendance. Jack's family team is now implementing strategies learned through the course to address needs at home or school empowering them to resolve family conflict without court involvement, additional charges or any out-of-home placement since completing the course. In parallel, intensive service coordination through their Wraparound team have enabled Jack to remain in the home, maintain his current academic placement locally, plan for a return to fall sports participation, and be professionally supported by a local mental health agency as long as they deem necessary.



## Program Success Story

Since implementation of the Hi-Fidelity Wraparound Program, the program has created a team atmosphere where youth and family centered teams are empowered to work together, across agencies, to identify strengths and needs of a family while surrounding them with natural and professional supports. This strategy is increasing our sense of partnership while maintaining communication vital to the family's success.

Additionally, in Wraparound families, we are seeing a shift in the practice of typical consequences and placements for youth to accommodate individualized needs, strategic intensive service coordination.

Alternative consequences to detention, such as community service or individualized plans, are more common and open for discussion as well as increased opportunities to incentivize reaching goals while meeting a juvenile/family's need. Identification of family needs and strengths, while utilizing their personal or professional supports, if possible, to deter out of home placement is also part of regular communication.

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