



Welcome To...

**The Sixth
National
Wraparound
Initiative
Advisors Meeting**



Portland, Oregon
June 25-26, 2009





Goals for this meeting

- Review activities and progress from the last year
- Updates from Work Groups
- Priorities for the future
- Plan for how to move forward, including resources to continue
- Q&A, feedback, and group discussion
- Tomorrow: Meetings of workgroups (8:15 - 11am)


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- Child, Adolescent and Family Branch, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- American Institutes for Research
- Technical Assistance Partnership
- Maryland Governor's Office for Children
- Portland State Research and Training Center for Family Support and Children's Mental Health
- All the communities and states who have provided user's fees for evaluation tools!



Looking back:
A quick recap of our initial
goals and recent activities

Looking back: "Our goals," 2003



Describe successful practice and implementation in a way that is "generic" enough to accommodate the variety of successful approaches.

Synthesize

- Accumulated expertise +
- Existing theory and research evidence+
- New theory and research

Develop useful information and tools
Develop the research base

Statement from the 2003 meeting

- To bring together into a learning and sharing community individuals with expertise in Wraparound so we can *speak to the world with a common language*, to reduce confusion and promote understanding about the components of and benefits of the wraparound

How to do this?

Engage stakeholders

- People with diverse perspectives
- People who have worked with successful teams or programs

Open membership

Consensus-building

- Transparent process- web-based
- Ratings and comments on tools
- Posting of drafts to build consensus



How well are we doing?



Impact of the National Wraparound Initiative: Results of a Survey of NWI Advisors



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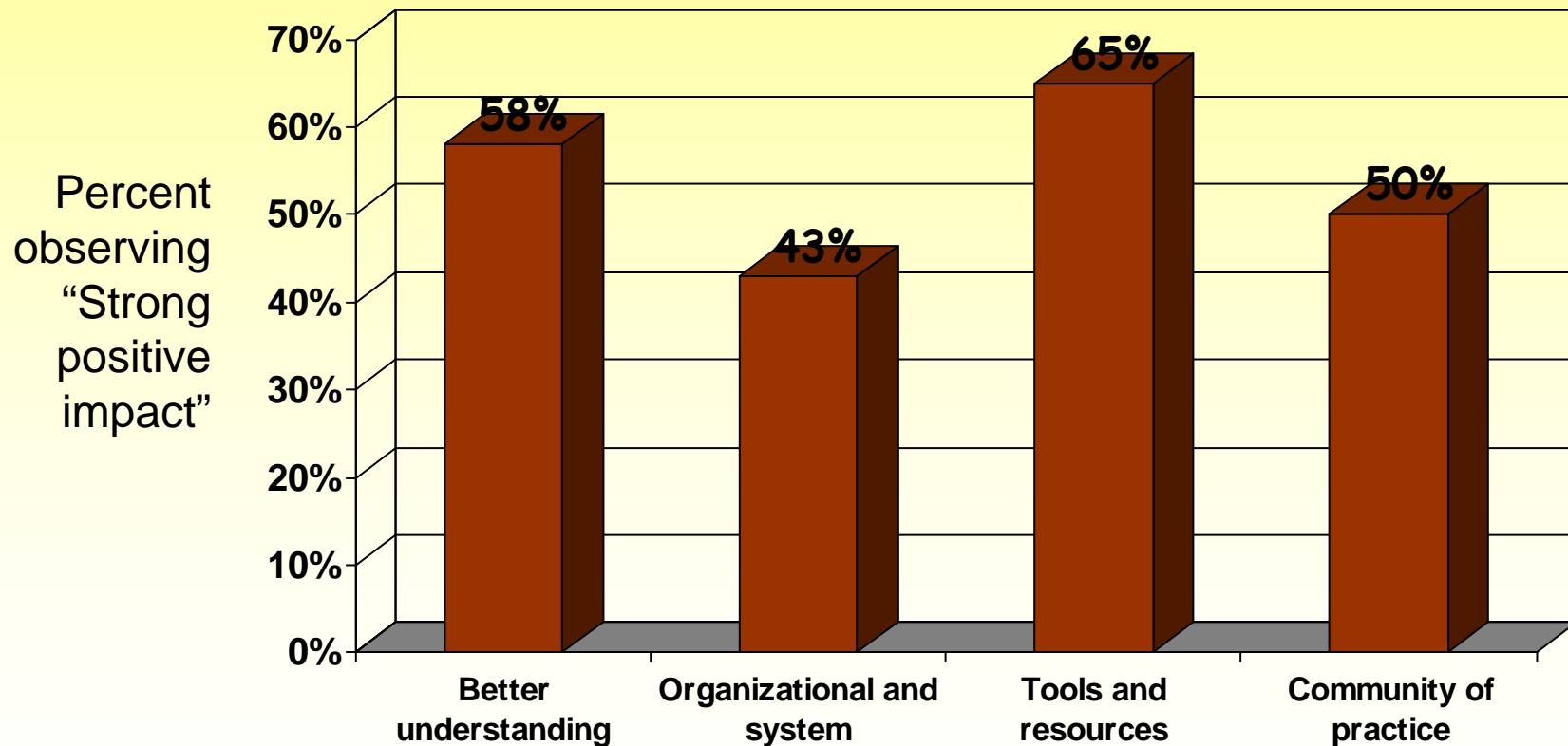
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Areas evaluated

- *GOAL*: Provide field with better understanding of what high-quality wraparound is.
- *GOAL*: Build understanding about organizational and system factors for support.
- *GOAL*: Provide tools, resources, and information for implementation.
- *GOAL*: Bring family members, youth, providers, trainers, researchers and advocates together.
- Advisors rated on a 5-point scale:
 - Large Positive Impact, Moderate Positive Impact, No real impact, Moderate Negative Impact, Large Negative Impact



Basic summary of results



Other activities from the past year

- Implementation Guide to Wraparound:
 - Feedback from advisors on content across 6 implementation support themes
 - Creation of 2 versions of Implementation Guide
- Development and Pilot testing of a tool for evaluating the quality and impact of wraparound-related training and technical assistance
- Continued accumulation of materials in the NWI Tools section
- Information on the role of Youth Support Partners in communities or wraparound initiatives



Other activities from past year

- Fidelity and research tools
 - Community Supports for Wraparound Inventory
 - Team Observation Measure (TOM)
 - WFI and TOM now supported by Wraparound Online Data Entry and Reporting System (WONDERS)
- Participating in RWJF's "MissionWise" sustainability project, which provides TA around issues such as:
 - Clarity of Mission
 - Organizational structures
 - Sustainability
 - Social Marketing







Work Group Progress

- Evaluation and Research
- Standards
- Workforce
- Parent Partner

Evaluation and Research

- Benchmarking exercise - fidelity and outcomes
 - 36 programs with evaluation data (19 state, 17 local)
 - Examining characteristics of youth enrolled, length of enrollment, outcomes, and fidelity
- Special issue of *Journal of Child and Family Studies (JCFS)* on wraparound implementation and research
 - 51 abstracts submitted!



Standards Work Group



Workforce Work Group



Parent Partner Task Force



Moving forward!

- Main issues:
 - Mission and work plan to achieve it
 - Sustainability



Work plan: How to prioritize?

- Initial goals less well met:
 - System and program support to implement wraparound
 - Developing a dynamic and interactive community of practice
- Priorities from previous surveys of advisors:
 - Expectations and tools around skillsets
 - Expectations and tools for supervision
 - Conferences and networking
 - Develop the community of practice
 - Methods for evaluating fidelity to the principles and quality and impact of training



The **mission** of the National Wraparound Initiative is to promote understanding about the components of and benefits of wraparound, and to provide the field with resources and guidance that facilitate high quality and consistent wraparound implementation.

We envision a future where all children and families, regardless of the complexity of their needs, are connected to caring adults and have access to appropriate services and supports so they can be healthy, experience positive development, and live and thrive in their homes and communities.

Core Functions

The NWI supports:

Community-level planning and implementation...

Through implementation blueprints, community self-assessment tools, and technical assistance for system- and program-level development

Professional development of wraparound staff...

By providing guidance on core skillsets, implementation strategies and tools, expectations for workforce development and supervision, and quality assurance for training and coaching, and access to TA providers

Accountability...

Through external reviews of practice and a web-based system for tracking implementation, measuring fidelity and monitoring outcomes

NWI Infrastructure

To achieve its mission, and conduct its core functions, the NWI relies upon:

A Board of Core Advisors

That provides guidance, ensures sustainability, and reviews products and strategies to ensure alignment with the wraparound philosophy as well as evidence for what works

A National Community of Practice

Hundreds of NWI members and affiliates who provide energy and resources while also benefiting from being linked together

Effective communication

Including an effective website that provides access to information, tools, and training materials plus opportunities for the Community of Practice to share information and network

NWI Core Staff

Including University-based Co-Directors plus staff who oversee dissemination, communication, and research and accountability functions



Core functions

Community-level planning and implementation

- Implementation Guides
- Readiness Blueprint
- Community Self-Assessment Tool
- National Technical Assistance
(webinars, regional/national conference and policy academies)



Core functions

Professional development

- Updated tools compendium
- Impact of Training and Technical Assistance (IOTTA) system
- NWI Framework for training and coaching (guidance on core skillsets for key staff)
- Development of national training and TA network



Core functions

Accountability

- Continue development of WONDERS to include Team Observation Measure and Document Review Measure
- Outcomes monitoring in WONDERS
- Implementation tracking system
- Evaluation consortium and benchmarking



Infrastructure

Communications

- NWI website revamped
- Detailed content for website - writing and compiling of materials
- Newsletter and regular white papers based on research
- Online community of practice



Infrastructure

Community of Practice (Members and Affiliates)

- Membership drive
 - NWI Members (individuals)
 - NWI Affiliates (wraparound initiatives)
 - NWI Sponsors (TA providers)
- Fee structure and membership benefits
- Identification of potential "affiliates"



Benefits of "membership"

- Regular newsletter
- Connection to web-based community of practice
- Access to special section of NWI website where members network, post materials and reports, and ask questions



Benefits of "affiliation"

- Access to web-enabled materials that provide structure to wraparound implementation:
 - Initial stages: Implementation Blueprint with self-assessments
 - Later stages: Fidelity measures and access to on-line data entry and reporting system (WONDERS)
 - Outcomes monitoring system in WONDERS
 - Implementation tracking system? Training and TA evaluation tool (need a name for this)
- Participation in policy academies
- Access to webinars and web-based training events



Infrastructure

Staff and HR

- University-based Co-Directors
- Program coordinator
- Research and accountability director
- 1-2 Human Resource Development network managers / content coordinators
- Program assistant
- Advisors who support: (1) community tools, (2) Prof development materials, (3) Accountability/research work

