

Research and Evaluation Workgroup of the National Wraparound Initiative
Meeting minutes and action plan
May 30, 2007

Participants

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Group discussion

The group reflected on some of the recommendations from NWI participants during the course of day 1. In addition to building evidence for outcomes of the wraparound process, it was clear that NWI members are also highly interested in learning more about the implementation of wraparound, promising methods that might be emphasized in the model (i.e., “what works”?), and populations served (and typically not served).

Goals and action steps

1. Develop an evaluation consortium

- a. Eric will draw up notes from the workgroup meeting and describing some of the workgroup’s goals
- b. Eric will send out notes to the full NWI membership by June 10, 2007
- c. Eric will solicit additional interested participants from the NWI membership
- d. The NWI will set up an Evaluation Consortium section of the NWI website to host news and facilitate activities by August 1, 2007
- e. Jesse will design a blog that will allow participants to post updates, questions, and so forth

2. Complete the outcomes review

- a. Based on work he has already done and presented at this conference, Jesse will write a draft of the existing outcomes evidence for wraparound by July 1, 2007
- b. Jesse will solicit feedback from the group
- c. Eric will begin a process of characterizing the evidence from community-level evaluations that he has compiled to add to this review in a future report/paper. Eric will solicit feedback from the group by July 15, 2007
- d. Eric and Jesse will create a version of the outcomes review that is in a family-friendly and easy to read format. Eric will solicit feedback from the Consortium as well as the family and youth partner groups on the draft.

3. Conduct an implementation research review

- a. Eileen and Rosalyn will conduct a review of existing research on wraparound implementation descriptions and implementation research.
- b. Eileen and Rosalyn will solicit additional materials from the NWI group
- c. Eileen and Rosalyn will map current implementation approaches and implementation research to the Fixsen et al monograph on implementation, to point out where there is evidence and approaches for wraparound and where there are gaps in our understanding of what is done and/or what works
- d. Eric and others who can attend will discuss their findings with National Implementation Research Network members at USF when he goes down there Sept 26-28, 2007.

4. In-depth examination of wraparound practice, project 1

- a. Eileen will send a description of methods for her in-depth comparative case study of wraparound in Canada to Eric for review
- b. Eric will provide suggestions for adaptation to a possible study of individual families' experiences in NWI communities
- c. Evaluation Consortium will identify interested communities and wraparound projects who would like to have families included

5. In-depth examination of wraparound practice, project 2

- a. Consortium members (who?) will review Janet Walker's review of basic research in support of wraparound's "theory of change" to characterize types of research that exists in support of the model and identify which model components are best supported and less well supported by basic research
- b. Next steps will include recommendations for types of activities that should be included in wraparound implementation and review by trainers and the overall NWI