Stakeholder Newsletter

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Improved care, lower costs seen for youth with complex behavioral health conditions
The Wyoming Department of Health distributed a press release on April 8, 2019 featuring the Department's efforts to support High Fidelity Wraparound throughout Wyoming. Read the release. 

New “What is Wraparound” monthly minute video
This short animated video developed by the National Wraparound Implementation Center and the National Wraparound Initiative in collaboration with The Institute for Innovation & Implementation describes the evolution of the Wraparound movement and briefly outlines system-, provider-, and family-level conditions needed to ensure successful implementation efforts. Wraparound outcome data illustrates how this care coordination practice model cost-effectively supports youth with complex behavioral needs and their families. Watch the video >>

What is High Fidelity Wraparound?
The Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing has contracted with Magellan Healthcare to be the Care Management Entity for Wyoming’s High Fidelity Wraparound program.

Wyoming’s High Fidelity Wraparound is an intensive voluntary care coordination process for youth aged 4 to 20 risking placement out of their home and community due to complex behavioral issues. High Fidelity Wraparound helps families and caregivers build support that meet their needs. The program allows young people to benefit from mental and physical healthcare along with other interventions in their own communities while remaining safely at home, in school and out of trouble. Learn more about the High Fidelity Wraparound process.

What are the benefits of High Fidelity Wraparound?
Wyoming's High Fidelity Wraparound program has resulted in numerous successes over the past four years. We've prepared an infographic that highlights the benefits families involved in High Fidelity Wraparound have seen. Check out our successes.
We're always accepting youth referrals
Do you know a young person anywhere in Wyoming age 4 to 20 who would benefit from additional support? Would it make a difference if they could be more successful at home, school and in their community?

Wyoming's High Fidelity Wraparound program can help if:

- A free program makes sense for the youth and their family.
- Additional mental health or behavior support is needed.
- Youth who currently are, or could be, Medicaid eligible.
- Youth is at risk for being placed out of their home in hospital or detention.
- Youth and their care givers would benefit from having a team of support.

Learn more by completing our Referral Form or visiting our website.

National Wraparound Initiative: News from the field
The following are National Wraparound Initiative staff selections of recent news items of interest to the Wraparound community:

- Mental Health Trial Bringing Mindfulness Program to Schools in England
- Gauging How Family, Community Impact Children’s Mental Health
- One in Six U.S. Kids Has a Mental Health Disorder
- Research on Benefits of Mindfulness Education in School

View these and other news items >>

Preventing suicide by promoting social connectedness
In this webinar, hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Injury Control Resource Center for Suicide Prevention, presenters reviewed research on the influence of school-based social networks to adolescent risk and protective factors for suicidal behaviors, discussed adolescent exposure to risk factors for suicide, and discussed how school-based social networks can be used to promote social connectedness and address adolescent relational needs. Learn more.

Using science to understand the effects of adversity and build resilience
This Digital Dialogue from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Technical Assistance and Strategic Dissemination Center addresses how new science is changing the way we think about early childhood adversity and resilience — and how early experiences affect lifelong health and development. Watch now.
Conducting community needs assessments in Native American communities
In Native American communities, it is important to conduct surveys that are responsive to cultural considerations, including being transparent, providing incentives, and explaining the survey and how the results will be used. This web event is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, from 1:30-3 p.m. EDT, and will describe the Community Needs Assessment Survey developed by Utah Navajo Health System, Inc., and implemented on the Navajo Nation strip in Utah. Learn more.

Effectively integrating CANS into the Wraparound process
The Wraparound process is the most common care coordination model for youth with complex needs and their families. Meanwhile, the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is now the most widely used assessment tool in public child-serving systems. In this webinar, scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, from 2-3:30 p.m. EDT, the National Wraparound Implementation Center and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago will review how to best integrate CANS into the Wraparound process. Register now.

Our program is growing
Magellan’s network of providers is growing and we’re looking to add even more. We’ve recently posted numerous job opportunities on WyomingAtWork.com. WyomingAtWork.com is the online job matching system administered by the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. If you have ever wanted to help youth with complex mental health or behavioral health concerns, you can become a provider by visiting our Become a Provider page. We are always looking for more experienced and caring people to join forces with us to meet the needs of youth across Wyoming. Do you know anyone who would be great at this? Refer them to work with us.