

Collaborative Adventures



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Great New Resource – Give Yourself a Break and Check It Out!

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Take a vacation from your day to day with an exciting new resource: the National Wraparound Initiative's *Resource Guide* to Wraparound. The information contained in this resource promises to rejuvenate, refocus and give you the information and support you need to take wraparound to the next level in your community. Each section is divided into chapters written by national leaders in wraparound, family advocacy, research, policy and practice. All these benefits can be yours without the cost of a conference, plane ticket or a day away from the office. Just click on the *Resource Guide* to Wraparound at www.wrapinfo.org. Enjoy this wonderful new resource ~ Bon Voyage!

Section 1: Introduction and Basics ~ Dive into the **history** of the National Wraparound Initiative and **wraparound development** through the years.

Section 2: The Principles of Wraparound ~ Jump into a discussion of the **ten principles of wraparound**, as confirmed by the advisors of the NWI. You can also read a few specific examples of how practitioners and communities have made some of these principles come to life in the real world, including **strengths-based practice** and **community-based services and supports**.

Section 3: Theory and Research ~ Fly into the **theory base for wraparound** and basic **research that supports the model**. This section also provides you with the **results of a recent national study** on wraparound implementation and support by states and communities.

Section 4: Wraparound Practice ~ Journey through the **Phases and Activities of the Wraparound Process** in a whole new way!! This section offers a wealth of practical information from the **family and youth perspective**. You can also encounter information about the role of **direct support services, clinicians, school and family resource developers** in the wraparound process here.

Section 5: Supporting Wraparound Implementation ~ Leap into the largest section of the *Resource Guide*. Here you will find multiple examples and descriptions of methods to **train, coach, and supervise staff** filling key roles in wraparound; **financing** wraparound basics and examples; a review of methods for **measuring wraparound implementation fidelity**; and an example of how Wraparound Milwaukee built **databases to support wraparound implementation**. This section also includes several additional chapters covering **systems change issues, the community collaborative team model** used by wraparound initiatives in Canada, and a description of how wraparound can be integrated into **school settings**, by Dr. Lucille Eber.

Appendices ~ Wrap it all up with the **Wraparound User's Guide** (a handbook for families) in English and Spanish, **Achieve My Plan!** (a how-to manual for helping youth participate actively in wraparound planning), and samples of **evaluation and fidelity instruments**.

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