

Waukesha County Coordinated Services Team Initiative

Interagency Partnership Agreement 2022

This agreement serves to promote an understanding of the mission of the Coordinated Services Team to collaborate with families, schools, and community partners to support the wellbeing, quality of life, and inclusion of children and adolescents with significant mental health and behavioral issues in Waukesha County. Such an understanding will:

- *Facilitate networking that improves access to services for children with significant mental health and behavioral issues.*
- *Promote the identification of service delivery gaps and foster coordinated planning for the remediation of these gaps.*
- *Support collaborative approaches to multi agency service delivery needed for a child and that child's family.*

Overview of the Coordinated Services Team Committee

CST is a family centered, community-based initiative that aids with the development of a coordinated system of care for youth with behavioral health needs. CST is a team process, giving parents voice, access, and ownership to what happens in their family. CST focuses on team building using the wrap around philosophy. It offers a family the means to address their concerns while maintaining their voice in the process of planning.

CST Mission

The mission of the Coordinated Services Team Initiative Committee is to collaborate with families, schools, and community partners to support the wellbeing, quality of life, and inclusion of children and adolescents with significant mental health and behavioral issues in Waukesha County.

CST Core Values

FAMILY VOICE AND CHOICE: Family and youth/child perspectives are intentionally elicited and prioritized during all phases of the wraparound process. Planning is grounded in family members' perspectives and the team strives to provide options and choices that reflect the family's values and preferences.

TEAM-BASED: The wraparound team consists of individuals agreed upon by the family and committed to the family through informal, formal, and community support and service relationships.

NATURAL SUPPORTS: The team actively seeks out and encourages the full participation of team members drawn from family members' networks of interpersonal and community relationships. The wraparound plan reflects activities and interventions that draw on sources of natural support.

COLLABORATION: Team members work cooperatively and share responsibility for developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating a single wraparound plan. The plan reflects a blending of team members' perspectives, mandates, and resources. The plan guides and coordinates each team member's work towards meeting the team's goals.

COMMUNITY-BASED: The wraparound team implements service and support strategies that take place in the most inclusive, most responsive, most accessible, and least restrictive settings possible and that safely promote child and family integration into home and community life.

CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC RESPONSIVENESS: The wraparound process demonstrates respect for and builds on the values, preferences, beliefs, culture, and identity of the child, youth, family, and their community.

INDIVIDUALIZED AND DEVELOPMENTALLY INFORMED: To achieve the goals laid out in the wraparound plan, the team develops and implements a customized set of strategies, supports, and services.

STRENGTHS-BASED: The wraparound process and the wraparound plan identify, build on, and enhance the capabilities, knowledge, skills, and assets of the child and family, their community, and other team members

UNCONDITIONAL: The wraparound team does not give up on, blame, or reject children, youth, and their families. When faced with challenges or setbacks, the team continues working toward meeting the needs of the youth and family and achieving the goals in the wraparound plan until the team reaches agreement that a formal wraparound process is no longer necessary.

OUTCOME-BASED: The team ties the goals and strategies of the plan to observable or measurable indicators of success, monitors progress in terms of these indicators, and revises the plan accordingly.

Coordinating Committee Membership:

Wis. Stat. § 46.56 (3) Required Members are listed below

(3) Coordinating committee.

(a) The coordinating committee shall include representatives from all of the following:

1. The county department responsible for child welfare and protection services
2. The county department responsible for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services for children and families
3. The county department responsible for providing services for children who have developmental disability
5. The juvenile court administrator or another representative appointed by the judge responsible for cases heard under chs. 48 and 938
6. The largest school district in the county and any cooperative educational service agency
7. At least 2 parents, or the number that equals 25 percent of the coordinating committee's membership, whichever is greater, of children who are involved in 2 or more systems of care.
8. The agency responsible for economic support programs.

Additional members could be (but not limited to):

- Representatives of the vocational rehabilitation office
- Representatives of a technical college district that is located in the county
- Physicians specializing in care for children
- Representatives of health maintenance organizations that are operating in the county
- Representatives of law enforcement agencies that are located in the county
- Representatives of agencies that are located in the county
- Local elected officials
- Representatives of a vocational and technical school
- Local business representatives
- Representatives of the local faith-based community

Members of the CST Committee have a clear goal of supporting our client's success, with an emphasis on these objectives:

1. To assist in regular program evaluation and feedback throughout the year.
2. To provide input and advice on the quality and relevance of program structure and services.
3. To identify opportunities for partnerships within the community.
4. To assist in identification of opportunities to meet evolving needs of the community