

Definition of Wraparound: The Wraparound process is a way to improve the lives of children with complex needs and their families by developing individualized plans of care. The key characteristics of the process are that the plan is developed by a family centered team, is individualized based on the strengths and culture of the child and their family, and is driven by needs rather than services. In addition to addressing the needs of the identified youth, Wraparound plans are designed to meet the needs of caregivers and siblings and to address a range of life areas. Through the team-based planning and implementation process, wraparound also aims to develop the problem-solving skills, coping skills, and self-efficacy of the young people and family members. Finally, there is an emphasis on integrating the youth into the community and building the family's social support network.\*

\*[National Wraparound Initiative](#)