



What is Wraparound?

- Wraparound is a voluntary process that works to coordinate and enhance your/your family's existing supports and services. It is a practical and supportive way to meet the needs of women (and their children) who are having difficulties in more than one area of their life.

How does it happen?

- The process centres focuses on your strengths, not your problems! A wraparound facilitator can help you identify strengths, and plan your "team."
- You choose a team comprised of informal and formal supports. Informal team members could include people such as family members, friends, a faith-based support, a mentor, a babysitter etc. Anyone who you feel has "really been there" for you could be an informal support. Formal team members could include service providers and agencies such as a "stopping the violence" counsellor, drug and alcohol counsellor, an outreach worker, a social worker etc. There are usually between four and seven people on a team.
- With your team, you set goals, create action plans, and work together to achieve your goals. By meeting regularly, at a place of your choice in the Surrey/ White Rock/ Langley/ Delta area, you and your team will work together to meet your needs.

Why is Wraparound different?

- Your voice is heard. You choose the team; you identify the goals; you decide what will work for you/ your family. No meeting takes place without you.
- The wraparound philosophy is based on "sticking with" a family. If things don't work out with one plan, a new plan is created.
- All services and supports are tailored to your unique values, preferences, and culture.
- Wraparound promotes community involvement.
- Wraparound considers all aspects of your life. Everything is out on the table, and the team breaks difficulties down into achievable steps towards having your needs met.

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