



CARE COORDINATION & THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS

The Greater Bridgeport System of Care is designed to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive array of quality services, supports and advocacy for children and adolescents with serious emotional and behavioral issues and their families in the Greater Bridgeport area. Care Coordination utilizes the wraparound process which takes a team approach and is parent-driven and child centered. The Care Coordinator focuses on the family strengths and needs in a culturally competent and responsive manner with the goal of creating a sustainable plan, helping the child/adolescent remain in their local community.

What is Care Coordination?

- Utilizes the wraparound process that helps families living with a child/adolescent who is experiencing severe emotional and/or behavioral disorders that are at risk of disrupting from their home, school or community.
- It is for families who have multiple mental health care providers, requiring intensive multi-agency coordination.
- Work with families to coordinate community resources and mental health services.
- Advocates and ensures that appropriate service interventions are utilized when available.

Objectives:

- Meet the varied needs of families living with a child or adolescent experiencing emotional and/or behavioral disorders.
- To coordinate community resources and mental health services
- To ensure that appropriate service interventions are utilized when available.
- To ensure timely availability of mental health services.
- To provide parent support and advocacy.

Who is eligible?

- Children/adolescents 0 – 18 years of age (21 if they are still in school).
- Families whose child/adolescent has a diagnosable emotional or behavioral disorder.
- Children/adolescents who have multiple providers involved, such as a therapist, probation worker, psychiatrist, behaviorist, and require coordination of these services.
- Child/adolescent is at risk of being removed from the community to address severe emotional and behavioral needs.
- Families who have multiple mental health providers, requiring intensive multi-agency coordination.
- Children/adolescents who may have a history of mental health services that have not been successful.
- Child/adolescent is in an out-of-home placement and needs coordination of services to successfully return home.
- Family must reside in Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford or Trumbull.

Who is not eligible?

- Children/adolescents who are not diagnosable on Axis I.
- Children/adolescents who may only need weekly outpatient therapy to address situational sadness or anxiety.
- Children/adolescents that are receiving services from DCF.
- Children/adolescents who are in protective custody.
- Families who are only seeking financial support.
- Families who are only seeking recreational services, such as basketball camp.
- Families who are only seeking case management services, such as housing.

WRAPAROUND IS.....

- A planning process
- Strength-based
- Family-driven
- Individualized to the family's vision and goals
- Solution-focused to help families meet their unmet needs
- Community-based
- Culturally-competent
- Designed to empower families

WRAPAROUND IS NOT....

- A service
- A specific program
- A one-size-fits-all approach

Wraparound is a process that offers support and assistance to families with children who have unmet needs. The process is designed to empower youth and their families to create change and to work toward achieving and sustaining their goals.

For more information on Care Coordination or to request a referral, please contact the Fairfield Police Department and ask to speak with a CIT Officer.