

What is “Wraparound?”

The term “wraparound” was coined in the early 1980’s to describe a new movement in mental health care for children that involves a collaborative, individualized, team-based approach. Wraparound services also encompasses the following:

- Family voice in decision making and choosing the best services for your child
- Community-based care and support
- Strengths-based decision making and problem solving
- Natural support from the people you choose to have involved in your life and your child’s life
- Culturally responsive care and planning to best meet your needs, preferences, and strengths
- Collaboration and teaming with all the important systems and people in your family’s life, working together towards shared goals



About RISE

RISE is a non-profit located in Madison, WI that provides support, education, coordination of care, and assessment and evaluation services to individuals, youth, and families.



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The Children Come First (CCF) program provides wraparound care coordination and crisis stabilization services for youth ages 0-19 with diagnosed mental health concerns. CCF's primary mission is to coordinate mental health treatment, community resources, and supports in order to prevent or reduce the risk of a child being placed outside the family home.



The Children Come First (CCF) program includes three sub-programs:

- CCF Wraparound**
- CCF Family Support**
- CCF Hospital Diversion**

All CCF sub-programs offer the following:

- Strengths-based, individualized approach to care coordination
- Teaming: family, professionals, friends, and other people are invited to participate in planning and coordinating your child's care and services
- Wraparound services: coordination and linkage to the services and supports that are both traditional and non-traditional, and that meet the needs of your child and family
- Crisis planning and support

CCF Wraparound offers intensive, wraparound care coordination for an average of 18 months, based on the need for this level of care. Children enrolled in CCF Wraparound are considered to be at serious risk of institutional placement (psychiatric hospitalization, residential care center, or corrections).

CCF Family Support offers intensive, wraparound care coordination for an average of 18 months to children at risk of placement outside of their family home (foster home or group home), or to prevent foster care disruption.

CCF Hospital Diversion provides crisis stabilization and hospital diversion services to children and families for up to 3 months. Hospital Diversion services offer intensive in-home crisis stabilization, safety planning, care coordination, parent support, and behavior management.

Family Advocacy is available to any child and family enrolled in any of the CCF sub-programs. The family advocate can help with any of the following:

- Help identifying the strengths and needs of your family.
- Help you understand the different roles of agencies involved in the system and how they affect you.
- Provide education to family members and to others involved in your life about the needs of your child and family.
- Assist you in identifying and utilizing necessary services.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for any of the CCF sub-programs, the child must:

- Have BadgerCare Medicaid or Medical Assistance
- Be a Dane County resident, ages 0-19
- Have a DSM mental health diagnosis given by a psychologist or psychiatrist within the last 6 months
- Have current emotional/behavioral challenges that are putting him/her at imminent risk of an out of home placement
- Be involved with at least 2 of the following systems: mental health, social services, special education, child protective services, and/or the juvenile justice system
- Be in need of additional support in at least 2 of the following areas: self care, community, social relationships, family, and/or school

**Contact us directly at
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to make a referral for CCF services**

