



What Pierce County is saying about Wraparound Services

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The wraparound process is perfect for my daughter.

A father of a Pierce County Parent

It's wonderful to get all the providers together at the same time, in the same room, to hear how each one is helping my family.

A Plum City Parent

Since the CST process has started, this is the first time that the mother was enthusiastic and she seemed open to working with me.

A Plum City School Teacher

I am very satisfied with the wraparound process. Everyone is on the same page at the same time working with the family for goals they establish. It is a more positive approach than what we have used in the past. Prior to this process, we were all different departments trying to work independently to accomplish the same goals for a family, ie Human Services, Public Health, Head Start, etc. By all of us working together, it gives the family a much more stable environment to work towards their goals and the family is the important part in the long run.

**Janet Cleary, PHN
Pierce County Public Health**

I give my time and energy to participate in a Coordinated Services Team. Once a month, I gather with a group of people who have promised their time and energy to be on a journey with a mother, her children, and their dad. Mostly, we listen to the mom. She brings us together and talks to us about what is happening in her life, the joys and sorrows. I am amazed at how much she trusts us and tells us. We learn from her and grow with her. We challenge and encourage her and ask questions, examining choices and problems as she guides us through the terrain of her and her family's life. She thanks us and says we are helpful and I believe she means it because she keeps asking us back. I know that this group blesses me, offering endless opportunities to me to see things from another perspective and walk in someone else's shoes. Lots of people talk about making a difference for families, I get to witness and participate in that happening on a regular basis. Thank you for making this possible.

Rev. Beth A. Benson, United Church of Christ-Prescott

The CST has been very helpful to me. I am new to the area, so it has helped me to realize what kinds of help and services are out there. Also, it has helped me to better work with the student in my classroom and to better understand the student.

A Malone Elementary School Teacher

I think the CST functions well as a community partners group. It is one of few times we are all at the table together where we can address concerns.

Mary Zimmerman, Director of Special Education-Ellsworth Schools

I have found that the Coordinated Services Team has performed three services: 1) It has brought the School District of Prescott and the Department of Human Services closer together and has formed strong bonds, 2) It has developed a strong educational link between the Ellsworth School District and the Prescott District, 3) And most importantly, it has helped a number of families in the two school districts. It has created teams that share concerns and help both the parent and the student so that the child can succeed at home and at school.

Steven J. Shaw, Prescott High School

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