



Kalamazoo Wraps Workgroups

Calling All Youth (CAY) – The youth group will work as equal partners alongside professional, parents and community members to improve mental health services in our community. This group supports meaningful participation of youth under 18. This group will provide input about the best possible ways to provide services and supports to youth and their families.

Cultural and Linguistic Competence – Participants will assess the existing service system, identify disparities, and implement strategies that assure that service providers possess the attitudes, knowledge and skills to effectively serve all youth and their families in our community.

Evaluation – The evaluation workgroup provides advice regarding barriers to participation in evaluation and how to overcome them. It also helps decide what the local evaluation should measure and how. No experience with statistics is necessary to join this group, just a desire to help make the evaluation process more relevant and family-friendly.

Integrative Action Team – This team is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the entire Kalamazoo Wraps process. Members will use a consensus method to make decisions about policies, budgets, and other issues that affect the initiative overall.

Management Team – This group is responsible for the day to day management of all grant activities.

Parent Advisory Group (PAG) – This group will work as equal partners alongside professional, youth and community members to improve mental health services in our community. This group supports meaningful participation of parents. This group will provide input about the best possible ways to provide services and supports to youth and their families.

Social Marketing – This group will work on educating the community about Kalamazoo Wraps, promoting events, developing and implementing an anti-stigma campaign and publicizing information about mental health issues through local media venues and events.

Sustainability – This workgroup will create a formal plan to maximize the use of current resources and funding streams and develop a strategic plan for the transformation of the system of care.

Training & Best Practices – This group will assist in developing and implementing community wide trainings. The training workgroup will work closely with evaluation and social marketing groups. Members of this workgroup will work on outreach to the community, peer-to-peer support and professional development