



Tools to Address Challenges With Wraparound Implementation

We are pleased to share with you the second edition of The TA Telescope! As you will read, this issue focuses on critical topics related to successful Wraparound implementation. According to the National Wraparound Initiative, 49 states/territories in the United States report using a Wraparound approach either statewide or in local jurisdictions or organizations. With the increasing growth and documented success of Wraparound for young people with behavioral health challenges and their families, there also has been a surge of commitment on the federal level, as evidenced by the release of the Joint CMCS and SAMHSA bulletin titled, Coverage of Behavioral Health Services for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Significant Mental Health Conditions.

This topic is also near and dear to my heart. I have learned through leading implementation efforts in New Jersey and providing consultation in states across the nation that this is not easy work. It takes champions and strong leadership, strategic financing, systems planning, thoughtful workforce development, social marketing initiatives, and strong partnership with youth and their families. I hope the articles in this edition will provide you with new knowledge to help support your local implementation efforts.

Please feel free to forward this Telescope edition to others.

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