

# Calumet County CST Program

## Coordinated Services Teams (CST)

The Coordinated Services Team (CST) Program develops a comprehensive, individualized system of care for children with complex behavioral health needs. The CST itself is a group that includes family members, service providers, and others that work to design and carry out a coordinated services plan for the child. This model of care is often referred to as wraparound. The result is a plan of care that addresses the needs of the child and family with community-based supports, which allows the child to live in their home and community and realize their hopes and dreams.

CST is for children, preferably age 10 and older, who are involved in multiple systems of care, such as mental health, substance use, child welfare, youth justice, special education, or developmental disabilities.

Family and youth perspectives are intentionally elicited and prioritized during all phases of the wraparound process. Planning is grounded in family members' perspectives, and the team strives to provide options and choices that reflect the family's values and preferences.

The team actively seeks out and encourages the full participation of team members drawn from family members' networks of interpersonal and community relationships. The CST plan of care reflects activities and interventions that draw on sources of natural support.

Team members work cooperatively and share responsibility for developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating a single wraparound plan. The plan reflects a blending of team members' perspectives, mandates, and resources. The plan guides and coordinates each team member's work towards meeting the team's goals.

The wraparound process and the wraparound plan identify, build on, and enhance the capabilities, knowledge, skills, and assets of the child and family, their community, and other team members.

The wraparound team does not give up on, blame, or reject children, youth, and their families. When faced with challenges or setbacks, the team continues working toward meeting the needs of the youth and family and achieving the goals in the wraparound plan until the team reaches agreement that a formal wraparound process is no longer necessary.

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