



RADICALLY RESILIENT

“Connection is why we’re here.
It’s what gives purpose and
meaning to our lives.

Families that stay connected
through difficulty grow stronger,
not in spite of struggle, but
because of it.”

-Brene Brown

Butler County Family and Children First Council

2024-25 IMPACT REPORT

Resources | Training | Wraparound

59 COUNCIL MEMBERS COLLABORATED

220 YOUTH SERVED BY WRAPAROUND

2,102 PEOPLE TRAINED

24,215 RESOURCE CARDS DISTRIBUTED

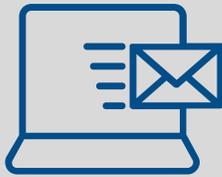
From the Director



Our council serves as a central hub—connecting families, professionals, and agencies through ***cross-agency collaboration, resource coordination, free training*** and ***high fidelity wraparound services***. Guided by data and with the help of our 59-member council, we identify individual youth needs and broader system gaps. We then develop plans, secure funding together, and implement solutions that support and strengthen families & communities.

Over the past year, amid rising youth mental health challenges and increasing complexity in the families we serve, we pledged to implement upstream strategies that reach youth sooner and strengthen community and family resilience. We are on a mission to weave connections so that every child has the support and hope they need to flourish. We provided **free support to 220 youth** who have intensive needs across multiple systems and their families. This year, many nonprofit organizations and youth-serving agencies have faced shifting funding and policy changes that strain an already fragile network of care. Families and helping professionals alike feel the impact of these setbacks. ***Yet, even in the face of these challenges, our council and partners continue to grow in strength, resolve, and creativity.***

Our annual report celebrates this ***radical resilience***, a community rising together to intervene early, surround every child with care, and shift life trajectories for the better. We are acting now with council partners, mentors, and volunteers stepping forward to say: ***“These are our kids, and we need your help!”***



Stay Connected & Sign up for Our E-newsletter:
www.butlerfcfc.org

With Determination & Hope,

Beth Race

beth.race@bcesc.org

Get Involved: Council Networking & Training Events



Resource Expo

350+ Attendees & 80 Agencies



Trainings

**30+ Free Events & Trainings
97% SATISFACTION RATE**



Youth Summit

103 Youth Participated
in partnership with **Envision**

Building Community Resilience

Leveraging funding and relationships

Shared Plan: Achieving Success Together

Council supports initiatives that help youth & young adults to grow up safe and healthy, surrounded by support of their families and communities. We all share in responsibility for helping children & families achieve success and our strategic plan is focused on:



W.I.S.H. Housing Initiative: We Imagine Stable Housing

The Butler County Educational Service Center and FCFC secured a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program grant to support youth and young adults (ages 14–24) experiencing homelessness. A Homelessness Navigator embedded within the Success program in local school districts, along with a Housing Case Manager serving young adults ages 18+, provides critical support services—including transportation, food, and healthcare—as well as housing options such as hotel placements, transitional units, and rental assistance. W.I.S.H. is off to a strong start, serving 10 individuals and centering youth voices through a new Youth Action Board comprised of 5 young adults with lived experience of being homeless.

One early success story is DL, who has overcome many life challenges. He is now maintaining employment, staying in a hotel funded by the grant, saving for transportation, and preparing to return to college. DL's journey reminds us why the W.I.S.H. program exists: to give youth the tools, connections, and hope they need to build a brighter future.

“At 22, I thought I lost everything-but I didn’t lose hope. W.I.S.H. gave me more than housing; they gave me a chance to rebuild, to rise, and to believe in my future again. The amount of stress this program took off of my shoulders is actually unbelievable. I will be able to go back to school next month and I wasn’t sure that would ever happen.” -DL

Thanks to grant support from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and technical assistance from COHHIO.



Why Wraparound? Resilient Families and Teams



Wraparound serves youth from birth to 24 years old. It is an evidence-based approach to coordinate care for youth and young adults with complex needs and multi-system involvement. Wraparound teams identify strengths and develop individualized plans that address specific challenges, promoting safety, stability, resilience, and well-being. We work to strengthen families, keeping youth in their homes and communities, or helping with reunification after separation.

220

YOUTH SERVED

90%

HAD ZERO PLACEMENTS AWAY FROM FAMILY

89%

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

13 years

AVG. AGE AT REFERRAL

15 Months

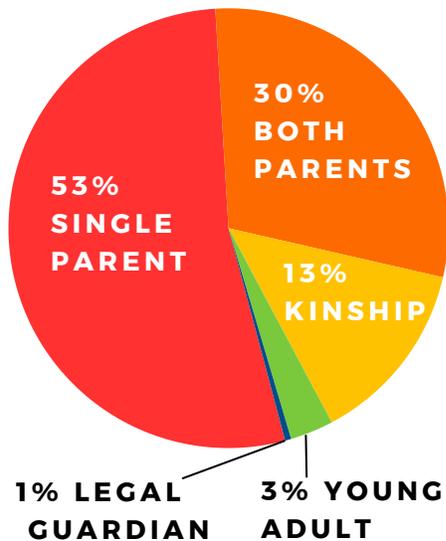
AVG. LENGTH INVOLVEMENT

Wraparound Youth and Family Demographics

RACE

- 57%** WHITE/ CAUCASIAN
- 16%** MULTI-RACIAL
- 13%** BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 9%** HISPANIC OR LATINX
- 4%** DECLINED
- 1%** ASIAN

FAMILY COMPOSITION



GENDER

57% MALE **43%** FEMALE



WRAPAROUND IS A **FREE** SERVICE TO BUTLER COUNTY FAMILIES, REGARDLESS OF INCOME LEVEL. CURRENT YEAR BREAKOUT:

86% LOW-INCOME, TANF-ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

14% MIDDLE OR HIGH-INCOME FAMILIES



BUTLER COUNTY WRAPAROUND

MEETING NEEDS USING THE POWER OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

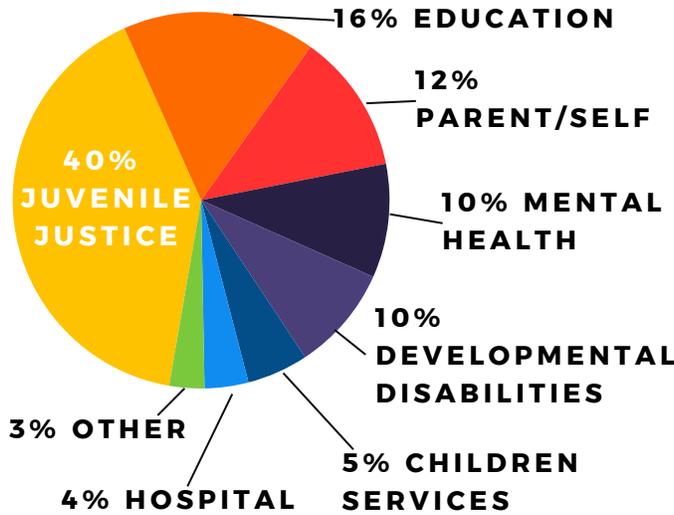
513.887.5510
WWW.BUTLERFC.FC.ORG/
WRAPAROUND

Resilience with Community

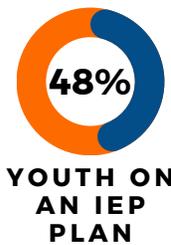
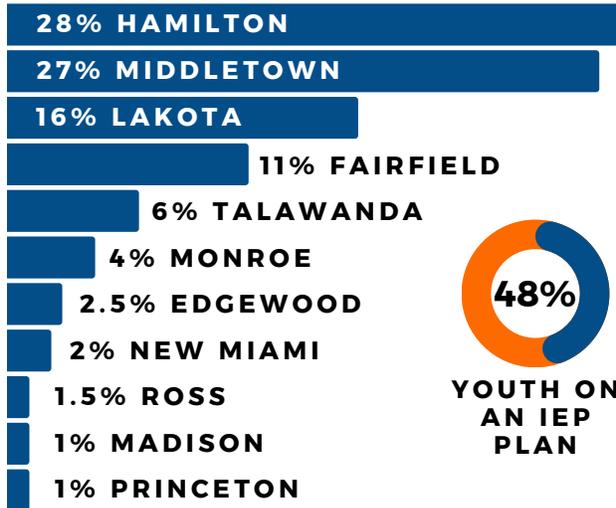
Wraparound Partners and Resources

By collaborating with community and youth-serving government systems in a strength-based way, we can help families reduce isolation, build cooperative partnerships, and create a support network, strengthening long term resilience that continues beyond formal services.

REFERRAL SOURCES



SCHOOL DISTRICTS ATTENDED

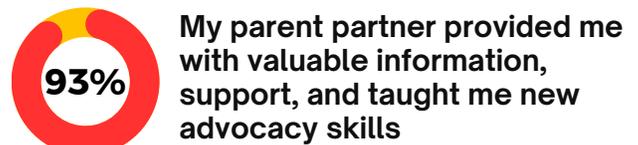


Resilient Peer Connections

Wraparound offers free, voluntary peer support for caregivers and youth, led by individuals with lived experience. These peer supporters play a vital role in building resilience—fostering trust, instilling hope, and creating a sense of belonging. Through shared understanding, they model coping strategies and perseverance, showing families that positive change is possible, even in the face of adversity..

- 46** CAREGIVERS CHOSE TO BE SERVED BY A PARENT PARTNER
- 25** YOUTH CHOSE TO BE SERVED BY A YOUTH PEER PARTNER

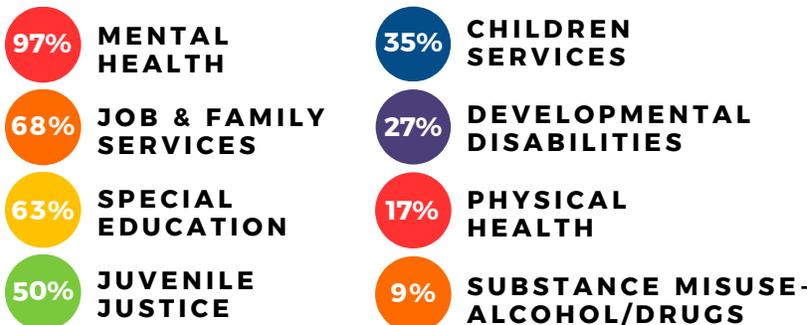
WHILE BEING SERVED BY A PARENT PARTNER FAMILIES SAY:



88% I understand what is going on in meetings related to my child

88% I would recommend having a parent partner to a family member or a friend

INVOLVED SYSTEMS AREA OF NEED



*YOUTH OFTEN HAVE MULTIPLE NEEDS ACROSS SYSTEMS



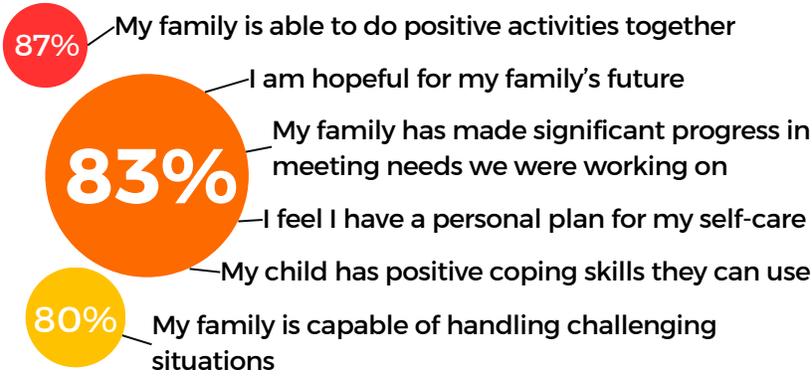
Resilient Outcomes

What Caregivers & Youth Share at Closing



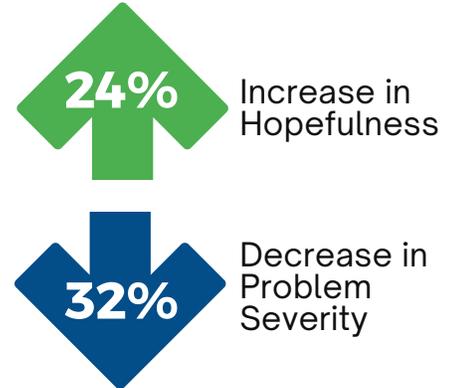
of youth served were living at home with a parent or kinship caregiver at closing !

Caregivers Agree or Strongly Agree:

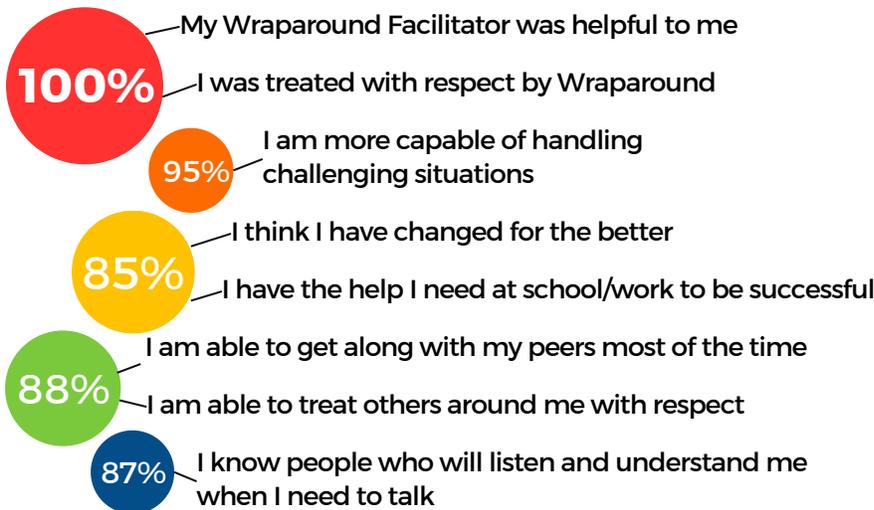


Ohio Scales:

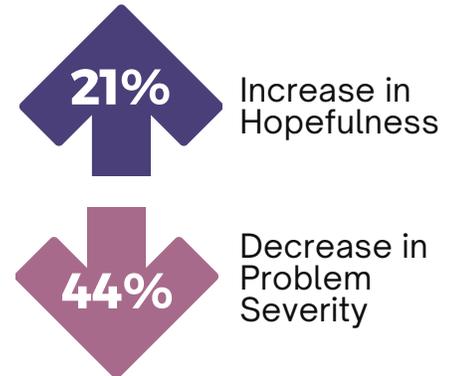
PARENT OUTCOMES:



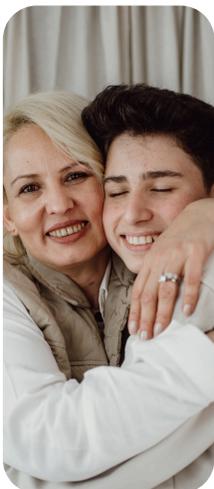
Youth 12+ Agree or Strongly Agree:



YOUTH OUTCOMES:



Family Spotlight: From Obstacle to Opportunities



Jon*, a bright and humble 16-year-old, and his devoted mom have faced heartbreaking obstacles—health challenges, the loss of a close friend, and trust issues from past experiences. When Wraparound first stepped in, Jon was struggling with grief, missing school, falling behind, and considering dropping out. His mom did not know where to turn for resources and was skeptical about accepting help. Their Wraparound facilitator built a team of support, including the family and school staff. Communication improved, support grew, and Jon’s outlook began to change. He joined Talawanda’s work program, balancing school with real-world experience and earning income, giving him hope & purpose. With encouragement at home and school, Jon applied to Butler Tech’s Automotive program and was accepted for next year. With connection, empowerment, and teamwork, Jon turned obstacles into opportunities, and his future is looking brighter than ever.

Investing in Youth & Families

Placement Cost Savings & Community Support for Wraparound



\$2.6 Million
Estimated
Local
Funds Saved

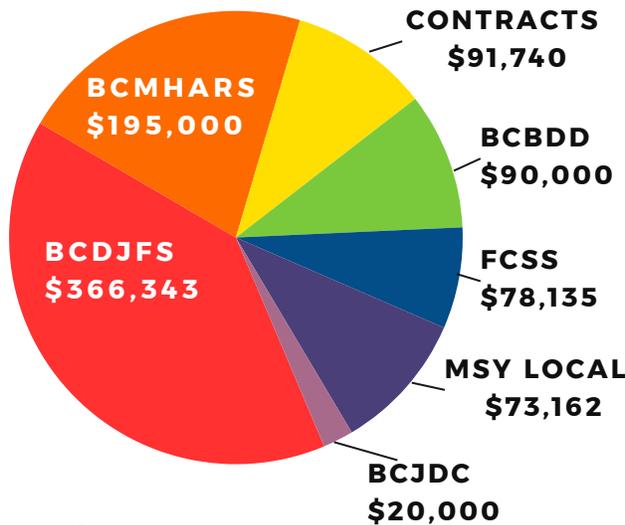
Saving taxpayers' money by keeping at-risk youth out of costly placements like group homes, hospitals, juvenile detention, or residential treatment. When youth are supported in their homes & communities, stability increases & the need for expensive services decreases, often lowering the rate of future system involvement.

Amount calculated based on average cost of out of home placement @ \$14,730 per month for each youth found to be at risk during the calendar year.

With a mix of local, state, and federal funds, Wraparound is a strategic investment that can change the trajectory of a youth's life and reduce the need for more costly interventions because of its:

- **Prevention Focus:** Addresses the root causes of challenges, enabling youth to experience lasting improvements and rely less on public systems throughout their lifetime.
- **Community-based Supports:** Connects families with affordable and more sustainable local activities, resources, and therapies. *Emphasizes growing natural supports, sometimes youth (and caretakers) need fewer services & more supportive relationships.*
- **Local Ownership & Accountability:** Prioritizes partnerships to meet families' unique needs and achieve long-term outcomes. The Community Resource Team and Clinical Committee meets regularly to approve requests, monitor progress, and share funding.

Wraparound Contributions



Flexible Funds

\$20,967 Spent

on youth and family supports including safety items, transportation, respite, and/or social/family activities that build resilience, enrich lives, and create lasting connections with others in the community.

Thank you funders & partners...

Family Spotlight

FINDING HER VOICE, HOPE & HEALING

With the steady support of her kinship guardian and Wraparound, Sarah* is becoming a confident young adult, overcoming the challenges of a childhood marked by trauma and social struggles. Sarah is now more independent, verbal, and able to advocate for herself with the help of her Wraparound team. Flexible funds helped the family stay organized and provided funding for peer support. She graduated from high school and completed a year in Project Life, where she gained job and life skills including money management. Sarah is employed, demonstrates leadership, and dreams of working with animals. She enjoys babysitting, playing video games, and spending time at church where she continues to grow in her ability to build safe, trusting relationships.



ReCAST:

Resilience in Communities After Stress & Trauma



Council received a SAMHSA grant to improve mental wellness, prevent violence, and support youth—especially in underserved areas of Hamilton, Fairfield, and Middletown. We've reached **3,482 youth** through mental health services, prevention programs & awareness efforts. To build long-term impact, we're training youth-serving agencies in the *You Belong Here* curriculum, which builds life skills, strengthens protective factors, and fosters connected communities. Hamilton Boys & Girls Club and Middletown Connect piloted the program sharing this success story: When ten-year-old Donovan started he was quiet and unsure, he gained confidence and new skills quickly, telling his mom, *"I know how to stand up for myself now."* He is making more thoughtful choices, supports younger peers, and even teaches his little brother what he's learned. One staff member shared, *"The curriculum gave him a voice—now he's using it to lead"*.

Our Partners:

Cartwheel-virtual therapy with funding for under or uninsured students

EDGE Teen Center- volunteer opportunities for youth to learn about career pathways

Envision- community and school-based mediation for conflict resolution & truancy

YWCA- evidence-based youth programming to prevent violence & abuse

HELPING YOUTH GROW INTO CONFIDENT, RESILIENT LEADERS



YOU

BELONG
HERE



BUTLER COUNTY RESOURCES

Get connected to local resources. Scan the QR code with your smart phone camera or call:

513-887-5514

For resource info



Contact Us:

887-5510: MAIN PHONE LINE

WWW.BUTLERFCFC.ORG

**400 N. ERIE BLVD. SUITE A
HAMILTON, OH 45011**