

Systems of Care Tribal Wraparound Project

for the Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux, Northern Cheyenne,
Fort Belknap Assiniboine & Whiteclay and Crow Communities

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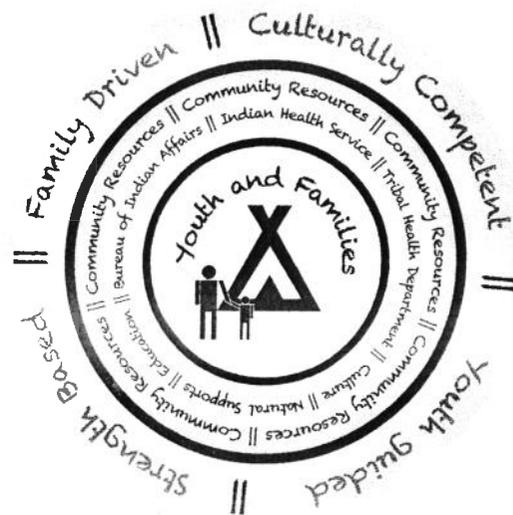
OPI is committed to fruitful endeavors that enhance systems so that children can thrive in school, the community and at home. In 2010 OPI, the state's educational agency, launched a multi-million dollar initiative called Montana Schools of Promise to dramatically improve the quality of education in Montana's most struggling schools. Central to the Schools of Promise initiative is the mental health and well-being of students. We continue these efforts with our Systems of Care Tribal Wraparound Project.

What is the Systems of Care (SOC) Tribal Wraparound Project?

For each tribal community, a system of care (SOC)...

- is a collaboration of organizations and resources in your community that come together to serve youth and their families.
- provides opportunities for youth's needs to be identified and to be referred appropriately.
- will ensure that the services and supports given to the youth are family-driven, youth-guided and fit the cultural need of the individual youth.
- uses processes that empower youth and families to acknowledge their own power.
- provides positive opportunities for youth.
- is strength based – focusing on the youth and family's strengths to build a positive outcome.

A System of Care for Wraparound



What is "Wraparound"?

The Wraparound process has been chosen as a proven strategy for achieving cultural competency while empowering the natural strengths of American Indian/Alaska Native families to identify and address their own prioritized needs within their cultural framework.¹

Culture is defined as the wisdom, healing traditions, and transmitted values that bind people together, from one generation to another (Duran, 2006); thus, "culture-based wraparound" aligns with the healing power of culture.¹

¹ *Implementing Culture-Based Wraparound, Chapter 2.6, Resource Guide to Wraparound, National Wraparound Initiative, University of Portland, 2014, [http://www.nwi.pdx.edu/NWI-book/Chapters/Palmer-2.6-\(culture-based-wrap\).pdf](http://www.nwi.pdx.edu/NWI-book/Chapters/Palmer-2.6-(culture-based-wrap).pdf).*

SOC Wraparound Goals

- **Goal 1:** Strengthen capacity and expansion of Wraparound
- **Goal 2:** Strengthen and formalize interagency agreements to support Wraparound youth and families
- **Goal 3:** Strengthen and formalize partnerships within mental health delivery system for youth and families



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