

CASSP Region 8 / SOC Area 8: Success Stories

Provided below are success stories about specific families or testimonies from a parent/child on how CASSP & /or SOC Wraparound Process has helped them

*Name Changed to Protect Confidentiality

Jo* was lying and stealing at home and school in which Police were called and client was referred for Wraparound. Police officer did participate in Wrap Team and offered to be natural support and provided Taekwondo courses for Jo instead of going to Juvenile Detention. Grandma reported Jo has not stolen since last Wraparound and is more engaged with the family including going on a family vacation. Jo also attended band camp to improve self-esteem and be ready for band this fall.

Mark* was in foster care and bio mom was living in Sanctuary (a shelter). Mark had also quit school and was persuing a GED. Mark's Wrap Team developed a plan and authorized subsistence funds to assist. Mom moved into her own home and Mark earned a 60 day trial placement in mom's home. Mark is now back in high school and attending classes daily while living at home during the trial placement with mom and siblings.

Andy* was getting regular suspensions from school and riding the bus. Andy had also damaged property and threatened to harm himself or others at recess during school. Andy was hospitalized and released back to his grandparents. Since his return, an active Wraparound Team was put into place that designed a behavior reward system for school and home and increased open communication and mental health services. Andy has now earned over 80 keys to his rewards bracelet and earns his entire class extra recess and homework parties. Andy reports improved peer relationships, grades, and has had zero out of home placements.

Tom* was in residential treatment and foster care. During the process of Wraparound, the bio-mom was granted custody of her son. DCFS required family have adequate sleeping arrangements for Tom including his own bed. The Wraparound team authorized funds to purchase a bed for Tom and a business within the community gave a reduced rate with immediate pick up. Through his Wrap Plan within 48 hours of release, Tom was able to come home back to his family and his own bed, new tennis shoes from a natural support, and an IEP developed for his re-admission to public school.

Jennifer* was referred to Wraparound by the Community Mental Health Center due to placement in Grandmother's home and Juvenile Probation. Through the process of Wraparound, Jennifer has strengthened her relationship with bio-mom and moved back home. Also, Jennifer was released from Juvenile Probation for good behavior and attending school with improved grades. Jennifer has also started engaging in the community through taking dance classes. She aspires to attend Juliard and be a dancer after graduation.

Cindy* was referred to Wraparound 1 year ago. At that time, this 5 year old girl was hospitalized and referred for Wraparound Services by the CCD. Through the Wraparound Process, the CMHC was able to have open communication with DCFS and assist in the TFC Program application. This young lady has now completed the transition phase of Wraparound. Cindy is being released from foster care and adopted by the TFC home she resided in. Cindy has improved school grades and behavior as well as she is able to spend time with her biological sisters that live in the TFC home next door.

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