

## **Wraparound Initiative Key Messaging for LAT members**

### **1. What is Wraparound and why is your LAT testing it?**

Wraparound is a highly specialized care coordination model for children with complex multi-agency needs spanning moderate to severe emotional, behavioural, mental health and substance use concerns.

Like many small communities, the barriers to receiving timely and integrated mental health and substance use services in the West Kootenay region include wait lists for services, lack of coordination of services, and communication issues between service agencies. In order to address part of this problem the West Kootenay Local Action Team (WK LAT) is becoming more familiar with Family-Centred Practice principals and particularly how these relate to Wraparound service.

These tests of change will result in better outcomes for the youth and their families through:

- increasing the coordination and information sharing between all of the health, education, and social services involved in the life of the youth and their family;
- encouraging professionals to take part in shared service planning with other agencies;
- increasing informal social supports identified by the youth/family that can be activated in a service delivery plan;
- prioritizing service priorities identified by the youth/family rather than service priorities suggested solely by professionals; and
- formalizing care pathways through Local Agreements.

### **2. What is the role of the Wraparound Triage Team?**

- advise and evaluate all aspects of the WK LAT's Wraparound Initiative
- receive referrals and determine fit for Wraparound
- communicate and consult with families, care providers and partners

### **3. What is the role of the Wraparound Resource Coaches?**

- establish working alliances with children, youth and their families to ensure meaningful goals are formulated and their voice is included in all service planning
- help initially coordinate wraparound care meetings and the sharing and exchanging of information between team members
- provide coaching to ensure the system supports a Wraparound Model
- facilitate parent workshops