

Redwood Children's Services, Inc.

(RCS) is a non-profit, public benefit organization serving children and families in Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma Counties. Incorporated in October 1995, RCS began as a Foster Family Agency with a vision to grow and expand services to children and families in our communities.

RCS has grown into a multi-program "Family Service Agency". Our purpose is to provide placement, permanency, counseling and community service options for children through a family sensitive, child focused, strength based approach to care.

Our goal is to strengthen families and empower our communities' most vulnerable children through programs and services that benefit in building a healthy and whole community... one child and one family at a time.

Our Mission:

To improve the lives of children, youth and families by providing community support and quality therapeutic services.

Our Values:

RCS believes that through staff commitment and providing a sense of community, we will assist our youth to develop healing relationships.

RCS strives to help our children gain power in their lives, believe in themselves, and ultimately trust others enough to give and receive love. RCS is committed to developing programs that ensure our children's long-term success.

The 10 Principles of Wraparound Services:

- Family Voice and Choice
- Team Based
- Natural Supports
- Collaboration
- Community based
- Individualized
- Strengths Based
- Persistence
- Outcome Based

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"RCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer"

Lake County Wraparound Services

The Mission of Wraparound is to keep children at home with those who love them and know them the best by linking families with community and natural supports which will continue as long as the family has needs.



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"Taking action to enrich our children's future."

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Introduction

Wraparound is a dynamic process of planning, implementing, and coordinating services and support to improve the lives of youth and families with complex needs. The process is community based, culturally relevant, individualized, strength based, and family centered. It utilizes both informal and formal supports and community resources, and always includes a plan for step-down and transition from formal services.

Wraparound has its roots in the Community Based Mental Health movement of the 1960s and 1970s, which provides ways to help children and families, other than residential treatment, hospitalization, and/or incarceration. Early pioneers sought to keep youth in their natural surroundings by providing services and developing family and community support that would be available long after formal professional intervention ends.

Philosophy

Since each child and family is unique, our endeavor is to create individually tailored plans that fit the specific needs of those we serve.

The development of the plan for the family occurs in regularly scheduled Child and Family Team meetings which are a collaborative effort among the team, the County, the family and their support network.

These meetings focus on creating and maintaining a family mission, identifying the strengths and needs of the family and creating goals that the members of the team can achieve in order to support the family.



Support Staff

Care Coordinator

Convenes Child/Family Team meetings, assure strengths based assessments and promotes family decision making and consensus building.

Skills Coach:

Participates in Child/Family Teams. Provides direct services to children and families and promotes child and family/professional partnerships and family decision making.

Parent Partner:

Provides support to parents and works closely with Child/Family Teams. Assures parents have voice, choice, and ownership.

Program Manager:

Licensed clinician providing program operation oversight, supervision of Family Facilitator, Skills Coach, Resource Development Specialist, Parent Partners and support staff.