



## Wraparound Community Assessment Frequently Asked Questions

1. I understand that each county should submit only one assessment. Does that assessment have to come from the ADAMHS Board or can it come from the county FCFC?  
It is a county decision as to whether the ADAMHS Board submits the assessment or the county FCFC. It is important that whoever submits the assessment has discussed this opportunity with all relevant partners (e.g., child welfare, juvenile court, education) and have received agreement from those systems to begin this initiative as a collaborative effort.
2. The ENGAGE assessment was only 2 pages versus the longer version that was attached in PDF. Did we miss something?  
If you answer "NO" to currently implementing Wraparound, the survey is programmed to skip the Wraparound Capacity and Implementation questions and forward to the questions pertaining to willingness and interest. Therefore, it would only be 2 pages.
3. Staff were trained quite a few years ago by John Vandenberg, does this fit with ENGAGE High-Fidelity Wraparound and should they be counted?  
SAMHSA is working with the National Wraparound Initiative so Ohio/ENGAGE will be using their model for training and technical assistance. The National Wraparound Initiative model has developed standardized principles and processes from the original Vandenberg Wraparound model. For the Community Assessment, staff trained by Vandenberg should be listed and when they received the training.
4. Should current and formerly funded SAMHSA System of Care grantees complete the assessment? What would we be eligible for training and technical assistance if selected?  
Current and formerly funded SAMHSA System of Care grantees are not eligible to receive the ENGAGE funding for Wraparound facilitation. However, those SAMHSA System of Care grantees may take advantage of the training and technical assistance being provided to help assist those counties with expanding Wraparound. In addition, SAMHSA System of Care grantees will be asked to participate in Learning Communities to provide assistance and support to new ready communities. Finally, these SAMHSA System of Care grantees may have trained, experienced Wraparound facilitators that would be willing to receive training in Wraparound Coaching, and to ultimately serve as a coach to newly trained Wraparound facilitators.
5. What does it mean if we complete the assessment?  
The assessment has several purposes:
  - a. Inform the ENGAGE Management Team about the current capacity for Wraparound in Ohio
  - b. Inform the ENGAGE Management Team about the current interest for Wraparound in Ohio
  - c. Identify counties that are interested, have the capacity, and willingness to possibly serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Cohort.

- d. Identify counties that are interested, may not have the capacity yet, but are willing to serve as the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Cohort

It is important to note that completing the assessment does not lock your county into being the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Cohort. The ENGAGE Management Team may need additional information from counties before selecting the counties/multi-counties to serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Cohort.

6. The readiness assessment references the term Wraparound. In completing the questions, should our responses consider that term to mean High-Fidelity Wraparound? We use the term wraparound frequently, but I am thinking this reference is the Hi Fidelity Wrap implemented with fidelity.

ENGAGE has recently developed an overview on Wraparound. Please refer to that overview for a better understanding of High-Fidelity Wraparound:

<http://fcb.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Home/Initiatives/ENGAGE/ENGAGEWraparoundSummary.pdf>

7. What are the Fidelity Measurements or expectations for counties, particularly related to caseload size?

On Friday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> OhioMHAS posted a RFP to select a vendor to provide the Wraparound training and technical assistance for ENGAGE. Part of the vendor's work with the ENGAGE Evaluation Team will be to determine Ohio's fidelity requirements, measurements, and tools. ENGAGE should be seen as a "demonstration project" in that this is a great opportunity to test High-Fidelity Wraparound, its impact on youth and young adult outcomes, and system cost savings to determine if fidelity (all, part, or none) is truly needed. Communities participating in ENGAGE will have an opportunity to test the fidelity measurements and have input in the final design of Wraparound for Ohio.

8. Initially, ENGAGE planned to provide a one-time \$20,000 grant to counties to build the infrastructure for ENGAGE. The letter from Director Plouck references a \$2,000 per child figure. What are the financial details of ENGAGE? For the \$2,000 per child, is that ongoing or one-time and is there still the \$20,000 infrastructure grant?

The original plan for ENGAGE was to provide \$20,000/county for System of Care infrastructure costs. However, this plan is not sustainable as communities would have to determine how to continue the costs after the one-year funding. In addition, there would be various models or versions of "System of Care" throughout Ohio for youth and young adults.

Therefore, ENGAGE funding for counties has changed to a per youth amount. When a youth (age 14 through 21) would be enrolled into Wraparound and is deemed eligible for ENGAGE, the county/multi-county will receive \$2000/youth as reimbursement for the cost of Wraparound facilitation and coaching. This new payment structure is very similar to Home Choice and what some counties have done with Family-Centered Services and Supports.

9. Does ENGAGE know what outcomes and/or measurement tool will be used for this project?

ENGAGE project will be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of Wraparound provided to youth and young adults (ages 14-21). Previous studies of Wraparound with fidelity found reductions in out-of-home placements, hospital admissions, and intensive treatment; and improvements with accessing effective services, educational achievement, employment, and housing stability. Therefore, ENGAGE's will aim to:

1. Reduce out-of-home placements and hospitalizations by 30%

2. Increase grade advancements by 25%
3. Decrease the use of intensive behavioral health treatment by 20%
4. Reduce wait times to first contact with service by 50%
5. Increase attaining employment by 15%
6. Increase housing stability by 30%

The evaluation will use the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Outcome Measures (NOMS) tool for data collection and reporting. This tool is required for all SAMHSA grantees and collects information on employment, educational achievement, and housing stability. All NOMS data will be entered into the federal TRAC system and reported out quarterly for the grant period. The OhioMHAS is required to report this data quarterly for all ENGAGE participants. Out-of-home placements for program participants will be tracked using the Ohio SACWIS data system housed at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). Finally, services and hospital admissions will be followed through the state of Ohio Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS).

For county-specific data, paired samples t-tests will be used to examine differences between time points (T1-T2), which will be approximately three months apart for all youth. For individual-level data, a repeated measures analysis will be conducted to examine comparative effects between the varying wraparound services on all NOMS and services data.

For fidelity measures, the TA vendor will need to research best methods with a requirement to possibly partner with the Wraparound Evaluation and Research Team at the University of Washington (<http://depts.washington.edu/wrapeval/index.html>).