

## Restorative Justice

The Restorative Justice Program (RJP) is a service of the Clay County Attorney's Office. The goal of RJP is to reduce the number of youth entering or reentering the criminal justice system by offering opportunities for youth to be involved in the restorative justice processes.

RJP's primary goal is to create safer communities by bringing the youth, affected party, and community stakeholders together to resolve, reduce, and prevent conflict. The program currently offers two service models:

- Accountability Conferences
- Accountability Circles

The main goal during a conference or circle is to arrive at an agreement through consensus, to repair the harm caused by the incident. At the conclusion of the conference or circle, all parties participating work to create and sign an Accountability Agreement, which is monitored for completion by the RJ Program Coordinator.

The RJP provides a safe space for youth to hold themselves accountable for harms caused to themselves as well to the community, so that harm can be repaired in a safe, constructive, and dignified manner.



## Truancy Intervention

Truancy Intervention (TIP) is an early intervention strategy for identifying students who exhibit signs of truancy and other issues with regular school attendance. TIP staff work with all K-12 public education settings in Clay County.

Staff members work in collaboration with youth, their families and also school personnel to identify issues that may be preventing the youth from attending school, such as mental health, chemical dependency, family issues, etc. By collaborating with community based resources, the TIP staff refers youth, and their families, to programs that can address the identified risk factors. Programming includes mental health services, chemical health services, family therapy, student assistance programming, alternative education options, etc.

The TIP staff also serve as liaisons of information that can be shared between the schools, Social Services, Probation, the Courts, etc. The outcomes of the Program continue to be improved school attendance, enhanced academic success, improved family relationships and an overall improved quality of life of the youth and their families.



## Wraparound Program

Wraparound is a process used to develop plans for children and families with complex needs. Wraparound meetings are organized and mediated by a neutral facilitator. The meetings are typically ongoing, meeting as often as the team thinks appropriate.

A plan is developed by the family team – which includes family members, service providers and others. At the meetings, the family team focuses on building on the strengths of the family, prioritizing, setting and meeting goals according to family values, and discussing areas of life most important to the family. Needs are reflected in the plan to make life better for the children and the family.

Wraparound meetings are collaborative processes that bring together children, family members, friends, service providers and community members. The purpose is to prevent, identify and make a plan to address needs and concerns of the family, while building on their strengths.

This model is based on principles of respect. They work with families to build on family strengths, collaborate with community resources and incorporate shared decision making.

## Collaborative Funding is also used to

- Flexible funding for youth to participate in community activities where other funding is not available.
- Support of the family case manager at Churches United for the Homeless, who provides resources and referrals, assistance with housing and medical needs, food baskets and more.
- Support for the Family Support program at REACH which provides resources and referral, food pantry, holiday food baskets, contracted mental health programs, and more
- School based mental health programs for uninsured, underinsured students in the Hawley Public Schools and Barnesville Public Schools. Services are provided during the school day and include individual therapy, group therapy, and diagnostic assessment.
- Support of the Follow Along Program, a child find program provided by Clay County Public Health.



### **Mission...**

Our Mission is to work in partnership and collaboration to empower and provide opportunities for children and families.

### **Core Values...**

- We care about children and families
- We believe in collaboration and partnership
- We believe in early prevention, identification and intervention
- We believe in strength-based, family-centered services
- We believe in partnering with and supporting families
- We believe in accessible services
- We value education and training

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Partnerships  
Building  
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