

JUVENILE COURT, DETENTION AND PROBATION PERSONNEL
Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe) Screening Referral

Concerned about a Youth who may be struggling with complex behavioral health concerns?

Medicaid eligible youth up to 21 who are struggling due to possible mental health concerns should be considered for a WISe screen. A WISe referral should be completed by personnel in an effort to support the youth with their behavioral health needs when it is impacting their success in everyday life.

Elements of WISe include:

- Time and location of services (community-based): Services provided in locations and at times that work best for youth and family.
- Team-Based Approach: Intensive care coordination between all partners and team members. Team creates one cross-system care plan that is individualized and includes youth voice and choice.
- Help during a crisis: Youth and family have access to crisis services, including face-to-face interventions any time of day, 365 days a year.

Implementation of WISe, utilizing the Washington State Children's Behavioral Health Principles, will:

- Reduce the impact of mental health symptoms on youth and families, increase resilience, and promote recovery
- Keep youth safe, at home, and making progress in school.
- Help youth to avoid delinquency
- Promote youth development, maximize their potential to grow into healthy and independent adults.

Who should be considered for a WISe referral?

- Youth who have been arrested two or more times.
- Gang involvement.
- Receiving special education services and/or has a 504 Plan, with multiple school suspensions for mental health and/or behavioral issues.
- Involved in multiple systems (i.e. child welfare, juvenile justice, substance use disorder treatment).
- At risk of out-of-home placements, such as foster/group care, Children's Long Term Inpatient Treatment (CLIP) or acute hospitalization.
- At risk based on history of running away or disengaging from care due to mental health difficulties.
- Additionally, you should consider referring youth for a WISe screen when a family requests assistance in resolving complex behavioral health challenges with their child and are in need of targeted support.

How Do I Refer to WISE?

To find out whom to contact in your county go to: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/wise-referral-contact-list-by-county.pdf>

What Information is needed for the Referral?

- Youth's name and date of birth
- Caregiver's name and relationship
- Youth's Provider One Identification Number (This is the Apple Health Insurance number)

Additional information will assist with the screening, such as:

- Any known youth-serving system involvement (legal/ justice involvement)
- Risk factors (i.e., suicide risk, danger to self or others, runaway, medication management)
- Knowledge of the youth's personal life (i.e., living situation, school functioning, physical health)

What Happens Once I Make a Referral?

All referrals should result in a WISE screening.

- A WISE screen must be offered within 10 working days of receiving a referral. All WISE screens include:
 - Information gathering, to complete the Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) screen, which consists of a subset of 26 questions. This screen will determine whether it appears your child could benefit from the level of care WISE offers. This screening tool can be completed over the phone or in-person.
 - When the screening tool shows that WISE could potentially benefit the youth, the youth is referred to a WISE agency so that an intake evaluation can be completed. The WISE provider agency will then assign a new team to the youth and all care will be coordinated through that agency/team.
 - If it is determined that your child does not appear to meet the level of care WISE provides, your child will be referred to other mental health services, as appropriate, to have his/her needs addressed.

Special System Considerations:

Youth that are Juvenile Justice involved, especially ones that may be Gang involved, may not want to disclose they have a Mental Health or Behavioral Health concern.