WISe Phases and Activities

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A term used to describe the collection of WISe-certified staff roles, required for each team. These roles include:

1. Care Coordinator
2. Family Partner and/or Youth Partner
3. Mental Health Clinician
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1. Engagement

Address pressing needs and concerns.

Explore youth and their families’ strengths, needs, culture and vision.

Orient the family and youth to the WISe process.

Gain collaborative participation of team members.

Goals & Purpose
1. Meet with youth and family to explain the WISE process.
2. Discuss events that brought youth and family to WISE.
3. Obtain the youth and family’s perspective.
4. Discuss the youth and family’s view of crisis to develop a written plan to stabilize dangerous or harmful situations.
5. Ensure youth and family understand any system mandates.
Schedule a time to meet the family to explain WISE from a family’s perspective.

2 Explain role of the Family Partner.

3 Listen to the family’s story.

4 Invite family to family support groups and other activities.

5 Help address and develop a plan to address immediate crisis and safety needs.
Youth Partners

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2. Explain role of the Youth Partner.
3. Listen to the youth’s story.
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5. Help address and develop a plan to address immediate crisis and safety needs.
The Engagement Phase should be completed relatively quickly (ideally within 1-2 weeks when possible), so that the team can begin meeting and establish ownership of the process.
Important to Know

When a youth is coming into WISE from another program or placement (such as a Children’s Long-term Inpatient Program or from Behavioral Rehabilitation Services, an inpatient hospitalization, or a juvenile justice facility), this phase is especially important, **prior to discharge**, to assist in successfully transitioning youth back into their home and community.
For these initial phases to be Medicaid-compliant, an initial Individual Service Plan, under the direction of a Mental Health Professional, must be in place—that directs the ongoing assessment and team development of services.
Key Expectations between Youth/Family and WISE Practitioners

1. Family and Youth Vision. “What does better look like?”
   - To think about their strengths and be prepared to share them to the WISE Practitioners.
   - To consider commitment to the WISE process.
   - To discuss any immediate questions, concerns, crisis needs and pressing safety issues.
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2. Assessing

Goals & Purpose

1. Continue meeting and engaging on areas that include strengths, needs, culture and vision.

2. Begin initial documentation (including CANS scores).

3. Complete a youth and family-approved narrative.
Essential Steps of Assessing

1. Complete a strengths discovery and list of strengths.
2. Discuss and list existing and potential natural supports.
3. Complete a list of potential team members.
4. Summarize the youth and family’s context, strengths, needs, vision for the future and supports.
5. Determine with the youth and family how the CANS will be shared with the team.
1. Help summarize the strengths, needs culture and vision of the youth and of the family.

2. Review the documents, including CANS scores, with the youth and family.

3. List existing and potential natural supports with youth and family.
Activities of the Youth and Family

1. Review documentation that includes strengths, needs, culture and vision.
2. Ask questions about assessments, including CANS scores.
3. Approve youth and family story narrative.
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Members of a Child and Family Team

- Youth and Family
- Family Partner
- Youth Partner
- WISe Care Coordinator
- Mental Health Clinician
- System Partners
- Natural and Community Supports
Youth and Family

This category refers to the young person and their identified “family” for whom the WISE team has come together to work for.
WISe Care Coordinator

- Organizes and leads the WISe Team meetings
- Facilitates communication among team members
- Provides care coordination
- Helps guide the team through the phases and activities of WISe
Family Partner and Youth Partner

- One is required, both are optimal
- Bridges the gap between the perspectives of the youth, the family and systems
- Shares lived experience
- Be WISE-trained
- Be a WA state-certified peer counselor
- Desires to share, teach and empower
Mental Health Clinician

- Provide intensive services ("direct services") in home and community-based settings
- Educate the youth’s family about mental health challenges that the youth is experiencing
- Behavior management
- Therapeutic services delivered in the youth’s home or community

WISe Care Coordinator
Youth and Family
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Youth Partner
System Partners
Natural and Community Supports

Mental Health Clinician

CFT
System Partners

- Child Welfare
- Juvenile Justice
- Education
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Other systems involved with family
Natural and Community Supports Members

- Neighbors
- Kin
- Relatives
- Friends
- Clergy
- Spiritual advisors
- Healers,
- Elders,
- Community members
3. Teaming

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1. Engage and gain participation of current and potential team members.
2. Explain the team process.
3. Elicit commitment to the process.
4. Make necessary meeting arrangements.
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2. Explain that the CFT will be expected to meet with sufficient regularity.
3. Describe how the CFT reviews the interventions and action items and adjusts these accordingly.
4. Describe how a WISe Practitioner guides the team in evaluating strategies.
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Essential Steps of Teaming (continued)

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