

ABSTRACT

The **North Sound Community Coalition** will implement a single integrated system of care to provide comprehensive, community-based services and supports across 5 Washington State counties and the Tulalip Tribes. Our vision is for the children and families of the North Sound and Tulalip Tribes to receive culturally competent services and supports without system barriers. Planning and implementation will be guided through the Partnerships for Success (PfS) Community Planning Process under the leadership of Dr. Eric Bruns of the University of Washington Evidenced Based Practice Institute. This process will assist our community in analyzing gaps, identifying Evidenced-Based Practices and implementing transformation.

We will initially prioritize service to children and youth ages 5-19, and their families, who are experiencing severe emotional and behavioral challenges and involvement in juvenile justice or child welfare systems, youth experiencing co-occurring challenges related to substance use and youth in transition, with specific focus on Native American and Hispanic youth.

The North Sound Community Coalition is a collaboration among the North Sound Mental Health Administration (a Medicaid and State Plan administrator), Tulalip Tribes, 5 counties, Children's Administration, Northwest Education Service District 189, Training Resources in Partnership (a parent-run network), and community mental health providers. We will partner with youth and families to form a multi-agency **Governance Team** featuring consensus-based decision making with youth and family representatives as full partners. The Governance Team will feature five core sub-teams: the **Youth Development Council, Family Development Council, Cultural Competence Council, Care Review Council** and **Program Development Council**.

We will serve approximately 120 children, youth and their families per project year. We will implement region-wide **Wraparound Care Coordination** with full fidelity to the NWI standards and supported through implementation of the **Wraparound Fidelity Assessment System** (WFAS) under the direct leadership of Dr. Eric Bruns. Cross-agency, county and tribe-based coordination teams will act as "barrier busters" to implement a standardized referral, access, and intake process. Direct services will be coordinated by approximately 10 credentialed Wraparound Facilitators. Capacity will also be increased through an integrated system that better defines need and monitors specific targets. The capacity of key services such as intensive home-based services, crisis intervention, school-based day treatment, therapeutic foster care, and expanded respite care are also targets for expansion. Cultural and racial disparities will be addressed through the PfS Community Process to meet the needs of our diverse communities.

Children/youth who graduate or otherwise relocate from the Lummi Nation Youth Academy (2008 SAMHSA CMHI awardee) may be eligible for the Coalition services through Whatcom County. Care and resources will be appropriately co-coordinated for these individuals.

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