



HIGH FIDELITY WRAPAROUND

CALGARY

Worthy of note:

- 85 new referrals in the fiscal year of 2013-2014
- 214 youth, siblings and families served in that year
- 50 of 88 discharges went home, to a kinship home, or moved towards independence.
- Of the other 53 discharges, 53 were able to stay at home throughout their time in Wrap.
- Through **Family Finding**, there was a 200% increase in 'actual connections' over the year.

What we're up to...

Over time, it continues to be made clear that enhancing the natural supports of the child/youth/family is what encourages success upon graduation from Wraparound as well as other programs like in-home support, YTA, and various CFS agreements.

Over the course of the year, there were 15 referrals that were specifically for **Family Finding** services. The child/youth/families identified an average increase of 17 known connections. They also identified an average increase of 7 actual connections. These 'actual connections' would be defined as having a certain level of commitment towards each other, as well as caring and playing a current relationship-role with the child/youth/family.

Michael's story...

In February of 2014, Michael was almost 15 years old, had a PGO order, and he decided to give Wraparound a try. He wanted a way to express his voice without having to repeat his story over and over again to all the professionals in his life.

At that time, Michael had been removed from his 4th group care placement, had had 4 foster homes breakdown, and was back to his routine at Exit Youth Outreach shelter. He also had over 30 criminal charges facing him; everything from mischief to violent assaults and breaking and entering. Michael's drug use was escalating and he was beginning to drink regularly.

"I really appreciated being able to take a step back and let [the facilitator] facilitate. Going through Wraparound gave me good perspective on this family and how to work with them."

-CFS Caseworker

While Michael was facing a future of homelessness, crime and addiction, he also had a significant number of resiliency factors working in his favour. Michael is a determined athlete and was regularly recruited to play football at municipal and provincial junior levels. He also has a strong connection with his younger siblings in foster care. In addition, adults who get to know Michael are always impressed by his charm and will go out of their way to support him with opportunities to succeed.

Seven months after first signing up for Wraparound, Michael now lives with his Jr High Basketball coach under private guardianship. They live in their new home only 6 blocks from Michael's High School, close to the Notre Dame Football training program, and even closer to Michael's younger siblings. Michael has worked with Wraparound and Youth Diversion Services to have all of his charges expunged from his youth record and he has developed a mentality of "using my powers for good," building himself an honour-code to become the man he wishes to be.

Michael and his team say that Wraparound was ultimately a vehicle for supporting them in building trust. "He's grown into a working Stallion. The worry weight of what was going to happen to him is no longer there." Michael achieved his long-term vision: **To accomplish my potential to it's fullest!**

Click [HERE](#) to see another success-story that has come from implementing the strategies of Family Finding into the model of Wraparound.



"The facilitator and my son are two people who saved my life. I probably wouldn't have made it if I didn't have them."

- Young mother