

Assistant Superintendent Report: Collaborative Partnerships and Wraparound Services

Morrow County School District (MCSD) mission is as follows:

"Morrow County Schools, in partnership with families and communities, provide each student the opportunity to develop values, knowledge, skills and self-confidence to become life-long learners and responsible citizens."

MCSD has been intent to make our mission come to life by developing and fostering strong communication and collaboration practices that support the district's mission and goals with all stakeholder populations. MCSD has spent significant time to build trust and improve partnerships with all county and community organizations that focus on early childhood, student wellness, mental health, nutrition as well as public safety. A result of our efforts is the attached MCSD collaborative resource document.

From these partnerships we have now put forth an effort and joint vision to develop a wraparound service model in which we plan to deliver collaborative integrated services to families and their children with complex behavior health need who require targeted and intensive interventions.

- The process behind wrap around is to gather social service, public health, and public safety agencies together to work towards a common goal of supporting the family.
- There will be a need to hire a Care/resource coordinator who will work with the family and our collaborative partners to identify the family's needs, strengths and to consider a variety of actions our wrap around service team would implement.

Ultimately, the Care coordinator would assist families with basic needs such as housing, clothing, or food. They would facilitate access to community support services. There would be an emphasis on serving children and families in our district that are in mental health crises such as anxiety, depression, self-harm, suicide and other mental health related topics and treatment needs. The care coordinator would also have a focus on Truancy Intervention. They would have children referred to them due to lack of attendance then assess, identify and make a plan to support with the family, school, and child to improve their attendance.

The goal of MCSD is to secure resources within partnership agencies, create memorandums of understandings with our collaborative partners and organize the wrap around system during the 2014-2015 school year.