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Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to request your participation in an information gathering activity to identify best practices in using the wraparound approach for youth either in or at-risk of entering residential treatment. Through a collaborative partnership between the Building Bridges Initiative, the National Wraparound Initiative, and the Institute for Innovation & Implementation at the University of Maryland, the goal of this activity is to develop a “how to” guide for creating wraparound interventions that include residential programs and system of care communities.

Upon completion, the guide will address best and promising practices and innovative examples of systems that are effectively coordinating wraparound and residential programs. Thus, project leadership is interested in speaking with residential providers currently incorporating wraparound practices and principles, as well as communities that are effectively maintaining adherence to system of care and wraparound principles with youth and families with residential involvement.

Please contact Project Coordinator, Lauren Polvere, at laurenpol@yahoo.com if you are a residential provider using wraparound practices, or if you are part of a system of care that uses wraparound when residential interventions are needed. We would like to invite you to participate in a discussion group (via conference call) in the coming months to discuss your experiences and perspectives.

Additionally, please contact us if you know of residential providers/system of care communities that we should contact.

Your help and consideration are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to speaking with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Bruns, University of Washington and National Wraparound Initiative

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