NWI Youth Task Force

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Initial Goals

1. Define the role of a Youth Partner in Wraparound.
   a. Considerations:
      i. Define Youth Partner, Youth Coordinator, etc.
      ii. Universal definitions
      iii. What’s out there right now?
      iv. Learn about existing Youth Partner programs and approaches
      v. What experience is needed?
   b. Action Steps
      i. Survey youth and other Wraparound participants and practitioners to gather input into the development of this definition.

2. Apply the ten principles of the Wraparound process to the role of the Youth Partner in Wraparound teams.
   a. Considerations:
      i. The related work completed by the Family Partner task force.
   b. Action Steps
      i. Survey youth and other Wraparound participants and practitioners to gather input into the development of these roles.
      ii. Work with Youth MOVE and other youth run organizations to gain additional insight and input.

3. Identify the benefits of Youth Partners being a part of Wraparound teams.
   a. Considerations:
      i. What exactly do Youth Partners do?
      ii. Desired outcomes for youth
      iii. This can lay groundwork for identifying outcome measures and for future research
   b. Action Steps
      i. Survey youth and other Wraparound participants and practitioners to gather input into the development of these roles.
      ii. Work with Youth MOVE and other youth run organizations to gain additional insight and input.
      iii. Review current related literature on the benefits of youth involvement

Long Term/Future Goals:

Evaluate effectiveness of Youth Partner utilization.