



Washington State  
Health Care Authority

# **Preventative Services to End School to Prison Pipeline: WISe, FYSPRTS and Youth Leadership**

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# T.R. Settlement Agreement

- Federal class action lawsuit filed in November 2009 against DSHS (and later the Health Care Authority) alleging inadequate availability of intensive mental health services in home and community based settings.
- A Settlement Agreement was reached in December 2013.
- The Agreement called for a new statewide **program model** to be available within every county across Washington.
- Implementation of **Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe)** started in July 2014.

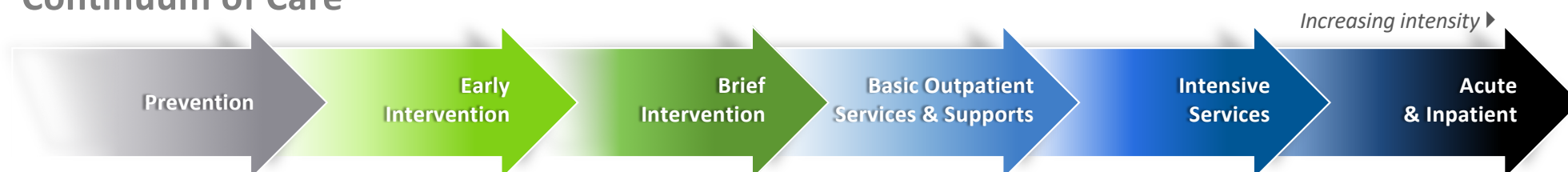
# WISe General Overview

- WISe provides comprehensive behavioral health services and supports to Medicaid-eligible individuals, up to 21 years of age, who have complex behavioral needs—youth and their families are served.
- Required Elements of WISe:
  - **Intensive Care Coordination**
  - **Intensive Services provided in home and community settings**
  - **Crisis Intervention and Stabilization Services**
  - **Peer Support Services**

# Referrals to WISe

- **Anyone can make a referral for a WISe screen, including the youth and family.**
- Examples of when to refer Medicaid-eligible youth for a WISe screen:
  - **When a step-down request has been made from institutional or group care.**
  - When a youth receives crisis intervention or stabilization services, and there are past and/or current functional indicators of need for intensive mental health services.
  - Prior to a youth discharging from a psychiatric hospital.

## Continuum of Care



# WISe Information

WISe information on the HCA website:

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/wraparound-intensive-services-wise>

(or Google HCA WISe)

Site includes:

- WISe referral numbers by county
- WISe info sheets for youth, families & system partners
- WISe quarterly and annual outcome reports.



- Youth are on the Steering committee
- Youth Voice at State Level
- Youth present at the 2017, 2018 and 2019 WISe Symposium to teach providers on how to work with them.

**Youth are chosen as the keynotes!!!**





# Family, Youth and System Partner Roundtables



<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/behavioral-health-recovery/family-youth-system-partner-round-table-fysprt>

Please See Handout



Mental health awareness  
event ❤️



# Why is it important to invest in youth?



# Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice and Emerging Leaders committee

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AARON TOLEAFOA  
EMERGING LEADERS COMMITTEE

"I HOPE TO RAISE AWARENESS ON INJUSTICES IN THE SYSTEM  
AS WELL AS IN THE COMMUNITY."





“Our youth are not failing the system; the system is failing our youth. Ironically, the very youth who are being treated the worst are the young people who are going to lead us out of this nightmare.” —  
Rachel Jackson



# Questions?

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