

Centering Youth Voice:

The Power of Youth Support Partners in High-Fidelity Wraparound

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Session Overview

Youth Support Partner role in High-Fidelity Wraparound

Unique value of the YSP

Practical application – perspectives from a YSP

High Fidelity Wraparound

A team-based, collaborative process for developing and implementing individualized care plans for children with behavioral health challenges, and their families.



Goals of High Fidelity Wraparound

To meet the stated needs prioritized by the youth and family

To improve the youth/family's ability and confidence to manage their own services and supports

To develop or strengthen the youth/family's natural support system over time

To integrate the work of all child serving systems and natural supports into one streamlined plan

HFW Workforce Members

Facilitator

Family Support Partner Youth
Support
Partner

Roles of the Support Partner



Partner and support the facilitator/coordinator/case manager while working with the family/youth



Designed to provide direct and intensive levels of peer support for families and youth



Connect families/youth with other families/youth and resources

Who Are Youth Support Partners?

Meet Kali Abebe

Youth Support Partner:

Elevating Youth
Voice in HighFidelity Wraparound



Team- Based Practice

Cultural Responsiveness

Collaboration & Facilitation

Advocacy & Empowerment

Professional Growth

Why Elevate Youth Voices?

- Promotes empowerment and ownership of youth/family story
- Builds stronger relationships and collaboration with HFW team members
- Improves outcomes
- Builds Efficacy



The Power of Lived Experience in HFW

- Builds trust, authenticity and transparency
- Encourages hope and relatability
- Provides unique lens
- Builds authentic relationships



Just Imagine -The Silenced Voice

GROUP EXPERIENCE

Negative Labels and Youth Validation

Real Talk & Real-World Examples



Practical Strategies for Elevating Youth Voice during HFW

- Ask open-ended questions
- Use strength-based language during the writing of the Discovery, monthly HFW meetings
- Allow youth to create agendas and lead team meetings
- Encourage creative expression during brainstorming and planning

System Transformation Through Youth Voice

Youth-centered practices = better engagement throughout the 4 phases of HFW

- Policy and program improvements
- Supervision and support
- Funding and service integration

Takeaways for HFW Practitioners, Supervisors, and Leaders



Practitioners:

Partner, not lead





Leaders:

Include youth in planning and feedback loops

System Impact

- Collaboration with youth leads to collaboration for all
- Transformation and elevation of youth's voice and perspective
- Nothing about us, without us

Our Call To Action

