

## NWI Core Group FAQ

All members of the National Wraparound Initiative are considered part of the [NWI's Community of Practice](#), and will have the opportunity to participate in forums and discussions, share materials, and provide feedback on certain resources that are being developed. Members with high levels of expertise about wraparound will be eligible to become part of the **Core Group** within the Community of Practice. A list of [current Core Group members](#) is available on the NWI website.

### ***What is the purpose of the Core Group?***

Core Group members will participate in the [formal consensus processes through which the NWI creates key products](#). Key products that were produced through this process in the past include the [Ten Principles of the Wraparound Process](#), the [Phases and Activities of Wraparound](#), and [How Family Partners Contribute to the Phases and Activities of the Wraparound Process](#).

### ***What are Core Group members expected to do?***

Core Group members are expected to contribute their time and energy to various tasks related to the purpose described above. This will require five to twenty or more hours per year. Exactly how individual Core Group members contribute to the NWI's work will depend on their specific interests and expertise, and may include activities such as

- leading or participating on conference calls, webinars or online discussions or forums;
- contributing resources to share with other NWI members;
- developing or helping to develop new resources;
- providing written feedback on documents or other materials;
- creating or responding to online surveys or other requests for information; and
- helping to recruit new Core Group members

Members become part of the Core Group for two years at a time. After the end of their "term," they are asked to express renewed interest and willingness to continue participating actively in these same kinds of activities or tasks.

### ***Who is eligible to be a Core Group Member?***

Core Group members must be members of the National Wraparound Initiative. They are expected to have current expertise and/or experience with wraparound. This expertise can be rooted in experience in any role(s) connected to wraparound, including, of course, experience as a family member or young person receiving services. Core Group members also need to be willing to commit to participating in the NWI's work as described above.

### ***How does someone get to join the Core Group?***

NWI members wishing to join the Core Group may submit a **letter of interest** in which they describe their expertise and experience with wraparound. They also need to submit a **letter of reference**. These materials will be reviewed by a committee of current Core Group members.

### ***If I want to be part of the Core Group, what information should I include in the letter of interest?***

The letter of interest should describe how you are currently active with wraparound, as well as your experience with wraparound, your expertise, and your contributions. As mentioned above, the NWI values all kinds of experience, expertise and contributions. You may include information such as: years of experience; roles in wraparound; specialized knowledge related to

wraparound; materials, resources, procedures created or contributed to; or participation in previous NWI work.

The letter should also specifically answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to be part of the Core Group?
- What do you feel you have to offer to the NWI's work?
- What are you most eager to contribute to or work on?

The letter does not need to be long (i.e., less than one page may serve, and two should certainly be sufficient). You may submit supporting materials if you wish (e.g., a curriculum, job description, piece of legislation, booklet, publication, etc., that you created or helped to create); however, this is not required. Do not submit materials that you do not wish to have shared with the NWI membership generally.

***Who writes the letter of reference, and what information should that have?***

The letter of reference should be submitted directly to the NWI by someone who knows your wraparound experience/expertise well. The person writing the letter should reflect on the experience, expertise and contributions that you describe in your application letter. You should give the person writing the reference a copy of your application letter to use as they write their letter.

***How do I submit my materials?***

All materials should be submitted to ([nwi@pdx.edu](mailto:nwi@pdx.edu)).