In the fall of 2010, the National Wraparound Initiative conducted a survey of its members and former advisors, with the goal of getting feedback regarding a new structure for the NWI’s Community of Practice. The results of that survey were posted on the NWI’s website, and members were given the opportunity to comment. (The comments can be accessed from the discussion on the NWI member website, and the report on the survey can be accessed from within the discussion.)

The survey results were also reviewed with the NWI’s current board of advisors, who gave their approval to move forward in implementing the new structure. Below, we briefly describe the new structure, next steps, and the roles that are open for NWI members.

Structure Overview

All members of the NWI will be considered part of the 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. These 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 the **Application of the Ten Principles of the Wraparound Process to the Role of Family Partners on Wraparound Teams**. Members wishing to join the core group will submit an application in which they describe their expertise and experience with wraparound. This expertise can derive from experience in any roles connected to wraparound, including, of course, experience as a family member or young person receiving services. These applications will be reviewed by a **selection committee**; the members of which will be chosen from among active core group members.

**Next Steps and Opportunities**

We are currently seeking members for the selection committee. These people will work with the NWI coordinators and the board of advisors to create a process by which members of the NWI can apply to become part of the core group, and to review the first applications. We anticipate that members chosen for the selection committee will

- Be members of the NWI,
- Have a high level of expertise with wraparound,
- Represent a diversity of wraparound stakeholder groups, and
- Be willing to commit 10-15 hours over the next few months to participate in several conference calls and respond via email to written materials.

If you are interested in joining the selection committee (and thus becoming one of the first members of the core group), please submit the following materials for consideration:

- An application letter outlining your experience with wraparound, your expertise, and your 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 does not need to be long (i.e., less than one page may serve, and one and a half should certainly be sufficient). This letter should be sent directly to Sarah Peterson ([spet@pdx.edu](mailto:spet@pdx.edu)) at the National Wraparound Initiative. 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.
- A reference letter, submitted by someone who knows your work with wraparound well. The person writing the letter should reflect on the experience, expertise and contributions that you describe in your application letter. Thus, you should give the person writing the letter a copy of your application letter to use as they write their reference. The reference should be submitted from the letter writer directly to Sarah Peterson ([spet@pdx.edu](mailto:spet@pdx.edu)) at the NWI.
- All materials should be submitted by December 31, 2010.