No More Garbage In Garbage Out:

How to Get Good Survey Response Rates So You Can Make the Most of Your Wraparound Data



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What we'll cover in this presentation

- Why does fidelity matter in Wraparound and how do we measure it?
- What are some ways to achieve high data collection response rates?
- How are these data used by providers, states, and training centers?
- How does WrapStat support data collection for measures of the WFAS?



○ **Q&A**





But first....









Defining and Measuring Fidelity





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Wraparound evaluation is guided by implementation theory



Graphic adapted from Smith, Ashok, Dy, Wines, & Teixeira-Poit, 2014



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Recent research and evaluation shows how important it is to collect fidelity data <u>with quality</u>

- Meta analysis of Wraparound outcomes
- Benchmarking what makes for "high fidelity"
- What matters at the program and system level





Why collect fidelity data? Higher fidelity = better outcomes



Average effect sizes (Hedges' g) across select outcomes

* Average fidelity subsample demonstrated adequate adherence to Wraparound practice elements across most Wraparound Fidelity Index subscales. **Note: Only a single study assessed each individual outcome in either the average or below average fidelity subsamples





Wraparound Fidelity Index (EZ)

Self-administered survey

- Caregiver, Care Coordinator, Youth & Team Member
- \circ Can be completed on paper or online

Three sections

- Experience in Wraparound (25 items)
- Satisfaction (4 items)
- Outcomes (8 items)







Recently updated benchmarks help us interpret WFI-EZ scores

Fidelity Benchmarks for Caregiver and Youth Forms

CATEGORY	TOTAL WFI- EZ	OUTCOMES- BASED	EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK	NATURAL SUPPORTS	NEEDS- BASED	STRENGTH & FAMILY DRIVEN
HIGH FIDELITY	80+	90+	75+	75+	85+	90+
ADEQUATE	75-79	80-89	70-74	65-74	75-84	80-89
BORDERLINE	70-74	75-79	65-69	60-64	70-74	70-79
INADEQUATE	< 70	< 75	< 65	< 60	< 70	< 70





Organization-level conditions are related to Wraparound fidelity

Organization-level conditions assessed by the Wraparound Implementation Standards – Program (WISP):

- Leadership = Executive leaders engaged in implementation process
- Care coordinator engagement = Regular meetings with families
- Staff satisfaction = Care coordinators satisfied







Fidelity data help identify trends nationally and locally, such as preand post-COVID restrictions







What do these examples of Wraparound research have in common?

- All used Wraparound Fidelity Assessment System (WFAS) data
- $\circ~$ All can be used to:
 - Make the case for Wraparound
 - Help us learn what factors matter to youth/families
 - Track implementation quality
 - Promote accountability for state initiatives
- All were drawn from a <u>very limited</u> subset of Wrap initiatives that had <u>high quality</u> fidelity and outcomes







As opposed to....









Examples of "GIGO" in Systems of Care and Wraparound

- > Collecting data from a few easily contacted families and thinking it actually says something about all your families
 - (Convenience sampling)
- > Only getting follow up data on 12% of your sample and calling it outcomes
 - (Loss to follow up)
- > Only using measures that tend to improve for everyone and attributing it to your program
 - ("Regression to the mean")

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The UW WERT and NWI vision

- <u>All</u> Wraparound initiatives will have high-quality data they can trust and use
- We will grow the number of programs and initiatives that can <u>conduct rigorous and useful</u> <u>research</u> on systems of care and Wraparound







Successful WFI-EZ Data Collection: Best Practices





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What makes for success?: Elements of Indiana statewide WFI-EZ data collection

- \circ Consistency
- \circ Varied outreach
- Flexibility
- \circ Incentives









Invest in a consistent approach

\circ Reliable data collection protocol

- Random sample
- Emails \rightarrow phone calls \rightarrow texts* \rightarrow snail mail
 - What is possible? What is most convenient? What is cost effective?
 - What makes the most sense with your organization and available resources?
- Outreach structure
 - What times/days/scripts are proving most successful?
 Keep track!

*Texting is most convenient, but it is not always free. It is crucial to ask for consent before sending text messages!





Use various methods as needed

○ 1st attempt: Emails

- Qualtrics
- Most time and energy efficient

2nd attempt(s): Phone calls to caregivers

- Note successful vs. unsuccessful times; adjust as needed
- Name drop facilitators
- Be you!

o 3rd/last attempts: Physical mail

- Include all component parts
 - Cover letter, pre-addressed & stamped envelope, incentive, and survey with youth code
- Make "fool proof"







WFI-EZ data collection: Sample spreadsheet

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	А	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	I.	J	к	L	м	N	0	Р	Q
1	Wrap ID	Agency	Youth	Age	Caregiver	Relationship	Phone	Email	Attempt 1	Result	Notes	Attempt 2	Result	Notes	Attempt 3	Result	Notes
2	A2RI	А	Johnny Bravo	17	7 Richard Bravo	Father	800-123	bravo	8/26/2022 3pm	answered	via Qualtr	ics; incenti	ive sent				
3	A3KR	В	Kim Kardashian	13	5 Kris Jenner	Mother	999-999	kuwtk	8/26/2022 3:45pm	did not an	swer; left	9/2/2022	did not ar	nswer; left	9/8/2022	did not an	swer; left vm
4	A4WI	С	Andy Warhol	13	3 Mrs. Warhol	Adoptive mo	888-888	999	8/26/2022 3:45pm	answered	; declined						
5																	
6																	
7	Wi	rap ID = [I	Month initial, # o	n THI	S Tracking Sheet	, First 2 letter	rs of Car	egiver	s first name]								
8				WFI	-EZ successfully	completed											
9		S	urvey rejected, d	lo not	attempt to reca	II; DON'T INC	LUDE IN	SAMP	LE								
10			failed	l 3rd a	attempt - include	e in mailing ef	ffort										
11																	



Be flexible – "whatever it takes" to engage families

- $\circ~$ Not every organization will be the same
- \circ Be open to editing your process
 - Call times
 - Outreach type
 - Data recording style/format
 - Call "script"







Provide incentives to your respondents!

Extremely helpful

- Response rate average pre-incentives: **35-40%**
- After including incentives: **55-60%**
- If financial incentives are not an option for your organization, brainstorm others
 - Donations from community?
 - Fun additions to team meetings?

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The Fruits of Your Labor: High Quality Data





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Rewarding your hard work: Pinpointing site performance

WFI-EZ scores by provider organization within a single state







...Knowing what is driving your outcomes

- Organization-level conditions assessed by the Wraparound Implementation Standards – Program (WISP):
 - Services and supports = Youth and families have access to full array of services and supports
 - Care coordinator engagement = Regular meetings with families



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...Being able to provide detailed feedback to your Organizations







- D2. Since starting Wraparound, my youth has been treated in an Emergency Room due to a mental health problem. D3. Since starting Wraparound, my youth has
- had a negative contact with police.
- D4. Since starting Wraparound, my youth has been suspended or expelled from school.



50%





The reward: Rich and helpful qualitative data

$\circ~$ Real excerpts from surveys with caregivers:

- Critique
 - "Took us four months to even start. They didn't have skills coaches even though they said they would. Our facilitator is very disorganized. NO support to us. Told us we were on our own in certain areas. Looking for a new facilitator but there currently are none. We were told we can't go to the county over for help. We have been badgered to transition even though we are nowhere near ready."
- Compliment
 - "This is changing our lives. We are getting services to help with attachment, which brought out a need, and the wraparound team was already in place to help us deal with that trauma. We will heal with their help! My husband and I now are on a same team and not against each other with our daughter in the middle. Still working on things but prayerfully it will get better still."



How these data are used to inform the field in real time: Indiana state WFI-EZ

Track fidelity and satisfaction by provider organization

- Caregiver and care coordinator input
- Review statewide trends and invest in "system fixes"
- Disseminate reports to providers and review data together in a learning community
- NWIC and Indiana coaches use data to provide consultation and coaching







Wraparound evaluation framework: Where does WrapStat fit in?



Putting it all together....



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Key data elements supported by WrapStat: Wraparound Process Outcomes

- > Number of youth served
- > Full and timely engagement
- Size and composition of the Wraparound team
- Length of service
- Caseload sizes
- Staff turnover







Key data elements supported by WrapStat: Youth/Family Outcomes

- > Reasons for discharge
- Rate of successful discharge
- Progress toward needs
- Residential placement
- Justice/child welfare involvement
- School success







Why Did We Invest in WrapStat? To Get A <u>Full Picture</u> of Quality, Fidelity and Outcomes

Promoting rigorous data collection

- Random Sampling as an alternative to everyone or convenience samples
- High response rates that allow us to make conclusions from the data with confidence
 - Sending out surveys via email and/or text
 - Tracking data collection success





Why Did We Invest in WrapStat?

To Get A Full Picture of Quality, Fidelity and Outcomes

Evaluating Basic Outcomes for Every Youth

- Length of enrollment
- Reason for discharge
- Residential, school, and community outcomes
- Level of needs met

Helping NWIC, states, and programs manage with data

- Improved user interface
- More reporting options
- Readily available dashboards





WrapStat functions were built to encourage data collection success!

- Set your rules for sampling and pulling a representative sample
- Emailing respondents
- Tracking incentives
- > Keeping you on track with updates on data collection success





Sampling parameters for the WFI-EZ



WFI-EZ Text message feature – send customizable emails/texts to participants

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Send Messages Now
Template (by Label): *
Invite

Message Type:

Email Message

Edit Message

Subject: *

WFI-EZ Caregiver Survey Invite

Body (upper):

Dear %pawn:data:caregiverName%,

As the caregiver of %pawn:data:firstName% %pawn:data:lastName%, your opinions and feedback about your experience in Wraparound is

Button Text:

Take Survey

Button URL:

%URL%

Body (lower):

Thank you so much for your time!

Note: To place the data collection wave link in the message, type %URL% and the link will automatically be filled in when the message is sent. You can also insert %firstName%, %lastName%, or %fullName%.

Attempt to send to all 2 respondents meeting condition "Not Started".





+ Create Message

Label 🔺	Message Ty	ype 🌲	Recipients 🔷	Condition 🔶	Last Modified 🗢	Actions
search				search		
Invite	Email	@ Preview	Respondent(s)	All Respondents	11 Aug 2020, 3:47 PM (PDT)	
Reminder	Email	@ Preview	Respondent(s)	Not Started	5 Aug 2020, 10:04 AM (PDT)	
Thank you!	Email	@ Preview	Respondent(s)	Completed	12 Aug 2020, 1:51 PM (PDT)	

Sampling parameters for the WFI-EZ



Track data collection and incentive disbursement from the data management page, as well as track cycle progress and response rate



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WrapID	Youth 🜲	Status 🜲	Caregiver Contact 🔶	Actions	Messages 🔶	Consent Collected 🔶	Incentive Disbursed 🔶	Date Started 🜲	Date Completed 🔶
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1	Youth TEST.	Δ	A	6	0	YES	YES		

Track data completion and progress for eval cycles via the dashboard

Current Evaluation Cycles		Expand All Collapse All
DART: JUL-AUG 2020 - Commu	inity Care	•
Cycle Sample Size 12		Start Date: 07-13-2020 End Date: 08-31-2020
Surveys	Cycle Progress: 91%	12
Start		End
TOM 2.0: JUL-AUG 2020 - Com	munity Care	~
TOM 2.0: JUL-NOV 2020 - Com	munity Care	•

See tables on sample and response summaries in reports (e.g., response rate, opt out reasons)

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#	Site 🔺	Evaluation Cycle 🗘	Number in Sample	Number of completed WFI- EZs	Response Rate 🕜
	search	search			
5	Community Care	WFI-EZ Caregiver: MAY 2021 View Data Demo	7	7	100%
1	Family Partners Inc.	WFI-EZ Care Coordinator: JAN-MAR 2021 Testing 1.6	39	36	92.31%
2	Family Partners Inc.	WFI-EZ Caregiver: JAN- MAR 2021 Testing 1.6	38	35	92.11%

Data Collection Information by Site for WFI-EZ Caregiver Form

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Site 🔺	Number of Forms Not Started	Number of Forms Incomplete	Number of Forms Completed	Number of Forms Opt-out			
search							
Community Care	0	0	7	0			
Family Partners Inc.	5	2	43	4			
Foundations for Independence	5	1	2	3			
STARS Family Health	1	0	3	1			
Sitka Family Services	0	0	6	0			
Total:	11	3	61	8			

WrapStat Dashboard



Percent of Youth Successfully Discharged

51.71% discharges were successful in last 6 months





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Number of Youth Discharged by Month

147 youth discharged in last 6 months





Age at Enrollment





Effective Teamwork

Gender Identity

Male (33.33%) Female (24.56%)

Missing (38.60%)

Other (0%)

Non Binary (1.75%)

Prefer Not To Say (1.75%)

The Effective Teamwork subscale consists of items B2*, B4, B7*, B15*, and B22. Items are rated on a 5 point Likert scale (-2 to 2, Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree). An asterisk indicates that the item is reverse-scored. Users also have the option to respond "don't know" to any item, which renders the item "blank".



WFI-EZ Report

Key Elements and Overall Fidelity



Questions?





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