

Crider Health Center

PROGRAMS



PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES

What is Partnership with Families?

PWF is a strength-based, family-driven program that works with families, schools, the juvenile justice system, the Children's Division and other child serving agencies to provide a comprehensive system of care for the child and family in an effort to keep children and youth safe, at home, in school and a productive members of their community.

Wrap Around Philosophy

An individualized planning process that "wraps" needed services around the family resulting in a unique set of community services and natural supports for the purpose of achieving positive outcomes. These community services and natural supports are delivered through multiple service partners who belong to the "System of Care."

How Does the System of Care Work?

Local partners work together as a "system of care" to serve the child and family. Identified partners form a seamless team to provide a full range of individualized, strength-based services to meet the goals of the family and child. The family drives the "system of care" team with the premise that the mental health needs of children, adolescents, and their families can be met within their home, school, and community environments. Families, Crider, and FACT (Family Advocacy and Community Training) work together to create a treatment team that reflects the goals, needs, and preferences of each family.

The PWF Team Members and Role:

- **Care Coordinators:** The role of the Care Coordinator has two parts: **coordinate** services, supports, and providers working with the family and **provide direct clinical care** and skill building opportunities while working on program goals selected by the child and family.
- **Parent Partners:** The Parent PARTNER's role is unique, as they are parents of children with a SED who have successfully navigated multiple systems in support of their children and others. They support families in a number of ways: attend school meetings with the family, locate resources, assist in setting goals and developing plans to achieve them, effective communication, and provide a shoulder to lean on and an ear to listen during stressful times.
- **Family Assistants:** Family Assistants support children in PWF by modeling appropriate social skills, building upon strengths of the youth, empowering youth involvement, creating a relationship of mutual trust, respect, and understanding.



Program Goals:

- Empower children, youth, and their families.
- Keep children and youth at home, in school, and productively living within their community.
- Keep children and youth free from law enforcement involvement.
- Support children and youth in educational pursuits.
- Keep children and youth from experiencing multiple psychiatric hospitalizations.
- Advocate for and with consumers to improve the service delivery system.

Criteria for Participation:

- Must be a resident of Lincoln, Franklin, Warren, or St. Charles County
- Must be under the age of 18 years
- Must have a diagnosis of a serious emotional disorder
- Requires assistance from two or more service systems, (court, school, family services, etc.)

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