



# What's Working

## SB163 Wraparound in California

# A Note From Brad

Greetings! Welcome to Volume One of our brand new newsletter. As director of the Family Partnership Institute, I am so pleased that we are able to implement yet another method of sharing information to support Wraparound programs across California. It has been such a pleasure for us to serve as your California Department of Social Services Wraparound Consultants over the past seven years and to watch the program grow from one county initially serving 40 families to over 35 counties serving thousands of families. While we had intended in our travels around the state simply to be disseminating information, technical assistance, and inspiration, what we have experienced is to have learned from and been inspired by every program we have visited. The richness and depth of the knowledge, compassion, understanding, and dedication we witness is astounding! We are hopeful that this Newsletter can provide periodic access to what we have learned so that all can benefit from the expertise that has developed statewide.

In partnership with our colleagues at CDSS, we hope to keep readers up to date on new developments in the field, reinforce existing principles, and post answers to some frequently asked questions. At the same time, we are interested in hearing from you, the readers, about what you think would be most useful. Consider the basic Wraparound question: "What would you like help with?" Are you interested in creative ideas others have developed to engage reluctant families? Would you like tools that others have created to simplify Medi-Cal notes? Perhaps you'd be interested in strategies to engage school personnel in the planning process, or outcome measures that help to determine when families are ready to "graduate."

Please send your suggestions, ideas, and comments to our TA Coordinator, Kathy Applegate, at [kapplegate@emq.org](mailto:kapplegate@emq.org).

Thanks.

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## Upcoming Events 2007

### August

8/23 No. County Regional  
Sacramento - *Current Issues*  
in Wraparound

### September

### October

10/23-26 Training for Wraparound  
Trainers

### November

11/6-9 Training for Wraparound  
Trainers

### December

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