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High Fidelity Wraparound Dave Simpson of Perry's Place Achieves First Maine Certification

Dave Simpson, Director of Perry's Place at Youth Alternatives Ingrham, has been awarded certification as a high fidelity wraparound facilitator. He is the first person in the state of Maine to achieve this distinction. As a high fidelity wraparound facilitator, Simpson works with families who are experiencing a high degree of stress and who have children involved in multiple systems; Child Welfare, Children's Behavior Health Services, Special Education, the Department of Corrections, and others.

As part of his role, Simpson helps families develop a wraparound team. This team might include professionals, friends, and family who will assist them in identifying their most critical needs. Dave will then help the team find creative ways to meet the family's needs.

While facilitating these family wraparound meetings, Simpson keeps the principles of high fidelity wraparound at the forefront. One of the most important principles in high fidelity wraparound is family voice and choice. That is, the family identifies their own needs and then chooses options to meet those needs based on what fits with their family strengths and culture. "High fidelity wraparound is a culturally competent process," said Simpson. "It means that you view each individual in the context of their family's unique culture."