



# COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATION



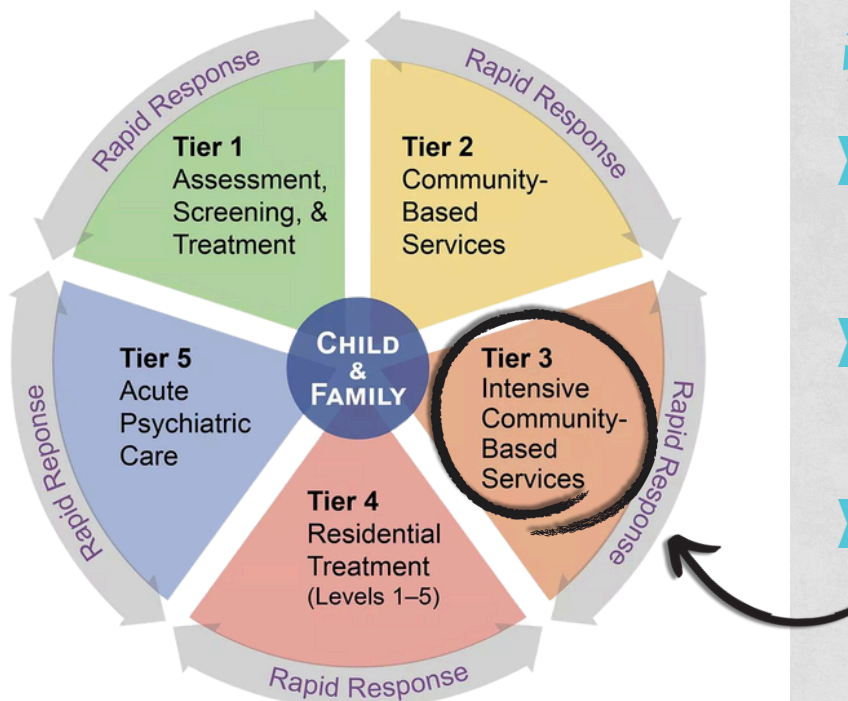
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## WHAT IS WRAPAROUND?

**Enhanced care coordination** programs, also called "wraparound," empower families caring for a **child or teen with significant behavioral health needs**, including **mental health** and **substance use disorders**.

**New Hampshire's Children's System of Care** for behavioral health was designed with wraparound programs as its **Tier 3 – Intensive, Community Based Services**. This tier serves families who have tried less intensive treatments and/or are involved in more than one "system" (e.g. juvenile justice, child protection, special education).

Wraparound programs help families clarify strengths and challenges, then build a **team to develop and implement a plan** with them. The team can include the child, family, professional service providers, and other trusted adults. This process can **prevent more costly residential care** requiring the child to leave school, home, and community.



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## THE PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE GAP

Unfortunately, Granite State families who purchase health insurance through their employer or the marketplace face barriers because **while Medicaid covers enhanced care coordination, private insurers do not**.

To ensure access to vital wraparound services, **stopgap measures allow some acutely ill children to become eligible for Medicaid**, while others have had their wraparound care covered with taxpayer general fund dollars. These extra steps have unnecessarily delayed appropriate care for children and teens while their struggles intensified.



## SENATE BILL 498: CLOSING THE GAP



Designed to **protect taxpayers** by preventing state general funds from subsidizing private health insurance corporations.



Would ensure health insurance companies contribute financially toward wraparound services as part of a **public-private partnership**.



Would help more Granite State children and youth access the **right care at the right time** by allowing Tier 3 of the **Children's System of Care** to work as intended.

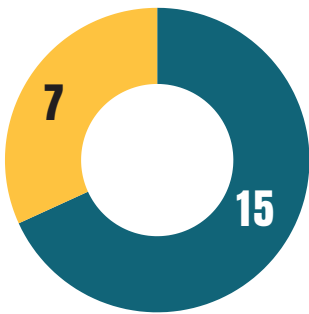


# NH'S ENHANCED CARE COORDINATION PROGRAMS

- **FAST (Families and Systems Together) Forward** wraparound for children and youth 5 - 21 years of age
- **Early childhood wraparound** from birth to age 5
- **Transitional Enhanced Care Coordination (TrECC)** before and/or after residential treatment



## FINDINGS FROM CONTROLLED RESEARCH STUDIES<sup>1</sup>



- Better Outcomes for Wraparound **15**
- No difference **7**
- Better Outcomes for Comparison **0**

*There have been 22 published, controlled studies of Wraparound.*



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<sup>1</sup> National Wraparound Initiative, Regional Research Institute, School of Social Work, Portland State University. "Wraparound – Bringing Systems Together: Monthly Minute." February 22, 2019. Accessed December 12, 2025. <https://nwi.pdx.edu/wraparound-videos>

