

Safe & Healthy County

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The Mendocino County Veterans Services Ukiah office has moved to 405 Observatory Ave. as of July 2nd, 2024. Staff worked quickly minimizing the disruption to services and organizing the space to best meet the needs of this office.

In addition to the move, we are thrilled to have welcomed our newest Veteran's Services Representative, Macy Waddington! Macy began her career with our department on July 7th and we are looking forward to have two full time VSR's to serve our Veterans.

Veteran's Services staff continue to partner with community volunteers to make this space a welcoming and comfortable place for Veterans to seek assistance.

Mendocino County Veterans Services office hours and locations:

Ukiah

405 Observatory Ave.
PO Box 839
Ukiah, CA 95482
Open 8am-noon & 1pm-5pm
Mon-Thurs
(excluding County holidays)
(707) 463-4226
Fax (707) 463-4637

Fort Bragg

360 N. Harrison St.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Open 8am-noon & 1pm-5pm
Mon, Weds & Thurs by appointment
(excluding County holidays)
(707) 964-5823
Fax (707) 961-6396

Willits

189 N. Main St.
Willits, CA 95490
Open by appointment only
(excluding County holidays)
(707) 463-4226
Fax (707) 463-4637



Newly hired Veterans Services Representative,
Macy Waddington

Left to right: Jennifer Thompson, Sr Program Manager, Michelle Smith, Veterans Service Representative, Ulyses Lopez, Veterans Services Officer

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Family & Children's Services Wraparound Program

Wraparound is a comprehensive, strengths-based, planning process put in place to respond to a serious mental health or behavioral challenge involving children or youth. Wraparound shifts focus away from a traditional service-driven, problem-based approach to care and instead follows a strengths-based, needs-driven approach.

The intent is to build on individual and family strengths to help families achieve positive goals and improve well-being. Wraparound is also a team-driven process. From the start, a child and family team is formed and works directly with the family as they identify their own needs and strengths. The team develops a service plan that describes specific strategies for meeting the needs identified by the family. The service plan is individualized, with strategies that reflect the child and family's culture and preferences. California Wraparound is intended to allow children to live and grow up in a safe, stable, permanent family environment.

The Wraparound Program within Family and Children's Services is currently **serving 13 youth and families throughout Mendocino County in Booneville, Brooktrails, Fort Bragg, Potter Valley, Ukiah, and Willits**. Wraparound team meetings are held at least one time per week, depending on the family's level of needs. Team meetings are held at the family's location of choice, often in the family home. In addition to team meetings, we provide weekly peer to peer support with both the parent/caregiver and the identified youth. The team works closely with the family, implementing the strategies identified with the family's voice and preferences. Following the principles of Wraparound, we work with the family to develop their community-based and natural support networks that will enable the family to address needs or ongoing life challenges, utilizing these natural community resources long after their participation in the Wraparound Program ends. Over time, the family transitions into fully running their meetings and leading their team through a continued planning processes. This prepares the family to be ready and able to utilize the processes they have learned while participating in the program to address future needs within their family.

We are currently transitioning two of our Wraparound families who have been successfully implementing their family plans. These youth have successfully reduced behaviors and are being successful in school.

It is wonderful to see these families grow and develop effective, individualized strategies for addressing their needs. The processes they have learned and natural networks they have developed often become part of the family's culture and are utilized long after Wraparound services have ended.