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Wraparound Intensive Services (WISe) is a statewide program since 2018 that was born out of an apparent need for intensive home and community-based services for Medicaid eligible youth under 21. A WISe team includes a Care Coordinator, Parent Peer Support Specialist, Youth Peer Support Specialist, and Clinician. The assigned WISe team "wraps around" the enrolled youth's family and provides an "intensity of services" of about 10 encounters per month. A youth may screen in based on a Child-Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS) and mental health diagnosis. From there, the team will build treatment plans for the youth and family and bill for services under the covered entity.

Our team at Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) believes in the strengths-based, voice-and-choice WISe model of service delivery. Currently, our work is focused on providing these services to the families at Rising Strong. Included in our team's efforts to stabilize family systems are monthly Family Nights, evidence-based recovery and parenting groups, attending dependency court hearings, regular communication with local programs and resources, crisis planning and response, and monthly vision-centered meetings with each family.

In the year 2024, we assisted 55 children in reunification with their parents out of foster care and helped close 16 CPS cases. The families work to achieve this with us, getting dozens of parents back to work or school, becoming legal drivers, completing mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and resolving criminal warrants. We know the need in our agency and community is great.

If you would like a referral for a community-based WISe team, please contact CBHS at (509) 242-2308. In the meantime, we are working to expand our services across Catholic Charities Eastern Washington.