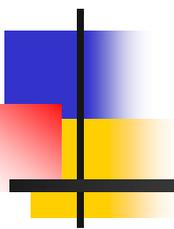


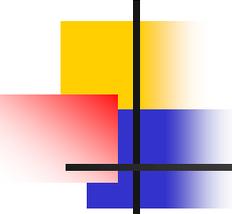
# Developing an Integrated System: Families with Service Needs



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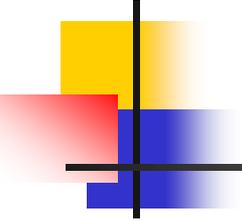


# Why look to enhance the DCF Community Collaboratives?

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## Major Tenets of System of Care Development MATCH Service System Needs of FWSN's

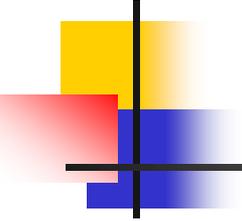
- Child Centered and Family Focused
- Community Based
- Strength Based
- Culturally Competent
- Access to a comprehensive array of **integrated** services
- Individualized
- Least restrictive
- Families are full participants in planning
- Gender responsive\*



# Community Collaborative Model

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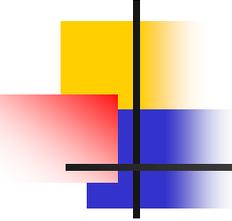
- 26 Collaboratives serve all 169 CT towns and cities
- Locally “governed” by Program Directors
- Monthly meetings bring service agents together
- Workgroups work on client specific issues



# Community Collaborative Model

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- “Wrap Meetings” - Case Coordination and Family Advocacy
- Service Array
  - Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services
  - Respite
  - Crisis Stabilization
  - Intensive In-Home
  - Inpatient Services
  - Outpatient Services
  - Group Homes and Residential



# Why Integrate?

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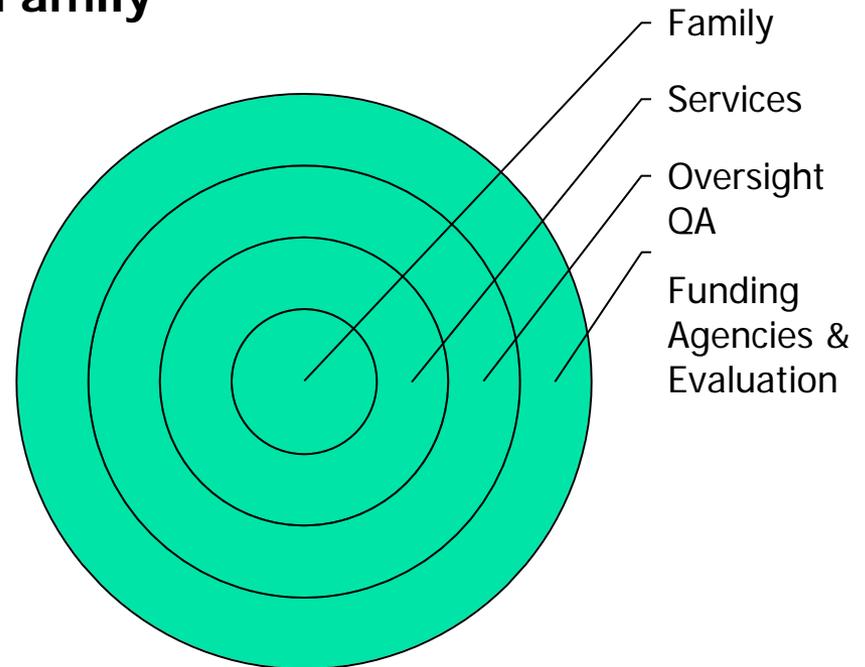
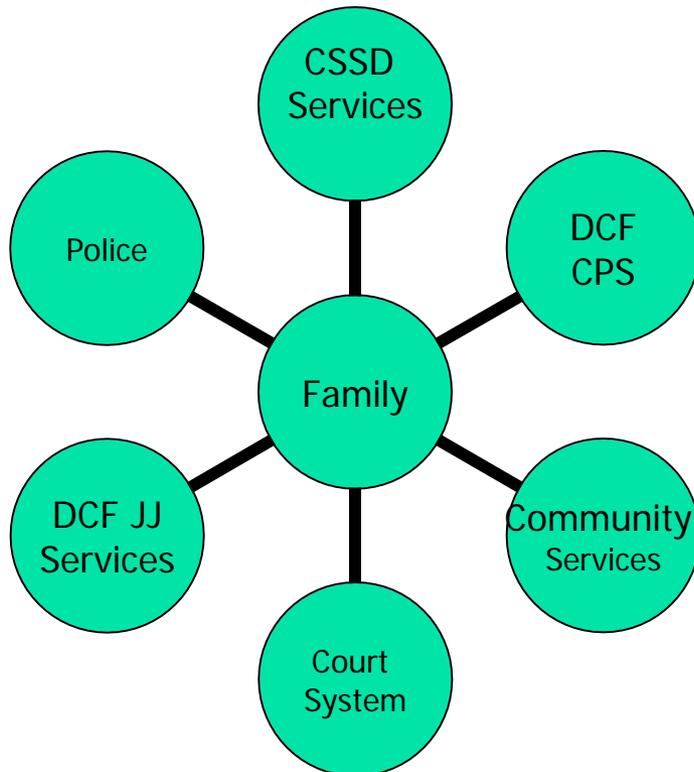
- Integrated community based service delivery systems *WORK* for kids and families
- Categorical systems approaches keep services in silos, often limiting access

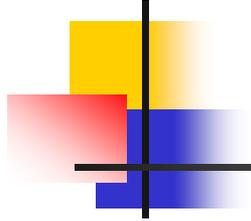
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**Family has to navigate the Systems and Services**

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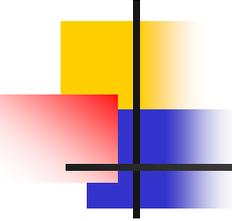
**Services Wrap around the Family**





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# Developing a Functional, Integrated Service Delivery System

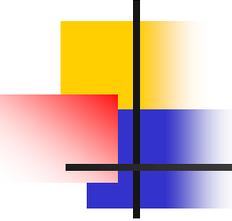


# Phase 1 –

## Serve Highest Risk/Needs FWSNs

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1. Change FWSN referral process
2. Enhance/Develop Local Infrastructure
3. Add Local Services
4. Ensure Access to Existing Services
5. Pilot Alternative Education
6. Add Respite Beds



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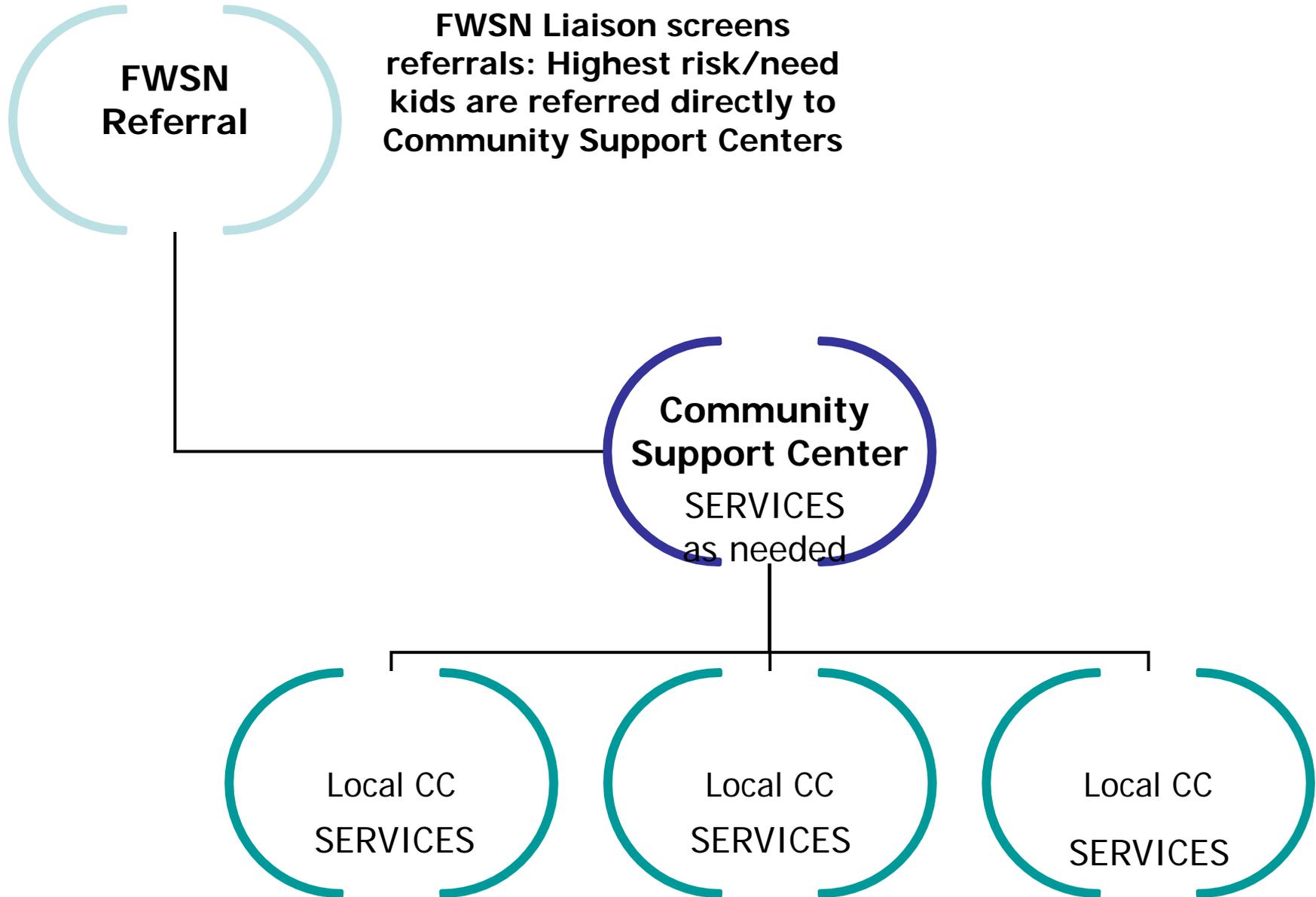
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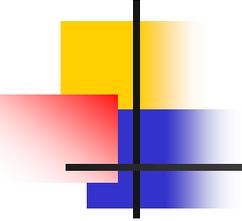
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- Develop Community Support Centers in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven & Waterbury
  - Pilot Alternative Education
  - Add Respite Beds

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- Enhance remaining Community Collaboratives

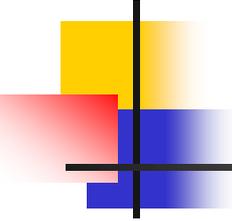




# The Community Support Center Concept

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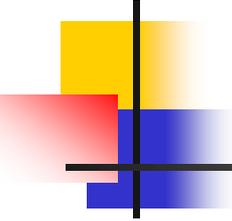
- Receives FWSN referrals
  - Responds Quickly (2 – 48 hours)
  - Connects Families to Care Coordinator
- Ensures timely access to services
  - Offers services as needed\*
- Ensures effective functioning of local Community Collaboratives



# Service Array

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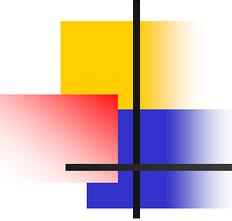
- Ongoing Care Coordination
- Screening and Assessment
- Educational assessments and advocacy
- Crisis intervention & mediation
- Flex funding for pro-social, vocational & recreational services
- Mental health services
- Trauma services
- Resiliency skills building
- Access to CSSD services and respite care
- Access to higher levels of treatment as needed



## Phase 2 – Serve all FWSNs

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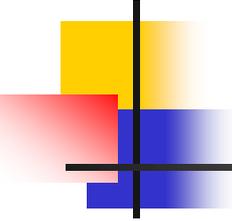
- Move referral process out of Juvenile Probation and into local communities
- Further strengthen infrastructure
- Further add services



# Next Steps: DCF and CSSD FWSN Collaboration

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- Finalize System Design
- Determine co-management functions (including evaluation)
- Submit budget options that will:
  - Strengthen and support existing collaboratives (infrastructure, training and quality assurance)
  - Strengthen and add capacity to the community-based service array (add new services, allow access to DCF and CSSD funded services)
  - Establish respite care for FWSNs



# Remaining Considerations

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- How do we engage Local Boards of Education?
- How do we proceed if funding is not allocated for these projects?
- How do we ensure safety for self-injurious FWSN juveniles?