



Wraparound Maine Statewide Evaluation



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The Office of Children and Families (OCFS) has contracted with University of Southern Maine (USM), Muskie School, to provide technical assistance and conduct periodic process and outcome evaluations to wraparound sites.

In August 2007, the evaluation team for Wraparound Maine was granted full approval to move forward by the University of Southern Maine Institutional Review Board (IRB). The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a standing committee comprised of professors, physicians, and community members who ensure that research involving human participants is well planned and ethical.

The Evaluation Team

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Kim earned her doctorate in Social Policy with the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. Kim is also and part-time instructor for the Maine Justice Policy Center at the University of Southern Maine. She has over 12 years experience in program evaluation and applied research methods. In her current role she is leading a multi-site, statewide evaluation of wraparound behavioral health services for Maine's high-risk youth and families. A former NIAAA fellow, she has contributed to multiple-evaluations of drug and alcohol intervention programs and currently serves on Maine's Child Welfare and Substance Abuse Committee. She has led several multi-system community-based evaluation efforts and frequently provides evaluation consultation to state DHHS programs.

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Michelle received her MSW from Boston University and a Certificate in Child and Family Policy from the University of Southern Maine, Muskie School. Prior to working for the Muskie School, Michelle has experience working with special education, hunger and homelessness, community supported agriculture, and substance abuse rehabilitation and recovery. Her work with research and evaluation includes but is not limited to grant projects that cover such areas as early care and education, child welfare, and behavioral/mental health.

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