



WRAPAROUND

GROUND RULES

EXAMPLE:
We will start and end meetings on time.

EXAMPLE:
Everyone will put their cell phones on silent.



GROUND RULES are **A SET OF AGREEMENTS**

that the team will develop and follow

during **ALL TEAM MEETINGS**

THROUGHOUT the Wraparound Planning Process.



EXAMPLE:
We will take turns talking and everyone will have a chance to speak.

EXAMPLE:
We will use strength-based language and focus on solutions.

GROUND RULES give members of the Wraparound team

a **COMMON UNDERSTANDING**

of **LANGUAGE and BEHAVIORS**

that assist team members in the most collaborative,

beneficial, and effective manner possible.



EXAMPLE:
Any team member can request a 5-minute break for any reason and at any time during the team meetings.

GROUND RULES are a **required item** on the Plan of Care.

DEVELOPING Ground Rules is one

of the **1st** **ACTIVITIES**

that a Wraparound team will do together as a group.

EXAMPLE:
Unless a legal mandate exists, the youth and family have the final say on the strategies that are selected for planning.

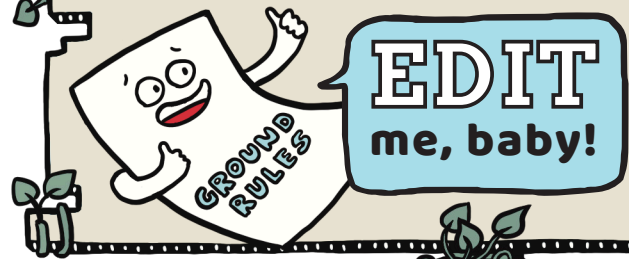
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BEST PRACTICES

1 ALL TEAM MEMBERS, including **NEW** team members who join the team midway through the Wraparound Planning Process, **AGREE** to the Ground Rules and to any **CHANGES** made at any point in the process.



2 **MODIFICATIONS** and **ADDITIONS** to the Ground Rules are a **NORMAL** part of the process and **HELP** the team function better.



3 All team members contribute to **DEFINING** any words that might have a broad meaning and **IDENTIFYING** the actions that demonstrate it.



4 Ground Rules **ALIGN** with the youth and family's **values** and **culture**.



5 Written in **Strength-Based** language and reflects the actions that the team **WANTS** to see.



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