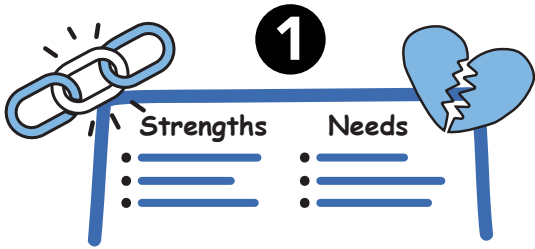




Strengths and Needs SUMMARY

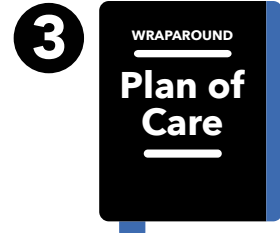
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STRENGTHS AND NEEDS SUMMARY?



A document to **STORE AND ORGANIZE** information gathered during Phase 1 of the Wraparound Planning Process



As a starting point to **COMPLETE** the CANS

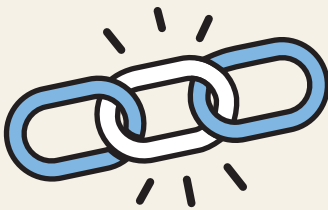


As a starting point to **DEVELOP** the Plan of Care

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD IT INCLUDE?

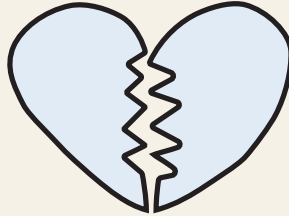
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STRENGTHS



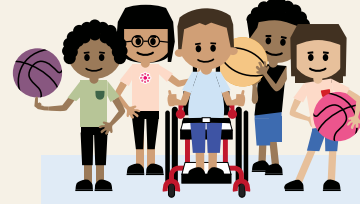
Strengths are **ASSETS, SKILLS, CAPACITIES, ACTIONS, TALENTS, POTENTIAL, and GIFTS** of the youth and family, including what they do well, who has been helpful to them or cares about them, things they enjoy and value as well as adversities they have overcome.

NEEDS



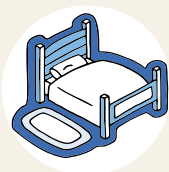
A need describes **WHAT IS MISSING FROM A YOUTH AND FAMILY'S LIFE** that would help them achieve their goals. They are often initially stated as challenges, behaviors, or strategies. Challenging behavior is a communication of an unmet need and not a need itself.

CULTURE



Culture is defined broadly and can refer to **THE CHARACTERISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE OF A PARTICULAR GROUP**. It may be defined as a shared system of beliefs, values, and behavioral expectations that provide social structure for daily living, such as social interest groups, languages, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual identity etc. The youth and family define their culture and with which cultures they identify.

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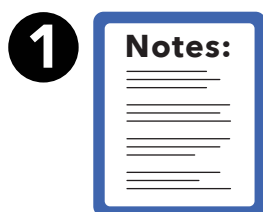


The **12 WRAPAROUND LIFE DOMAINS** assist us to gather information on the strengths, needs, and culture in all areas of the youth's and family's lives. See "Tool Time: Exploring the 12 Wraparound Life Domains" for domain definitions and example questions.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

It can take various forms including:

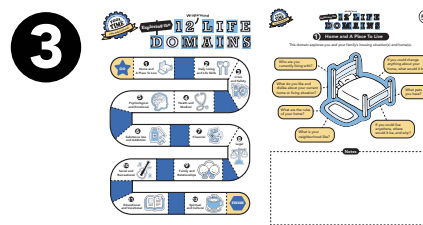
(see the Oregon Wraparound website for sample templates and ideas)



A **NOTE** in your formal documentation system

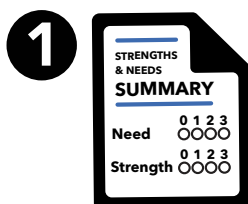


The Wraparound **PLAN OF CARE**



A separate **DOCUMENT** organized by Wraparound Life Domain

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?



The Care Coordinator uses information from engagement conversations with youth, family, and team members (including the peer partners) to prepare a strengths-based document summarizing key information.



The family reviews and approves the summary.



The summary is used to complete the **CANS** and inform the initial Wraparound Plan of Care.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- You do not have to have information for all Wraparound Life Domains before creating the Strengths and Needs Summary, the CANS, or to move on to Phase 2. Update and re-rate the CANS and the Plan of Care as you learn more about the youth and family throughout the process.
- Be creative in how you gather information and the questions you ask.
- Relationship building is key!

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