

Wayne County

Judge Latecia E. Wiles

Program Name

Wayne County MST-PSB Program

Program Intervention

Multi-Systemic Therapy for Problem Sexual Behavior

Primary Service Location

In-Home

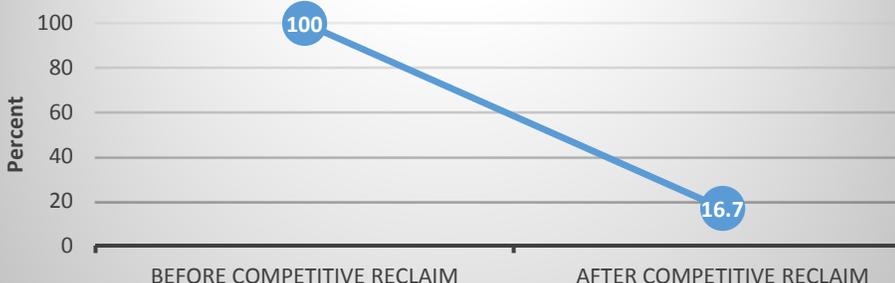
Program Description

- The purpose of the program is to safely treat youth between 8 and 18 who are either adjudicated of a sexually oriented offense or youth who are exhibiting problem sexual behavior in a community-based setting that meets their assessed needs and reduces subsequent offending behavior.
- The MST-PSB program is the only treatment model addressing sexual offending that has been designated as a Blueprints Model Program by Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development.
- The MST-PSB model incorporates intensive family therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, skills building, school and other system interventions, and clarification work. MST-PSB therapists from the Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center visit the youth's home two or three times each week for five to seven months.
- Program activities focus on working with the family to reduce their denial of the sexual offenses, enhance parenting knowledge, remove barriers to effective parenting, and promote communication and affection among family members.

Outcomes

- Prior to the program, 100% of youth adjudicated for a sexually oriented offense were placed outside the home. Since the program was implemented, only 16.7% of youth adjudicated for a sexually oriented offense have been placed outside the home.
- In addition, results from the Ohio Scales indicate that youth functioning has significantly improved from an average intake score of 47.6 to an average termination score of 55.6.

Out of Home Placements



Program Snapshot

(As of June 30, 2016)

Gender:

90% Male, 10% Female

Race/Ethnicity:

90% White, 10% African-American

Age Range:

8 to 18

Offense Level:

Felony, Misdemeanor, Status, and At-Risk Youth

Youth Re-offense Risk Level:

Low, Moderate, & High

Screens and Assessments:

OYAS, Sexual Adjustment Inventory (SAI), Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Version IV, Wide Range Achievement Test, Million Adolescent Clinical Inventory, Child Behavioral Checklist, Juvenile-Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-II (J-SOAP-II)

Program Start Date:

February 12, 2015

Received Services:

10 Families

Program Completion Successes:

4 Families

3 Families Continuing into FY 2017

Average # of Service Units:

77.2 Direct Service Hours Per Successful Family

Program Partners:

- Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center
- Case Western Reserve University-Center for Innovative Practices at the Begun Center
- Wayne County Children Services
- Mental Health and Recovery Board of Wayne and Holmes County
- Wayne County Family and Children First Council

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Wayne County Early Successes – MST-PSB

“The Juvenile Court is pleased to have the opportunity to provide the MST-PSB program, using Competitive RECLAIM dollars, to Wayne County youth and their families who are candidates for this type of therapy. The goal of the program is to reduce re-occurrence of sexually oriented offenses or problem sexual behaviors of juveniles by intervening promptly and providing intensive home-based therapy for the youth and his/her family, addressing environmental factors and circumstances that may attribute to youth committing such offenses. We are in the middle of our second year of the program, and to date, no youth in the program have re-offended, which lends hope that this type of therapy can be long-lasting and effective to deter sex offenses into adulthood.”

**Latecia E. Wiles, Judge
Wayne County Juvenile Court**

“The Wayne County MST-PSB Program is an excellent asset for our youth experiencing problem sexual behaviors. All of our FCFC partners, as well as the youth, and families benefit from this program that enables more youth to receive necessary treatment in the local community. This program not only provides essential treatment in the community but decreases costs for costly out of home placements. It is our mandate to provide the least restrictive level of care for treatment, which this program enables us to comply with this mandate. Further, the Wayne County Juvenile Court continues to manage this grant program superbly, utilizing their excellent staff, a very capable and innovative Judge Wiles, and their ability to track data and outcomes. This Juvenile Court is a critical partner in the Wayne County Children First Council who strives to assure that youth receive necessary treatment and services. I commend this Juvenile Court for their motivation to apply for this grant and their ongoing expertise in managing the grant. Our system and the youth and families in Wayne Co. are very fortunate. We thank the Department of Youth Services for their recognition of this need and the opportunity for Wayne Co. Juvenile Court to participate in this Evidence Based Practice. More importantly, rural counties are not always given such opportunities, which we also appreciate. The management and oversight by DYS has enabled our county to provide a proven practice to treat essential youth needs.”

**Judy Wortham Wood
Executive Director
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Wayne-
Holmes Counties**

“As the Director of the Wayne County Family and Children First Council and the coordinator of our multi-system collaborative that oversees the use of treatment foster care and residential placement, we have seen a significant impact on the numbers and cost associated with assuming every sex offender will go to an out of home placement. Since the Wayne County Juvenile Court has added MST-PSB to its continuum of dispositional alternatives, treatment foster care and residential placements have gone down. While this has had a positive impact on department budgets, it more importantly has served adjudicated youth and their families better. Wayne County strives to serve children safely in their homes with their families because we know that after out of home treatment our youth will return to their families of origin. Unless the family is fully engaged in their young person’s treatment, many concerns and issues will not be addressed. Returning young people to the environment and conditions they lived in prior to placement. MST-PSB fully engages the parents and family in treatment goals and better establishes long term involvement for a healthier family future.”

**Cameron Maneese, Director
Wayne County Family and Children First Council**



Youth Success Story – Jonas’ problem sexual behaviors affected many generations of his Old Order Amish family. His 12 child victims were all close relatives living throughout a three county area. His offenses started when he was 7 and totaled over 100 separate incidents over a seven-year period. Prior to being charged the church elders planned to send Jonas to an Amish treatment facility.

Through his assessment, Jonas was deemed appropriate to participate in the Wayne County Juvenile Court MST-PSB program. His parents were eager to have this program offered to them, even though engaging so personally with the English community was something they would not typically do.

Jonas was initially required to live with an older, single sibling during treatment because, as is the custom in the Amish community, his family’s house was on the same property as that of a sibling and several of his victims.

The family required extensive education and foundation building since much of the treatment material contained words, phrases, and topics not customarily taught in the Amish Community, as well as the family educating the clinician on their beliefs and culture. Significant time was also spent educating the family about feelings since culturally Amish people do not show or communicate their feelings.

All of Jonas’ older siblings participated in sessions with their parents and youngest brother. These sessions were said to be very beneficial since none of the family members otherwise knew how to help their family heal. Jonas was able to move back in with his parent’s part way through treatment and earned a successful release from probation after 10 months.



Lessons Learned

You can have the greatest program in the world to keep kids from being placed outside the home but if the parent doesn’t buy into the program and participate it doesn’t matter how good the program is.

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