Seneca Family of Agencies –
Wraparound Full Service Partnership

What Does Seneca Do?

Wraparound is the Full Service Partnership (FSP) program of Seneca Family of Agencies. The focus of Seneca Wraparound programs is to offer family centered, individualized, and culturally relevant and strength based support. Seneca works in close partnership with Social Services, Mental Health, Juvenile Probation, other service providers, and consumer organizations to provide this family-centered, strengths-based and outcome-oriented alternative to group care placements for children and youth with complex and enduring needs. The focus of Seneca Wraparound programs is to offer family centered, individualized, and culturally relevant support by drawing upon community and family strengths. The goal of Wraparound programs is to support children and youth in the homes of caring families (biological, fictive kin, or foster families), rather than in group care settings.

"We’ve been doing this for years (working with the mental health system) and this is the first time my son has felt connected anywhere. This is the most he’s gone to school in 5 years.” - Seneca parent

Who is Served by this program?

Seneca provides care for children and families experiencing high levels of trauma who are at risk for family disruption or institutional care for the children. Seneca Wraparound serves children, youth, and families across San Francisco.

In FY 15-16 participants were:

61% Black or African descent
56% Male
23% Latino/a

MHSA (Proposition 63) was passed by California voters in November 2004 to expand and transform mental health services for children and adults. The Act is funded by a 1% tax surcharge on personal income over $1 million per year.

246 children and youth were served in FY 15-16.
Outcomes

Emergency Events (for 229 clients)

Children and youth receiving care from Seneca reported experiencing emergency events at rates lower than they did in their full year prior to entering the FSP.

- 71% decrease in school suspensions
- 62% decrease in school expulsions
- 71% decrease in mental health/substance use emergencies
- 87% decrease in physical health emergencies
- 76% decrease in arrests

Residential Settings (for 109 clients)

Children typically experience more housing stability than older populations. Yet the children served by Seneca still show a modest increase in stable housing conditions in their first year in the program as compared to the year prior to entering program care. Of note is the decrease in days spent living with parents. This could be a change to more stable or less stable living situations unique to each child’s family life.

- 5% fewer days spent in residential treatment
- 5% fewer days spent with parents
- 6% more days spent in foster home relative and non-relative

"One of the things I want is to come back here someday and say ‘thank you’. I just want to say thank you for everything. You all helped me so much.” – Seneca youth

Unconditional Care

Seneca’s service philosophy is built around the concept of Unconditional Care, meaning that no youth served by the wraparound program will be ejected from Seneca due to challenging behaviors or service needs. Seneca thus tailors treatment and support services to address those behaviors and meet those needs, even as they change over time.