New York State started work in 2016 on an ambitious project to pilot the integration of High Fidelity Wraparound within Health Homes Serving Children, as a result of a four-year grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The NYS Office of Mental Health, along with its partners of state agencies, and family-run and youth-run advocacy organizations, has a goal to reinvigorate the System of Care framework across the state that will support all children and families seeking services.

**New York’s High-Fidelity Wraparound Model**

New York’s model of High Fidelity Wraparound is facilitated by a team consisting of a care manager, family peer advocate and youth peer advocate that are jointly trained and certified in the model through a combination of in-person training, topic specific webinars for skill building, individual and group coaching, and documentation review.

The facilitation team uses an intentional, prescribed process to work with a small caseload of children, youth and families to identify the family’s needs, strengths and goals while building informal supports that will be maintained long after the intervention has ended. Designated as an evidence based practice in 2017, Wraparound has shown significant outcomes across the country in keeping children and youth in their homes and communities.

Wraparound, developed on the foundation of the System of Care framework, fits well with the goals of Health Home to integrate care using an interdisciplinary team that focuses on an individualized plan for the child, youth and family.

By the end of its first year of implementation, the project was being planned and/or implemented in seven counties across the State.

The project includes an intensive evaluation, with both national and state measures intended to study both the qualitative and quantitative processes. Additionally, NYS intends to review Medicaid cost data of those in the pilot and those enrolled in Health Home.