

➤ **What is Connections?**

Connections is a team of probation staff AND a way to address mental health issues.

We use a process called *Wraparound* which:

- Helps organize and prioritize work to help families have better futures.
- Uses a team approach with families “in the driver’s seat”.
- Helps you define tasks for the team that will solve problems
- Uses people’s unique strengths as tools
- Sees “bad behaviors” as people trying to meet normal human needs unsuccessfully.
- Expects everyone to have a say, and all team members to work cooperatively and respectfully



➤ **How do I find out more?**

For more information, please contact:

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Connections is a program designed to provide extra support to families with youth on probation who also have mental health issues.



We will put our energy and resources into the future. Our focus will be on what needs to be healed, what needs to be repaid, what needs to be learned

Clark County Juvenile Court




➤ *Why Is Connections offered?*

The Clark County Juvenile Court is committed to:

- Supporting positive changes for youth and their families
- Reducing recidivism
- Decreasing probation violations
- Decreasing detention days for the youth
- Keeping youth at home
- Increasing positive family relationships.
- Increasing family stability

➤ *Do we qualify?*


The qualifying youth must have:

- a formal mental health diagnosis by a qualified professional
 - at least 6 months probation
 - been involved in traditional services before
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➤ *How does Connections work?*

- Connections focuses on the whole family, not just the child with the “identified problem.”
 - All family members will work toward goals with the support of Connections staff.
 - Youth with mental health issues need their family members to do some things differently to be successful
- The team will set goals and check in on progress at each wrap.

➤ *Is Connections easy?*

- **It's hard work.** With staff support, your family will do most of the work to strengthen your family,
 - It's human nature to want immediate results or “fixes”, but it is not realistic.
 - Expect to make small accomplishments that add up over time.
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➤ *What does a Connections team look like?*

- **Your family**—we encourage the whole family to participate
- **Your support people**—people in the community and those close to your family
- **Connections staff** - each team has a Probation Counselor, Care Coordinator, Family Specialist, and Probation Associate
- **Anyone** who is supportive of you and your family being successful.

Connections uses the combined efforts of all team members to create positive solutions for identified needs.

➤ *What can your family expect in return?*

- A team that will work together with your family
- a focus on family identified priorities—with safety as the first priority
- some flexibility in how issues are addressed and follow through from Connections staff