

What if I have questions?

Our Evaluation Team is happy to answer any questions you have about being part of the outcome study. Please feel free to call the Evaluation Specialist, Dr. Raquel Runge, at 713-802-7733.

I'm ready! How do I enroll?

A member of the Evaluation Team will come to one of your visits with your Care Coordinator and Parent Partner to talk with you about the study, and will give you more information about what's involved, how information you share is protected, and how the information will be used. If you then agree to be part of the study, you will set up times for an interviewer to meet with you to begin the outcome study process.

Evaluation Outcome Study

Make a difference! Have your voice heard.

In addition to joining the Evaluation Outcome Study, you can also be a part of the Evaluation Advisory Work Team (EAWT). EAWT is a part of the Systems of Hope Governing Board, and includes parents, youth, SOH agencies, and local community members. As family members, we value your experiences in your daily life. It helps to give meaning to the local and National evaluation plan. As a team, the results captured from interviews of families aids us in determining the strengths and weaknesses of our services, and whether or not Systems of Hope is realistically achieving its goals. By being a part of this team we not only help Systems of Hope, but all families within our community.

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Systems of Care in
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Welcome to Systems of Hope

Harris County pictures an open and welcoming community that promotes the development and emotional well-being of all children. Harris County hopes to support healthy and happy families by the creation of an organized and easy-to-access system of care.

A Key Element of Systems of Hope is Family-Driven Care

That's why we want *your* input about the care you receive.

The information shared by families and youth will help us to know what works for them and how existing services in Harris County can be improved.

We want to know your opinions about:

- The different services you receive
- How you think services can be improved
- How services have helped you and your child
- How you and your child are coping over time
- How your child is doing at home, in school, and in the community

We Need Your Help!

Information you share can strengthen support and care for children and families in our community. When we better understand how services work for you, we can use the information to advocate for new and improved services for all families in Harris County.

How can I participate?

If you are a parent or caregiver of a child with a serious emotional disorder who has joined Harris County Systems of Hope, you can participate. Youth over the age of eleven can also be part of the study. An interviewer will meet with you every 6 months for up to three years to talk to you about you and your child's experiences with the services you have received. Each interview will take about 2 hours for parents/caregivers and about 1 hour for youth.

Will my information be kept private?

Yes. We are required by law to keep your information private. No information you provide will ever be connected to your name or anything that may be able to identify you.

To Show Our Appreciation

We know that your time is valuable, and we understand that participating in this study is a big commitment. To show our appreciation, we are offering gift cards for both parents and youth who participate. A compensation schedule is shown in the table below.

Compensation Schedule

Parent/Caregiver Youth (over 11)

Interview	Gift Card	Interview	Gift Card
1	\$20.00	1	\$10.00
2	\$25.00	2	\$15.00
3	\$25.00	3	\$15.00
4	\$25.00	4	\$15.00
5	\$25.00	5	\$15.00
6	\$30.00	6	\$20.00

