

Harris County Systems of Hope (SOH)

INTERAGENCY/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

- I. **PURPOSE:** To assure all partners (agency, community/faith-based organizations, family organization and individual family members) have a clear understanding of Systems of Care Principles and Values and how to incorporate these standards and operations into the way all sectors of social service delivery in Harris County. This can only be achieved if all parties are equal in the decision making process. This agreement will be the commitment of all partners to work toward transformation to improved integration of Systems of Care (SOC) principles and values into the Harris County Community as the way services are offered and delivered to our families and children.

- II. Recognizing that transformation is a process, this agreement is not an effort to mandate, or make demands on any partner, but rather an agreement to communicate, understand, and continue to strive to keep SOC alive and growing in our community. In keeping with system of care values and principles, we will:
 - Develop and incorporate flexible services and supports for children and their families that are individualized based on family-identified strengths, needs, preferred services and supports, and outcomes.

 - Work in collaboration, sharing resources, to assure that children and families will have access to an array of community-based services and supports, as well as access to informal and natural supports preferred by the children and families in an integrated continuum of care.

 - Include families and youth as full partners in all aspects of their treatment and rendered services. Families and youth will be included as full partners at all levels of planning, policy development, service delivery, and evaluation.

 - Commitment to the development of a service delivery system that is sensitive and responsive to cultural diversity.

- Incorporate systems of care training into core professional development and community education efforts.
- Strive to incorporate the methodologies of the Juvenile Information Sharing Project (JIS) through public, private, and family systems.
- Each partner will provide decision-making representation to the Advisory Board and designate participants for each workgroup.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2012.