

Youth Participation in Planning Feasibility Survey Information for Survey Participants

What is the point of this research project?

You are being invited to participate in a research study that is examining perceptions of feasibility and utility of youth participation in planning. The study is being conducted as a collaboration between Columbia River Wraparound System of Care (SOC) and the Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health (RTC) at Portland State University. The goal of the study is to assess beliefs about the feasibility and utility of youth participation in planning at SOC. We will use this information to develop better knowledge about the kinds of resources that are necessary to help agencies be more successful in ensuring higher levels of youth participation in planning. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you have attended planning meetings for a youth involved with the Columbia River Wraparound SOC.

What are the possible risks and benefits?

There is minimal risk associated with participation in this study; however there is a small chance that your responses could become known to others in your project. The information requested by the survey is not about highly personal or sensitive topics, so even if it is somehow disclosed, the risk to you is not large. Conceivably, someone involved in the project could be angered by your responses to the survey and retaliate in some fashion. You can protect against this possibility by taking the survey in a location where you are unlikely to be overseen by anyone who might use this information in a way that would have consequences for you. Also you could easily close the survey and resume at any time. We protect against this possibility by keeping your survey responses in a secure database that does not include any personal information about you (e.g., your name or email). Aggregated information from survey respondents will be returned to your agency. We anticipate that this information will be helpful to SOC's efforts to include youth in planning more effectively.

Will my responses be kept confidential?

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be linked to you or identify you will be kept confidential. Survey responses are kept on a secure server, and are password protected. Only research project staff will know the password. The database that has the names and emails of potential participants is kept in a completely separate database, that is also secure and password protected.

Do I have to participate?

Your participation in the survey is voluntary. You do not have to take the survey, and declining to participate will not affect your relationship with the Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health. If you elect not to participate, simply click on the "decline" link in the invitation email

you have already received. Also, you can stop the survey at any time if you do not wish to continue.

What if I have a question?

If you have questions about the survey, or experience technical difficulties when taking the survey, you can ask a member of the RTC research team or contact Janet Walker at janetw@pdx.edu or 503.725.8236. If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact the Human Subjects Research Review Committee, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, 600 Unitus Building, Portland State University, 503.725.4288 or toll-free 1.877.480.4400.