What is the point of this research project?
You are being invited to participate in a research study that is examining the level of system support for wraparound in your community. The study is being conducted as a collaboration between your wraparound project and the National Wraparound Initiative at Portland State University. The goal of the study is to assess the level of system support for Wraparound in your community, and in other communities around the nation. We will use this information to develop better knowledge about the kinds of system development that are necessary to help Wraparound programs be successful. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because your program evaluator believes that you have knowledge about your program’s structures, policies, practices, and/or funding. This knowledge is valuable to your community and to national efforts to implement high quality Wraparound.

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 your community will be returned to your Wraparound project. We anticipate that this information will be helpful to your Wraparound project’s efforts to improve the quality of Wraparound offered in your community.

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 National Wraparound Initiative or your local Wraparound project. If you elect not to participate, simply click on
the “decline” link in your invitation email. 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 concerns or problems about your participation in this study or your rights as a research subject, please contact the Human Subjects Research Review Committee, Office of Research and Sponsored projects either by email (cgal@pdx.edu) or phone (877.480.4400—toll free).