

# Early Childhood Intervention

## Family Stories Project



### What is the Family Stories Project?

The Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Family Stories Project is collecting and sharing real-life success stories from families who have benefited from ECI services. These personal stories will help inspire other families to get services for their children.

#### How Will Family Stories Be Used?

With consent from participating families, stories may be shared across different platforms, such as newsletters, advisory committee meetings, presentations, social media and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission website.

#### How to Participate or Help

We are looking for families who have had a positive and meaningful experience with ECI services and are open to sharing their stories.

Here's how the process works:

- 1. Participation:** Families who are currently enrolled in ECI or have graduated from ECI within the past four years are eligible to participate. Referral sources and stakeholders are encouraged to connect interested families with the Family Stories Project.
- 2. Outreach:** We will clearly communicate with families about the purpose of the project and how their stories will be used.
- 3. Flexible options:** Families can share their experiences through a written questionnaire, phone or virtual interviews, and, if comfortable, through video or photo stories.

#### Privacy and Consent

- Participation is voluntary, and families can choose how much they wish to share.
- Participation in the project will not affect a family's access to ECI services.
- A formal consent form will outline how stories and any media will be used.
- If desired, stories can only refer to the first name of family members.

#### Next Steps

- If you or someone you know is interested in participating, we will send you a form to get started.
- Our team will reach out to guide you through the process.
- We are happy to provide more details and answer questions.

For more information or to participate, email **HHSC ECI Outreach** at [eci\\_outreach@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:eci_outreach@hhs.texas.gov)



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