



## 2027 HOPE Evaluation Learning Community

### Key Dates and Information

Registration Deadline	July 31, 2026
Community Dates	12 months; August 2026 – August 2027
Number of Awards	Up to 12 organizations
Cost	\$5,000 per organization
Eligibility	Organizations currently implementing the HOPE framework or who will be launching a HOPE implementation project in August 2026

### Program Summary

The Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences National Resource Center (HOPE NRC) is launching the **2027 HOPE Evaluation Learning Community!** This 12-month cohort seeks to support organizations in their evaluation of a Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE) implementation project to demonstrate the HOPE framework's impact on child/family outcomes, staff outcomes, and/or provider/family outcomes.

The 2027 Evaluation Learning Community will support up to 12 organizations who are already implementing the HOPE framework or will be implementing a new project in August 2026. These projects must include evaluation components.

**The cohort will participate in a kick-off meeting, participate in six (6) 2-hour virtual learning sessions and six (6) individual evaluation support sessions, share data related to their implementation project, and share insights about their experience evaluating the HOPE framework.** Each organization must identify a certified HOPE Champion to support the implementation, attend the learning and support sessions, and lead evaluation activities.

The cost for this opportunity is \$5,000 per organization.

The project period is from August 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027.

### Why Participate?

Our implementation evaluation work is beginning to take off! Over the last year we have developed the [Implementation Evaluation Toolkit](#) to guide organizations in their evaluation efforts. Joining this cohort offers organizations a unique opportunity to:

- Deepen their HOPE implementation and evaluation with access to in-depth evaluation support and technical assistance;

- Join a cohort of peer organizations for shared learning and collaboration;
- Contribute to the growing body of data showing the HOPE framework's impact on individuals, families, relationships, and organizations; and
- Get a head start in their journey to complete the [HOPE-Informed Organizational Certification](#) program.

## 2027 HOPE Evaluation Learning Community Description

HOPE NRC seeks up to 12 organizations who are currently implementing the HOPE framework or will be implementing a new project in August 2026. The project must fall under one or more of the following categories:

- **Internal Culture:** Aligning leadership, decision-making, physical and virtual environments, and work culture with HOPE;
- **Equity Advancement:** Assessing access to the Building Blocks and then creating policies and practices that reduce barriers and increase accessibility to PCEs;
- **Policies:** Applying HOPEful principles in organizational documents and policies;
- **Intakes:** Incorporating HOPEful principles in intake forms and processes;
- **Screenings/Assessments:** Designing screening and assessment forms and processes using HOPEful principles
- **Referrals:** Incorporating HOPEful principles into the development of referral and warm handoff processes
- **Program development:** Developing programming specifically intended to promote access to the Four Building Blocks, this may include modifying the process for case planning

Participating organizations will engage in a guided process over the course of a 12-month period, beginning in August 2026. Participants will receive evaluation support from the HOPE NRC and support from peers as they implement their projects and engage in evaluation intended for internal quality improvement (QI) of HOPE implementation.

The learning community will assist organizations in collecting data that illustrates the measurable impact of the HOPE framework in **three core outcome areas**: child/family, staff, and provider/family relationships. Through participation, organizations will contribute to HOPE NRC's growing database that shows the impact of the HOPE framework on important individual, organizational, and public health outcomes.

All participating organizations will identify a HOPE Champion to serve as a consistent point of contact between the organization and the HOPE NRC, attend all HIN sessions, and support their organization in its completion of project activities. ***This individual must already be a certified HOPE champion working in or with the applying organization.***

## Eligibility

This opportunity is open to organizations that are either:

- **Ready to begin an implementation project in August 2026** that includes evaluation and aligns with at least one of the following categories: Internal Culture, Equity Advancement, Policies, Intakes, Screenings/Assessments, Referrals, Program development **or**
- **Currently implementing a project that can be evaluated.** This project must:
  - Align with at least one of the following categories: Internal Culture, Equity Advancement, Policies, Intakes, Screenings/Assessments, and/or Referrals

- Have associated baseline data
- Include an evaluation plan (or be able to support the addition of an evaluation plan)

Organizations may come from any sector (e.g., health, education, child and family services, justice) and may vary in size, structure, and population served. Previous HOPE Innovation Network (HIN) participants and organizations who are current or past participants in the HOPE Organizational Certification Program are encouraged to apply.

Each organization will:

- Identify a certified HOPE Champion who will participate in all HIN activities and lead the organization's participation in the project
- Attend the project kick-off call.
- Attend six (6), 2-hour virtual meetings in the months of September, November, January, March, May, and July.
- Attend six (6) individual evaluation support sessions in the months of October, December, February, April, June, and August.
- Commit to completing approximately 5–10 hours per month of evaluation activities.
- Be willing to sign a data sharing agreement to share the data collected and provide feedback about their implementation and evaluation experience.

During the project, HIN participants will participate in the following:

- **Attend Kick-Off Call** – Organizations will attend a kickoff call on date in August from XX:XX to XX:XX ET with HOPE NRC to meet other members of the cohort and review learning community goals.
- **Participate in Virtual Learning Sessions** – Organizations will participate in six (6) virtual, 2-hour learning opportunities on XX at . At minimum, the HOPE Champion are asked to attend, but other organizational staff are encouraged to attend. Sessions will include facilitated discussions, peer learning, evaluation support, and access to new research and resources.
- **Participate in Individual Evaluation Support Sessions** – Organizations will participate in six (6) virtual, one-hour evaluation support sessions with the Director of Evaluation and Quality Improvement. The intent of these sessions is to discuss site's successes, challenges, and technical assistance needs as they implement their project and evaluate its impact.
- **Engage in Evaluation Activities** – Organizations will utilize the HOPE NRC's evaluation strategy for internal quality improvement<sup>1</sup>. As a part of this project, organizations will be asked to implement the strategy. Sites will use the HOPE evaluation strategy to collect data on staff, client, and/or system outcomes.
- **Share Evaluation Data** – As a part of this project, organizations will identify 3-4 data sources with which they will measure the impact of their HOPE implementation projects. For each source, they will collect and share baseline and either monthly and/or quarterly data (e.g., 3-months and 6-months).
- **Complete End-of-Project Evaluation** – Towards the end of the project, organizations will complete a brief evaluation to provide feedback on technical assistance received and their overall experience in the learning community cohort to help inform future

project design.

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<sup>1</sup> If an organization wishes to publish findings or use data for research, internal review procedures (e.g., IRB) may be required.

## Registration Form

Please provide the following information using the [electronic application form](#):

### **Organization Information**

- Organization Name and Primary Contact Information
- Description of Organization, including the Mission Statement.
- Please describe the individuals served by your organization.
- Is your organization currently implementing HOPE?
  - Yes
  - No, we are ready to implement beginning August 2026.
- If yes, are you planning a new implementation project to begin in August 2026?
  - Yes
  - No, we plan only to continue the implementation project that is already underway.
- Is your organization willing to sign a data agreement and share the data you collect while implementing?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Unsure

### **HOPE Implementation**

- Share the Aim Statement for your implementation project. Use this [Aim Statement Worksheet](#) to help you develop your statement.
- Is your project planned or in progress?
  - Planned with a start date of August 2026
  - In progress
- Briefly describe your planned or recently launched implementation project.
- What area(s) does your planned or current implementation project focus on? *Check all that apply:*
  - Internal Culture
  - Equity Advancement
  - Policies
  - Intakes
  - Screenings/Assessments
  - Referrals
  - Program development

### **Implementation Evaluation**

- What outcomes are you evaluating in this project (Choose all that apply):
  - Child- and/or family-related outcomes
  - Staff-related outcomes

- Provider/family relationship outcomes
  - Other (please describe)
- What data sources do you plan to use to measure the impact of your HOPE implementation project? Some examples are included here: [Section 5: Choose Your Data Sources](#).
- In which month will baseline data for these measures be collected? *If you have already collected baseline data, please indicate the month in which this data was collected.*
- Are there specific challenges you anticipate in evaluating HOPE's impact?