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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by the *Hidalgo County Head Start Program* and the *Hidalgo County Health And Human Services Program/Agency*

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a working and cooperative relationship between the parties in order to plan services appropriate for each Agency's or Program's clients. It is the objective of the Hidalgo County Head Start Program to collaborate with partners in our communities, in order to provide the highest level of services to children and families; to foster the development of a continuum of family centered services, and to advocate for a community that shares responsibility for the healthy development of children and families of all cultures.

The Hidalgo County Head Start "Program" Agrees:

- To provide a comprehensive-pre-school program for economically disadvantage children, three to five years of age. The program gives priority to identify, recruit and serve foster children, homeless children and children with disabilities and their families. Services include health, mental health, nutrition, education, special services, social services, parent involvement and transition services.
- To engage in an ongoing family partnership building and provide social services assistance when needed.
- To provide information and referrals to families regarding services of the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services.
- To provide the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services a rent and utilities free facility at 2100 Fir St. McAllen Tx. 78501 "Austin A-1 Head Start Center".

The Hidalgo County Health And Human Services Program/Agency Agrees:

- To assist with health fairs and conferences by providing materials and/or resources.
- To provide information and referrals to their clients regarding services of the Hidalgo County Head Start Program.
- To help parents seek assistance in meeting their child's health needs.
- To educate parents on services provided by Hidalgo County Health and Human Services.
- To teach parents how to advocate for their children's health services.

The undersigned parties agree to refer clients as appropriate to each other's Agency or Program. Services to the client will be based upon the needs of said client and the receiving Agency's or Program's ability to provide services. In the event that the receiving Agency or Program is unable to provide services to the client, it is agreed that alternate referrals will be provided as possible resources.

The undersigned parties agree that they will exchange reports describing services rendered between Agencies and Programs on a regular basis. The undersigned parties agree that they will try, when possible, to participate and collaborate in shared forums, networking meetings, and training sessions.

This *non-financial* Agreement becomes effective immediately and will remain in effect until terminated by either party, upon a thirty day written notice. This Agreement will be renewed automatically on an annual basis on the original date of the Agreement.

It is the policy of the Hidalgo County Head Start Program to maintain the children's, families', and programmatic records in a manner that will assure the protection of the rights and privacy of parents, families, and staff. All program records, data, or information related to individual children, families, and staff will be treated as **confidential**. Release of information will take place only with clients' prior written consent and approval.

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services

Authorized Signature

Date

Print Name and Title

Authorized Signature

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Print Name and Title

Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Authorized Signature

Date

Teresa Flores, Executive Director
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