

## Memorandum of Understanding

Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas (BHSST) is a non-profit organization providing substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services. BHSST and Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center agree to collaborate to provide access to Parenting Awareness and Drug Risk Education (PADRE) Program services to men incarcerated at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center and currently involved with Child Protective Services. The PADRE Program provides intervention services for parenting men who are at risk of substance use disorder and who are expecting a child or have children under the age of six. The PADRE program is designed to promote stronger families, encourage healthier life styles and father/child bonding for all participants.

Our commitment to this collaboration will consist of the following:

1. PADRE Intervention Specialist will coordinate services with the designated Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center personnel. Services will be rendered according to the agreed upon schedule and a protocol for referring participants developed.
2. All referrals to the Intervention Specialists will be attained through the designated Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center representative. At no time will the Intervention Specialist solicit participants for the program.

### Referral process;

- Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center personnel will contact PADRE Intervention Specialist to refer clients who may be eligible for program services for PADRE screening.
  - In consideration of Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center policies, Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center personnel will make contact with PADRE Intervention Specialist via telephone call to confirm the number of clients being referred for screening. At this time Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center and PADRE Intervention Specialist will agree on date/ time for screenings.
  - Eligibility Criteria:
    - Parenting males who are at risk of substance use disorder and who are expecting a child or have children under the age of six and currently involved with the Department of Family Protective Services.
3. BHSST and Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center will cooperate fully to make it possible for individuals to receive services through BHSST PADRE Program. Cooperative efforts include:
    - PADRE staff agree to complete all background check requirements in compliance with Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center policies prior to providing services.
    - Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center shall provide adequate space and security for the PADRE staff to render services at: Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center
      - Location address: 711 El Cibolo Rd., Edinburg, TX 78541
    - Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center personnel and PADRE Intervention Specialist agree to provide one another a 48-hour notice of any change in or cancellation of appointment/ meeting except for in a case of emergency.

4. BHSST and Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center will collaborate to ensure there is no duplication of services. PADRE program will coordinate and sequence services with Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center to avoid duplication of program services by:
  - PADRE Program staff will provide education sessions related to parenting, family bonding and life skills not provided through Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center.
  - Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center will coordinate services for clients related to accessing interagency services.
  - PADRE Program will provide case management services for clients related to accessing resources and services upon release.
5. The Intervention Specialist will follow the BHSST policies and adhere to Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center policies and procedures when conducting services at any Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center sites.
6. Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center representatives and BHSST staff will maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance to Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2) as well as State of Texas confidentiality rules.
7. Funding for BHSST services is provided by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and no fees or cost will be incurred by Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center in association with PADRE Intervention program services.
8. This collaborative agreement will be in effect from date of execution through August 31, 2017. Additionally, either party may terminate without cause by giving the other party written notice of termination.

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 J.E. "Eddie" Guerra  
 Sheriff  
 Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

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 Date

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 Jose G. Gonzalez LCSW, CCH, BCPC  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

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 Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
 Office of Criminal District Attorney, Hidalgo County, Texas

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Josephine Ramirez Solis, Assistant DA

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 Date