

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TORIBIO "TERRY" PALACIOS

449TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE RENEE
BETANCOURT

REGION ONE SERVICE CENTER

HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HIDALGO COUNTY HUMAN HEALTH
SERVICES

HIDALGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

H.I.S.D POLICE & SECURITY DEPARTMENT

McALLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

SOUTH TEXAS CAREER INSTITUTE

ANGELS OF LOVE

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART & SCIENCE

U.S. ARMY JROTC

FOOD BANK OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE VETERANS
CEMETERY

BENTSEN STATE PARK WORLD BIRDING
CENTER

YAQUI ANIMAL RESCUE

GLADYS PORTER ZOO

HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

R.E.A.L. Mission Program Mentors



BPA Gilberto Quinones

GILBERTO.QUINONES@CBP.DHS.GOV
Govt. Cell (956) 478-6152

BPA Rolando Rodriguez

ROLANDO.RODRIGUEZ1@CBP.DHS.GOV
Govt. Cell (956) 478-5956

BPA Bianca Lugo

BIANCA.V.LUGO@CBP.DHS.GOV
Govt. Cell (956) 856-5864

McALLEN BORDER

PATROL STATION

3300 W. Military HWY

McAllen, Texas 78503

USBP Rio Grande Valley Sector
McAllen Border Patrol Station

R.E.A.L. MISSION

REWARDING

EDUCATION

ATTITUDE

LEADERSHIP



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector/R.E.A.L. Mission

What is the R.E.A.L. Mission?

The R.E.A.L. Mission is an outreach program that will mentor at-risk youth. The R.E.A.L. Mission was designed so youths could attend the program in lieu of them being expelled from school or being transferred to an alternative school. It also serves as a referral program for students facing deferred prosecution. The goal is to provide a mentorship program that emphasizes education, leadership skills, teamwork, and community service. Furthermore, the REAL mission is to mentor at-risk youth and educate them on the rewards of living a good life. To do so the program will bring in partners from the local community to include local law enforcement, the military branches, restaurants, local colleges and alternative education resources such as Job Corps.



Mission Statement

“Our mission is to provide a mentorship program that emphasizes education, leadership skills, teamwork, and community service. Skills we will focus on will include planning, decision making, adaptability and communication. We will also educate the youth on the repercussions of gang involvement, drug use, and criminal activities. The students’ progress will be measured through follow-up meetings with their parents, school teachers, counselors, and principals to discuss progress reports and behavior patterns.”

Goal of the R.E.A.L. Mission

The goal of the R.E.A.L. Mission is to empower “at risk” youth with the knowledge that all of their actions can have both positive and negative consequences. Our goal with the R.E.A.L. Mission is to guide the “at risk” youth onto the right path of life; while instilling leadership skills, and encouraging a positive lifestyle. The R.E.A.L. Mission aims to educate the youth on the consequences of gang involvement, drug use, and criminal activities while simultaneously educating them on the importance of living a “clean” lifestyle.



Mentorship



Students will be mentored by McAllen Agents and other community partners. The mentors will be in contact with the student’s parents, teachers, counselors, and any court officers who may be involved in the student’s case. The mentors will strive to improve the students’ self-esteem while providing a supportive environment in which they can begin to have positive experiences. After the program is completed, Border Patrol mentors will follow-up with each student and will remain in contact with the students.

Community Service

The mentoring of at-risk youth will be accomplished through partnerships with local law enforcement entities, community organizations, businesses, and city/county officials. Community partners will speak to the students about the importance of an individual’s development and the positive effects responsible decisions will have on employment and future opportunities.



Students will participate alongside mentors/instructors in various community service projects. The community service not only serves to fulfill the student’s court sentence, but also contributes to providing a healthy environment for students to interact, build leadership and teamwork skills, and works to overcome self-esteem issues.

Community Partnerships

Community Partners will provide educational presentations to students covering various topics aimed at teaching students conflict resolution, communication skills, employment, education, bullying, suicide prevention, alcohol/drug abuse, money management, DWI, and sexual health and awareness. The youth will also participate in physical training, team building skills, and other various activities.

The Community Partners will also provide t-shirts, awards, meals and participate at meetings to mentor students.

