

Memorandum of Understanding Between
Hidalgo County Head Start Program
And
Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley

The Hidalgo County Head Start Program (HCHSP) and Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley agree 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 terms and conditions set forth in the following document shall constitute the entire agreement between the HCHSP and Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley may not be amended except by a written document signed by HCHSP and Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley

Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley will:

- Designate a Foster Grandparent staff member to serve as a liaison with the Hidalgo County Head Start Program.
- Recruit, interview, select and enroll volunteers that will participate in the Head Start Program in accordance to the criteria set forth by the Foster Grandparent Program.
- Provide insurance coverage as required by the Head Start Program.
- Provide orientation and in-service training on an ongoing basis.
- Permit the Hidalgo County Head Start program to conduct a criminal history background check as required by the state licensing minimum standards for all Foster Grandparents.

Hidalgo County Head Start Program will:

- Insure that the Foster Grandparent participants will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, political affiliation, religion or disability.
- Serve as a "Volunteer Station" for Foster Grandparent Program participants.
- Provide comprehensive orientation training to foster grandparents which includes (but not limited to) the Hidalgo County Head Start Program's policies on confidentiality, dress code, release of children, child abuse and neglect, emergency and evacuation.

Collaboration Efforts between Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and HCHSP:

- To exchange reports describing services rendered between each other 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.

Termination:

Either party may terminate the Agreement, with or without cause, by giving ten (10) days written notice to the other.

Term:

This agreement is in effect for the 2014-2015 school year, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

Governing Law:

This Memorandum of Understanding will be construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas and is performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

Consideration:

This Agreement is being made in consideration of the following: Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Hidalgo County Head Start Program agree that there will be no financial exchange of monies or other compensation.

Foster Grandparent Program of the Lower Rio Grande Valley:

Authorized Signature

Date

Print Name and Title

Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Ramon Garcia

Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Teresa Flores

Teresa Flores, Executive Director
Hidalgo County Head Start Program

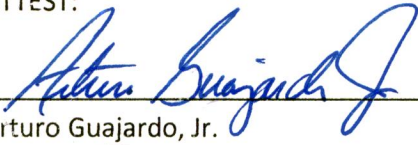
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Date

Date

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ON: 8/25/14

ATTEST:



Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Hidalgo County Clerk

Approved As To Form:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

By: 

Stephen L. Crain

Approved As To Form:
Oxford & González, P.C.

By: 

Ricardo González

Date Approved by Policy Council:
Date Approved by Commissioner's Court: