

# **Memorandum of Understanding Between**

*Hidalgo County Head Start Program*

*And*

*Mujeres Unidas*

The Hidalgo County Head Start Program (HCHSP) and Mujeres Unidas 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 Mujeres Unidas may not be amended except by a written document signed by HCHSP and Mujeres Unidas.

## **Mujeres Unidas will:**

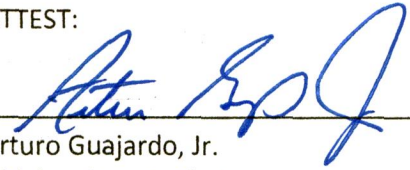
- Provide trainings to parents on the importance of providing physical, emotional, and developmental care to their children.
- Assist parents seek in meeting their own emotional and physical needs through other community resources available.
- Teach parents to identify crisis prevention resources, such as hotline numbers, local crisis centers, or names of counselors.
- Inform parents where to seek immediate shelter for their family in the event that one parent is abusive towards the other and the family must leave for safety reasons.

## **Hidalgo County Head Start Program will:**

- Provide a comprehensive pre-school program for economically disadvantaged 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.
- Engage in an ongoing family partnership building and provide social service assistance when needed.
- Provide information and referrals to families regarding services of collaborating agency/program.
- Abide by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services final regulations pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- 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 HCHSP records, data, or information related



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