

# **Memorandum of Understanding Between**

*Hidalgo County Head Start Program*

*And*

*Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas*

This written memorandum of understanding will serve as a collaborative agreement between **Hidalgo County Head Start (HCHSP) and the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas, Inc. / Prevention Resource Center-Region 11 (PRC 11)** in an effort to identify local community and county data resources to facilitate the development of a Regional Needs Assessment which will be available for the agency and the community. Also, this collaboration will help to identify local community, county and regional training needs and resources. The Prevention Resource Center's goals are to establish a central data collection repository for Region 11; to ensure accessible regional substance abuse and mental health training.

The terms and conditions set forth in the following document shall constitute the entire agreement between the HCHSP and Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas / Prevention Resource Center-Region 11 may not be amended except by a written document signed by HCHSP and Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas / Prevention Resource Center-Region 11.

## **Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas will:**

- ❖ Develop and provide access to a central data collection repository for the region focused on identifying local, county, and regional data resources.
- ❖ Share available data, resources and statistics with community stakeholders.
- ❖ Complete a Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) and provide access to final document.
- ❖ Offer networking assistance to strengthen prevention efforts in the community.
- ❖ Promote the College Survey and assist universities/colleges in participating.
- ❖ Facilitate access and coordinate prevention trainings available through Coordinated Training Services for DSHS funded providers.

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

- ❖ Participate in PRC 11 data collection efforts such as completing surveys and responding to requests for data (alcohol and drug related offenses; violent crime, statistics, prevention efforts, intervention/treatment services, disciplinary offenses, and dropout rates).
- ❖ Offer networking assistance to strengthen prevention efforts in our community by attending meetings facilitated by PRC 11.
- ❖ Provide PRC 11 Staff with feedback related to gaps in data collection, networking, data sharing, and coordination of training efforts.
- ❖ Maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance to Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2). Funding for these services is provided by a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services and no fees or cost will be incurred by the Hidalgo County Head Start Program.

**Termination:**

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

**Term:**

This Collaborative agreement will be enforced from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 and may be amended or terminated by either party without cause by submitting a written request at any time.

**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: Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas, Inc. and Hidalgo County Head Start Program agree that there will be no financial exchange of monies or other compensation.

**Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas/Prevention Resource Center-Region 11:**

_____	_____	<u>Jose G. Gonzalez, Executive Director</u>
Authorized Signature	Date	<i>Print Name and Title</i>

**Hidalgo County Head Start Program**

<u>Ramon Garcia</u>	_____	<u>Teresa Flores</u>	<u>11-4-2014</u>
Honorable Ramon Garcia	Date	Teresa Flores, Executive Director	Date
Hidalgo County Judge		Hidalgo County Head Start Program	

ATTEST:  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr.  
 Arturo Guajardo, Jr.  
 Hidalgo County Clerk

APPROVED BY  
 COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
 ON: 10/28/14

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Date Approved by Policy Council: 10-13-2014  
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