



# Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

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## Memorandum of Understanding

Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas (BHSST) and Hidalgo County Head Start Program agree to collaborate in the provision of the Pregnant Post-Partum Intervention (PPI) Program. The PPI Program provides intervention services for pregnant and post-partum adult and adolescent women at risk for substance abuse. The PPI program is designed to reduce incidence of fetal and infant alcohol, tobacco and drug (ATOD) exposure by facilitating a healthy lifestyle for all participants.

Our commitment to this collaboration will consist of the following:

1. PPI Intervention Specialist will coordinate services with the designated Hidalgo County Head Start Program personnel. Services will be rendered according to the agreed upon schedule and a protocol for referring participants will be developed.
2. All referrals to the Intervention Specialists will be attained through the designated Hidalgo County Head Start Program representative. At no time will the Intervention Specialist solicit participants for the program.
3. BHSST and Hidalgo County Head Start Program will cooperate fully to make it possible for individuals to receive services through BHSST PPI Program. Cooperative efforts include:
  - Referral of individuals and/or agencies to each other for applicable resources.
  - Refer clients to the PPI Program as appropriate.
  - Accept referrals from PPI Intervention Specialist to assist participants with family educational resources.
  - Hidalgo County Head Start Program will provide PPI Program Staff with confirmation of services rendered with participant's written consent.
  - Offer networking assistance to strengthen intervention efforts in our community.

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4. Intervention Specialists will provide parenting education, skill building activities, problem identification and referrals.
5. BHSST and Hidalgo County Head Start Program will collaborate to ensure there is

no duplication of case management services.

6. The Intervention Specialist will follow the BHSST policies and adhere to Hidalgo County Head Start Program policies and procedures when conducting services at any Hidalgo County Head Start Program sites.
7. Hidalgo County Head Start Program staff will maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance to Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2) as well as State of Texas confidentiality rules.
8. Funding for their services is provided by a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services and no other fees or cost will be incurred by Hidalgo County Head Start Program in association with PPI Intervention program services.
9. This collaborative agreement will be enforced in effect from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. However, either party may terminate without cause by giving the other party written notice of termination.

**Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas/Pregnant Post-partum Intervention Program**

Jose Gustavo Gonzalez 8/26/2015  
 Authorized Signature Date

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 Print Name and Title

**Hidalgo County Head Start Program**

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