

Memorandum of Understanding Between

Hidalgo County Head Start Program

And

Hidalgo County Housing Authority

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

Hidalgo County Housing Authority will:

- Provide housing need to families as funding is available and in accordance with H.U.D. and USDA requirements.
- Provide housing for homeless as funding is available and in accordance with H.U.D. and USDA requirements.
- Provide information and referrals to clients regarding services of the **HCHSP**.

Hidalgo County Head Start Program will:

- Provide a comprehensive pre-school program for economically disadvantage 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).
- Provide information and referrals to families regarding services of the Hidalgo County Housing Authority.
- Designate a Hidalgo County Head Start staff member to serve as a liaison to the Hidalgo County Housing Authority.
- 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 to individual children, families, and staff will be treated as confidential. Release of information will take place only with clients' prior written consent and approval.

