

Memorandum of Understanding Between

Hidalgo County Head Start Program

And

Hope Family Health Center

2017-2018

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The **Hidalgo County Head Start Program (HCHSP)** and **Hope Family Health Center** 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 **Hope Family Health Center** may not be amended except by a written document signed by **HCHSP** and **Hope Family Health Center**.

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.
- 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.

Hope Family Health Center will:

- To provide mental health services to children and families with no financial means or health insurance.
- To help parents seek assistance in meeting their children's emotional needs.
- To teach parents how to advocate for children's mental health services.
- Provide information and referrals to clients regarding services of 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 Agreement is in effect for the 2017-2018 school year, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

