

# Memorandum of Understanding Between

*Hidalgo County Head Start Program*

*And*

*Hope Family Health Center*

**2021-2023**

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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.
- Follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and HCHSP work safe plans due to Covid-19 pandemic.

## **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:**

The Term of this Memorandum of Understanding is for two years commencing **September 1, 2021** and ending **August 31, 2023**, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

**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: **Hope Family Health Center** and **Hidalgo County Head Start Program** agree that there will be no financial exchange of monies or other compensation.

The below signed authorities agree to the statements in this document in order to develop a strong collaboration and an open communication system at all levels which will enable both **Hope Family Health Center** and **HCHSP** to provide the children the best services available.

**Hope Family Health Center:**

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Rebecca Ramirez Stocker, Executive Director

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Date

**Hidalgo County Head Start Program**

*Richard Cortez*

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Honorable Richard Cortez  
Hidalgo County Judge

*Teresa Flores*

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Teresa Flores, Executive Director  
Hidalgo County Head Start Program

*10-4-2021*

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Date

*10-01-2021*

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Date



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Arturo Guajardo,  
Hidalgo County Clerk

**Approved As To Form:**

Ricardo González, P.C.  
DBA, Oxford & González

By: *Ricardo González*

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Date Approved by Policy Council: 09-15-2021

Date Approved by Commissioner's Court: 09-21-2021

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT  
ON: 9-21-21 MM