



Parenting Awareness and Drug Risk Education Services (PADREs) Program

The purpose of this agreement is to coordinate services, referral process, and sharing of information. This agreement is between **LifeSteps Council on Alcohol and Drugs** (hereinafter referred to as "LifeSteps") and **Williamson County EMS Mobile Outreach Team**. This agreement is also designed to encourage networking and coordination to address gaps in services and community needs throughout the region; and to ensure that prevention and intervention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse (ATOD) services are unduplicated both locally and/or regionally in HHSC Region 7.

Williamson County EMS Mobile Outreach Team will provide the following services:

- Will provide referrals to LifeSteps for prenatal and/or parenting education and case management; Referrals will be delivered via secure email, fax or telephoned; and
- Will ensure referral resides within LifeSteps service area with includes: HHSC Region 7 (Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Freestone, Grimes, Hamilton, Hays, Hill, Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Llano, Madison, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Robertson, San Saba, Travis, Washington, and Williamson); and
- Will collaborate with LifeSteps to ensure a seamless episode of care and maximize use of available resources.

LifeSteps – PADRE will provide the following services:

- Trauma-informed, culturally competent, and developmentally appropriate services for participants, families and partners.
- For parents who are Texas residents, who have a child under the age of 6 years; of expectant parent who have one or more risk factors for a substance use disorder as identified in the PADREs screening. Risk factors include the following: teen pregnancy (including males through age 19); current or past involvement with the CPS; current or past use/abuse of, or dependence on, alcohol and/or drugs; current or past intimate partner violence; current or past mental health problems; living in a household with a person who abuses alcohol or drugs; current or past history of sexual, emotional or physical abuse; current or past drug and/or alcohol-related criminal offenses; and/or financial distress;
- Will provide referrals to the appropriate level of care for the participant;
- Will provide referral to intervention services or another appropriate community program for substance abuse issues, to ensure a seamless episode of care and maximize use of available resources;
- Will provide referrals and low intensity case management for males and females entering the PADRE Program; and
- Will provide prenatal and parental education classes for appropriate youth, families, parents/guardians and/or adults.

Furthermore, Williamson County EMS Mobile Outreach Team and LifeSteps, in accordance with HIPAA and 42 C.F.R., will:

1. Be committed to "complying with the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (the Privacy Regulation) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)."
2. "Acknowledge that in receiving, storing, processing or otherwise dealing with any information from the Program about the patients/participants in the Program, it is fully bound by the provisions of the federal regulations governing confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2."
3. "Undertake to resist in judicial proceedings any effort to obtain access to information pertaining to patients/participants otherwise than as expressly provided for in the federal confidentiality regulations, 42 C.F.R. Part 2."

This is a true partnership between **Williamson County EMS Mobile Outreach Team** and **LifeSteps Council on Alcohol & Drugs**. We appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively in providing these services to our communities. **This agreement begins on the execution date below and ends on September 1st, 2021. This agreement may be renewed at the expiration date.**

Executed this 11th day of May in the year 2021.

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