



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function  
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 09/02/25

Item Title: BCFS Health and Human Services and  
Brownsville ISD X Action  
Information  
Discussion

## **BACKGROUND:**

BCFS Health and Human Services is a nonprofit established in 1944 specializing in community-based care for at-risk families and children, prevention and early intervention services, housing for young adults aging out of the foster care system, mental health and life skill services, advocacy and case management coordination for survivors of human trafficking, medical programs for women who are pregnant or post-partum, and once-in-a-lifetime experiences for families who have children with a disability or special need. For more than 79 years, BCFS Health and Human Services has profoundly impacted the lives of thousands of youth, children and families in a positive and caring way.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Brownsville Independent School District and BCFS Health and Human Services from year to year. No cost to the District.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Diana E. Clough  
Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez  
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

Nelli Cantu 8/11/2025  
Approved by: Chief Officer

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

**BCFS Health and Human Services and  
Brownsville ISD  
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

WHEREAS, Brownsville ISD and BCFS Health and Human Services (BCFS HHS) through this Memorandum of Understanding indicate a commitment and dedication to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Family Resource Center; and,

WHEREAS, each signatory to this MOU will make significant contributions to the building of protective factors, reduction of risks for abuse/neglect and strengthening of parents and families in the Brownsville ISD.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby entered into by and between the Partners as signed below:  
Brownsville ISD:

- Refer Brownsville ISD families, or families who will be registering with Brownsville ISD, and have children between the ages of 0 -5 to BCFS HHS Family Resource Center for resource navigation, support groups, and classes.
- Provide use of facilities for Family Resource Center participants, which may include, but not be limited to, space for conducting intakes, parent support groups, classes, and housing basic needs supplies.
- Assist with publicizing the purpose and availability of Family Resource Center services by distributing information about the program through various venues as deemed appropriate by the organization's governing body.
- Additional collaboration as jointly agreed upon in the future by both parties.

BCFS HHS will:

- Accept all eligible referrals from Brownsville ISD and provide them with Family Resource Center services as specified by its contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services;
- Family Resource Center services may include basic needs supplies of up to \$200 for diapers, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and other similar items, parent support groups, classes for parents, infant massage, lactation consultation, counseling (provided by LPC-A), and car seat training classes
- Abide by all rules of use for Brownsville ISD facilities, including times of entry and exit.

TERM OF AGREEMENT, this MOU shall remain in effect year to year. Brownsville ISD or BCFS HHS may terminate this agreement at any time and for any reason, without penalty. The terms of this MOU may not be altered without the written consent of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed effective this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

Brownsville ISD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed)  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BCFS Health and Human Services

By: M. Cano  
(Signature)  
Name: Marissa Cano  
(Printed)  
Title: Regional Director  
Date: 8/4/25