



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 08/05/2025

Item Title: Children's Advocacy Centers X Action
of Cameron and Willacy Information
Counties and Brownsville ISD Discussion

BACKGROUND:

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Sara M. Garza

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO

Mr. Miguel Salinas

Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

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Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent

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To: Roxanne Eckstein; Lea Ohrstrom
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Sincerely,
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Ms. Lozano,

Please see the attached for your review and approval.

Thank you! Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (956) 698-6379.

Sincerely,

Roxy Eckstein



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Memorandum of Understanding

between Brownsville ISD and Children's Advocacy Centers of Cameron and Willacy Counties

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Video Description: Mae is spending the summer with Grandpa, and shares her secret about her mom's boyfriend. In this program children are taught to never keep a secret when it's not safe.

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Video Description: Bentley Brockford is a student with spunk who is making a video about child safety with his best friend Goob. In the style of Ferris Bueller's Day Off, this film offers humor to teach risk reduction.

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Program Summary: Internet safety further examines how someone can pretend to be someone they're not, even through photos and video. The safety rule can be adapted when there are confusing or potentially threatening online situations. By knowing what's okay and what isn't, students are empowered to take action.

Video description: Aiden must write a paper about a current event and he chooses sexual abuse as his topic. As he learns more about the issue, he begins to suspect that his best friend, Tori, may be experiencing abuse by her coach and needs help.

5th& 6th Grade- "It's Harassment" -45- 60 minutes

Program Summary: Respect for others is the first and vital step. This program builds empathy by tackling issues such as appreciation of our differences, bullying, cyberbullying, safe bystander intervention, and flirting vs. sexual harassment.

Video description: This fast-paced line-delivery video will resonate with pre-teens. It describes bullying, sexual

harassment, cyberbullying and character assassination. Respect is an essential element in addressing these issues.

Middle School- "Relationships: Paint Them Healthy" -45 - 60 minutes

Program Summary: Whether dating yet or not, our goal with this theme is to help teens assess the characteristics of a relationship, and make deliberate choices as to what kind of relationship they want. All of us learn about intimate relationships from the household in which we're raised, from other family and friends, and from the media. Yet, with so many destructive relational aspects being portrayed, it may be difficult to know how a healthy relationship should look. This presentation addresses healthy and unhealthy aspects of a relationship, including mutual respect, boundaries, jealousy and control, how to break up, and communication skills. Regardless of what we've seen and learned growing up, we can gain the tools to make a conscious decision about the kind of relationship we want.

Video description: This video addresses healthy and unhealthy aspects of a relationship, including mutual respect, boundaries, jealousy, control, and communication skills.

Middle School - "Sexing & Cyberbullying: Can't Take It Back" - 45 - 60 minutes

Program Summary: Ever-changing technology will impact this and future generations beyond comprehension. Some teens are engaging in behaviors that have potentially serious consequences. The goal of this program is to educate about the consequences that exist as a result of sexting and cyberbullying. Those consequences can be emotional and/or legal. Although laws vary by state, and will likely continue to change, teens are discouraged from taking an unknown risk. They are encouraged to think BEFORE creating or forwarding anything sexual through electronic means. Sexting and cyberbullying are defined and the roles of bystander, victim and perpetrator are examined. Safe bystander intervention is addressed.

Video description: Through the use of a video diary, the video further exemplifies the serious impact that engaging in sexting and cyberbullying can have on someone's life, and the consequences that can arise.

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Program Summary: This addresses a difficult topic that, unfortunately, affects many individuals, as well as their loved ones. Child sexual abuse is perpetrated upon not only young children, but youth of all ages. In an age-appropriate manner, this presentation addresses using power and control to sexually abuse a minor. It identifies tactics that perpetrators might use to groom an individual, as well as his/her family and community. Many victims of child sexual abuse not only know, but trust and care for the offender. For that reason, most never tell anyone about the abuse. An Abuse of Power empowers individuals to identify tactics and speak out against the abuse. This program emphasizes that a victim is never to blame, why it's important to report this crime, and that victims can become survivors.

Video description: In an age-appropriate manner, this video addresses how the abuser exerts power and control to sexually abuse a minor. It identifies tactics that someone might use to groom an individual, as well as his/her family and community. Fortunately, victims of sexual violence become survivors of sexual violence. The abuse will always be a part of them, but it does not have to define them. There is hope and healing.

High School - "Abusive Relationships: Seeing the Signs" - 45 - 60 minutes

Program Summary: Research confirms that as many as one in five adolescent females and one in ten adolescent males have been abused physically or sexually by a dating partner. This places them at a higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior and further domestic violence. Violence is a learned behavior, but with work, can be unlearned. It typically follows a continuum, accelerating from emotional/verbal abuse in the form of continuous manipulation, humiliation, control, jealousy, obsessive texting, and stalking, to physical and/or sexual violence. This program's goal is to alert teens to the signs of dating violence, and encourage them to make a conscious decision about the type of relationship they desire.

Video Description: Through the eyes of an abused teen, this video reflects the signs of escalating

dating violence including verbal and physical abuse, and sexual assault.

Crying Baby Safety Plan and Healthy Relationship-45-60 minutes

Program Summary: Research confirms that many of our adolescents are the caretakers for their siblings due to parents' work schedules. Knowing that they are the caretakers it places their siblings at high risk for injuries and abuse. With this curriculum we would like to educate our future caretakers with the tools to prevent injuries and abuse by teaching them about safety planning and resources in our Rio Grande Valley

6. Liabilities:

Neither party to this MOU is the agent of the other nor is neither liable for the wrongful acts or negligence of the other. Each party shall be responsible for its negligent acts or omissions and those of its officers, employees, or agents to the extent provided by federal and state law.

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12. Agreed by:

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Brownsville ISD Acting Superintendent

Date

Daniela Lopez Valdez, Brownsville ISD Board President

Date

Minerva Pena, Brownsville ISD Board Secretary

Date



Denise Ledesma Gomez, CACCWC Board President

5-27-25

Date



Martha Ann Martinez, CACCWC Executive Director

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When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.



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Dr. Jesus H Chavez, Brownsville ISD Superintendent

8-6-24

Date

Jessica G. Gonzalez
Jessica G. Gonzalez, Brownsville ISD Board President

8-6-24

Date

Denise Garza
Denise Garza, Brownsville ISD Board Secretary

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6/18/2024

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6-18-2024

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