



# SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: August 21, 2024

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between San Antonio Council on Alcohol & Drug Awareness and SSAISD.

From/Presenters: Millicent Marcha, Chief Academic Officer  
Charlie Gallardo, Director of Guidance and Counseling

Description: San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness (SACADA) will facilitate one of the following curricula: Kids Connection or Youth Connection - CBSG, Too Good for Drugs, or Project Toward No Drug Abuse based on the needs of the participants. Each of the program/curricula listed consists of a curriculum-based life skills training/education program and may include: parent and family educational components, faculty and professional training, consultation services, auxiliary educational programs and materials for youth and adults and family care coordination. The Council also agrees to provide Youth Prevention Services, Educational Presentations, and will be available to provide Positive Alternative Activities as requested to South San Antonio Independent School District when staff are available.

Historical Data: The same service agreement was approved last year at the July 19, 2023 board meeting.

Recommendation: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between San Antonio Council on Alcohol & Drug Awareness and SSAISD.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date:

Funding Budget Code and Amount: No Cost

Goal: 4. SSAISD will ensure all students are provided a learning environment centered on their well-being that impacts their learning and success.



## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

Recognizing that the **San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness**, hereinafter referred to as “**the Council**” provides health promotion and substance abuse/dependency prevention and intervention services for children, adolescents, families and adults in San Antonio and Bexar County, the **Council** hereby agrees to provide **South San Antonio Independent School District** with health and human services that would automatically renew unless any of the parties wish to terminate the Memorandum of Agreement. To terminate the Memorandum of Agreement, either party would give a 30-day written notice to the other party. This agreement is set to begin on September 1, 2024, and end on June 3, 2025.

As requested by the above agency, based on the assessed needs of the participant, the **Council** agrees to facilitate/assist with/ participate in/provide the activities necessary to provide the listed services.

**Youth Prevention Services** – Facilitating one of the following evidence-based curricula based on the needs of the participants: Positive Action, Botvin Life Skills, Learning to Breathe and Curriculum Based Support Group (CBSG). Each of the program/curricula listed consists of a curriculum-based life skills training/education program and may include: parent and family educational components, faculty and professional training, consultation services, auxiliary educational programs and materials for youth and adults and family care coordination.

The Council agrees to provide the following:

- 1) Youth Prevention Services will work directly with children and youth, however, problem identification and referral services for students and their families will be provided as needed. For example, referrals to the Food Bank and family counseling.
- 2) Youth Prevention Services will work closely with **South San Antonio Independent School District** to provide services like educational presentations for youth and adults and is available to participate in health fairs on campus.
- 3) Youth Prevention Services will facilitate the Positive Action, Botvin Life Skills, Learning to Breathe or Curriculum Based Support Group (CBSG) at **South San Antonio Independent School District**.
- 4) SACADA is available to provide Positive Alternative Activities as requested to **South San Antonio Independent School District** when staff are available.

**Project Strong Life:** Will provide Case Management services to youth ages 12-19. This program will also

- 1) Provide recovery group/sessions supporting participants substance use disorder treatment and recovery journey
- 2) Facilitate evidence-based prevention curricula and strategies to teach participants social skills
- 3) Provide challenging and structured activities with supervision to have constructive and healthy ways to enjoy free time and learn skills
- 4) Educate and support program participants' caregivers



**Tree Project:** Outpatient treatment and prevention services will be provided to High School adolescents within Bexar County. Those students who meet criteria for substance use disorder, will receive outpatient services for six months with the first three months focusing on counseling sessions and the remaining three months focusing on Recovery Support Services. A prevention component is provided for adolescents that do not meet criteria for substance use disorder. Prevention services include an evidence-based prevention curriculum and case management services to participants and their families.

**Prevention Resource Center- Region 8** - agrees to provide the following services. Serve as the primary resource for substance use and behavioral data for the Region through collection efforts and sharing of information.

- 1) Provide education on existing laws on the sale of tobacco and nicotine products.
- 2) Provide education/training through presentations and workshops on substance use and other behavioral health as requested.
- 3) Provide referral services as needed to outside resources within the community.
- 4) Promote participation in the Texas School Survey/Texas College Survey.

**Circles of San Antonio Community Coalition** – The Coalition is available to provide technical assistance and training in community mobilization, coalition building, prevention training and education, media and public awareness activities. The coalition also provides assistance in planning and developing environmental strategies to facilitate communities in the creation of environmental changes to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse and underage drinking. The Coalition coordinates community meetings to promote multi-level community involvement and participation to review current alcohol and other drug policies. In addition, the Coalition is designed to engage the local Bexar County community in youth campaigns and activities to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse.

**Adult Education Services include:** Educational programs on healthy lifestyles, emotional self-management, parenting for the new times, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, workplace assistance and other professional training and resource programs.

***And;***

Our services are free to participate in the San Antonio/ Bexar County, Atascosa, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson Counties. Funding for our programs is provided by HHSC of Texas. This state agency requires our agency to do strict background checks on all employees at time of hire and then yearly during employment.

The **South San Antonio Independent School District** agrees to the following:

1. Utilize the **Council** to provide any of the services listed above as needed by service recipients;
2. Referring to curriculum delivery: Send parents the paperwork to introduce the program and give them the option to opt out.
3. Provide a classroom for the program to meet requirements as required by funding sources;
4. Contact the **Council** for necessary training and education for parents, families, teachers, counselors and other professional staff;
5. Call on the **Council** to participate or provide educational materials, literature and information for Health Fairs or Parent/Family activities;




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6. Utilize the **Council's** staff to provide resources and information as needed.

Subject to availability of personnel and resources **South San Antonio Independent School District** and the **Council** agree to the following requirements of cooperative service delivery.

1. Each will operate under applicable State, Local, Federal Laws and Ordinances; and each is duly licensed or certified as appropriate.
2. Each will conduct all services under this agreement in compliance with the Policies of their individual policies and procedures; Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, ensuring that no person, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or political affiliation, will be excluded from participation in, be denied, the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the policies of the Age Discrimination Act; the American Disabilities Act (ADA), of 1990; the INS regulations that requires all providers of service to be authorized to work in the United States; and all other federal rules and regulations, state laws and executive orders as applicable.
3. The **Council** and the above agree:
  - a. That the confidentiality of record and the identity of the persons served by the organization will be maintained in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations; and
  - b. That the human and legal rights of the persons served by the organizations will not be abridged.
4. As both parties agree, **South San Antonio Independent School District** and the **Council** will add or remove programs or participating campuses without having to create a new Memorandum of Agreement.

The **Council** will work with its partners to facilitate only the highest quality programming provided by professional staff and trained volunteers who are dedicated to the mission and values of the **Council**.

  
Abigail Moore (Jul 1, 2024 10:25 CDT)  
**Mrs. Abigail Moore**  
**CEO**  
**San Antonio Council on**  
**Alcohol and Drug Awareness**

**Date:** Jul 1, 2024

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mr. Henry Yzaguirre**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
**South San Antonio Independent School District**