



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: June 17, 2020

- Purpose: [] Presentation/Report [] Recognition [] Discussion/ Possible Action
[] Closed/Executive Session [] Work Session [] Discussion Only [x] Consent

From: Charlie Gallardo, Counseling Coordinator

Item Title: Approve Agreement between The Children’s Bereavement Center of South Texas and SSAISD

Description: This is an agreement between SSAISD and The Children’s Bereavement Center. The Children’s Bereavement Center is one of our CARE Zone partners who will provide psychotherapeutic support and grief activities to students and families.

Historical Data: The Board approved this same agreement with The Children’s Bereavement Center last year on October 16, 2019.

Recommendation: Approve the agreement between The Children’s Bereavement Center and SSAISD

District Goal/Strategy:

Strategy 5 We will promote and ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

APPROVED BY: SIGNATURE DATE
Chief Officer:
CFO Funding Approval:
Superintendent: [Signature] 6-11-20



Memorandum of Understanding for School Based Grief Support Programs Between CBCST and South San Antonio ISD

The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas is a non-profit provider of grief support programs in South Texas. The mission of CBCST is to foster healing for grieving children and youth, their families and the community.

This Memorandum of Understanding is in response to a request from South San Antonio ISD for grief support services for students and is written to outline the roles and relationships of these two entities related to working together to provide support of South San Antonio ISD students and their families.

PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS

South San Antonio ISD Point of Contact: Susan Arciniega, 210-977-7000 ext 3642

CBCST Program Director: Tami Logsdon, LPC-S

CBCST School-Program Manager: Cecilia Gamboa, LPC

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

South San Antonio ISD agrees to:

- Obtain written parental or guardian consent for participation for each child before student can join the grief support group and provide consent to CBCST staff.
- Arrange for adequate space to provide confidential grief support groups for students.
- Provide a central point of contact for coordinating services and dates to staff, students and their families.
- Maintain communication with CBCST Program Manager and Program Director to address issues and concerns as needed.
- CBCST staff will properly refer students reporting abuse or intent to harm self or others to district/campus staff who assume responsibility for safety of student as well as well follow up care for students.
- Provide school level information for the following data points: student behavioral referrals, student attendance/absenteeism, and student progress/promotion within 2 weeks of request.



CBCST agrees to:

- Provide a licensed professional/supervised graduate level interns with qualification and experience necessary to provide psychotherapeutic support to students and family members as requested.
- Provide grief activities (including curriculum and supplies) that are age-appropriate and consistent with best practice.
- Maintain confidentiality of group members and information according to HIPPA and other applicable privacy laws.
- Maintain effective working relationships with campus staff, CISSA (Communities In Schools), and Family Support Association (FSA) staff to provide appropriate treatment referrals for clients to the CBCST and other community providers.
- Act in concert with campus staff to properly report and develop action or care plans related to students reporting abuse or intent to harm self or others in accordance with state reporting guidelines and campus protocols.

Both parties agree to hold harmless each agency, its Board members, staff, volunteers and agents from any liability, loss or damage they may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs of judgements against them or arising out of the activities to be carried out pursuant to the obligations of the agreement. CBCST and South San Antonio ISD acknowledge that any said loss or damage resulting from negligence or willful malfeasance is excluded from this agreement to hold harmless.

This MOU is valid through the 2020-2021 school year. This MOU will be reviewed annually and may be terminated by either party by providing written notice to the other party of a decision to terminate.

Signature
Marian Sokol, Ph.D., Executive Director
Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas

Date

Signature
Dr. Marc Puig
Superintendent, South San Antonio ISD

Date