



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: September 18, 2019

Purpose: Presentation/Report Recognition Discussion/ Possible Action

Closed/Executive Session Work Session Discussion Only Consent

From: Rosanna Carmona-Mercado, Director of Early Childhood

Item Title: Approve the Memo of Understanding between South San Antonio ISD and Renewing Family Strengths

Description:

Renewing Family Strengths will provide services to South San Antonio ISD Head Start/Pre-K children and families to cope with mental/behavioral health issues by teaching effective ways to interact with their environment.

Recommendation:

Approval of the MOU between SSAISD and Renewing Family Strengths to provide services to our children and families to cope with mental/behavioral health needs.

District Goal/Strategy:

Objective 5.4: Establish systemic plans and procedures that ensure a safe

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

No cost to the district.

CFO Approval

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

Superintendent:

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Renewing Family Strengths

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING for Behavioral Health Services

SUBJECT: Therapeutic Family Life was founded in 1993 to provide foster care homes and specialty services to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Division, County Juvenile Probation Departments and the general population. In 2018 the division Renewing Family Strengths was created to serve these populations with mental health and behavioral health issues. Our offices support families in Arlington, Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Temple. In addition, we operate a recreational and training campus near Austin.

Purpose: Renewing Family Strengths seeks to help children and their families cope with mental/behavioral health issues which may disrupt their ability to do well in school, home, community and relationships by teaching them effective ways to interact with their environments.

This Memorandum (hereinafter "Understanding") effective August 2019 by and between **Renewing Family Strengths and South San Antonio Independent School District-Head Start** herein after referred to as "**Parties.**"

WHEREAS, as a community we will place children first by improving their ability to learn by addressing possible unmet mental / behavioral health needs. We will collaborate with community agencies to bring resources to children and families for their well-being;

WHEREAS, the Parties mutually agree to partner, plan and utilize their influence to coordinate resources for the good will of children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises the Parties hereby agree as follows:

Operational Objectives:

- Assist eligible youth (ages 3- 17 years old, have Medicaid insurance, have a mental health diagnosis) learn ways to manage mental or behavioral health issues.
- Support adult caregivers by educating on ways to assist children with disruptive behaviors.
- Some of the education will involve Skills Training & Development utilizing interventions from the Evidence Based Practice of Nurturing Parenting, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Aggression Replacement Training, Defiant Child Interventions, Engagement Techniques, etc.
- Services will be provided to the child/family in home setting, school setting, and other natural environments for the child/family.
- Build a network of connections to facilitate community assistance as needed for children who struggle with disruptive behaviors.
- When warranted utilize routine or intensive case management services to identify and access other supports for children and families to aid in their management and mitigation of disruptive behaviors.

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- Provide South San Antonio Independent School District-Head Start with statistical data related to the number of youth and families served and the types of needs they present.

Terms of Understanding:

The Memorandum will be:

- A. Effective immediately upon adoption by each signatory Party.
- B. Reviewed yearly by Parties.
- C. Expanded, modified or amended, as needed, by the unanimous consent of the participating Parties during a scheduled meeting.
- D. New members can be added at any time.
- E. Renewing Family Strengths Director of Behavioral Health will be the operating agent of the MOU.
- F. There are no fiscal responsibilities or obligations for South San Antonio Independent School District-Head Start associated with this MOU.

Signature: Renewing Family Strengths

Date:

Signature: South San Antonio Independent School District-Head Start

Date: