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***Community Progress Summit***

***Wednesday, October 14th***

***8:30 am – 11:30 am***



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***Paso del Norte Health Foundation***

***Paso del Norte Community Foundation***

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# Highlights of Community Behavioral Health System Improvements Since 2014



## Increased collaborations for timely access to care for children, youth and families

- ✓ El Paso Child Guidance Center, and a growing list of community organizations and agencies are convening under the Trauma Informed Resilience Oriented Learning Community (TIROLIC) to integrate trauma informed policies and practices for improved child and family services.
- ✓ El Paso Center for Children is leading the Strong Families collaborative work group funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children Youth and Families-Children's Bureau to build protective factors for families and prevent child maltreatment.
- ✓ Paso del Norte Children's Development Center is leading a Help Me Grow collaborative work group with support from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. The group will work to improve connection, coordination and continuity of care for families with children ages 0-3 years of age.
- ✓ Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is implementing the Child Psychiatry Access Network and the Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT) programs to provide timely access to child psychiatry consults in primary care and school settings.
- ✓ Project Vida Health Center, Socorro Independent School District and a growing list of community partners are collaborating to provide a model coordination of care to help children in need connect with mental health services.



  
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## Improved Justice System coordination of care

- ✓ *The County of El Paso, the Sheriff's Office, Emergence Health Network, and University Medical Center El Paso have helped to transform coordination of care from point of entry to case management upon release to help individuals battling serious mental health and addiction conditions.*
- ✓ *The County of El Paso, Judge Francisco Dominguez, Adult Probation and Emergence Health Network are working to develop a mental health court for the county.*



## Improved Crisis Care Continuum

- ✓ **Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) were established through a collaboration with the Emergence Health Network and the City of El Paso.**
- ✓ **Emergence Health Network now has staff trained in First-Episode Psychosis Treatment in its Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Program.**





## Increased availability of education and training

- ✓ NAMI El Paso now has more than 100 trained volunteer instructors and 14 different programs.
- ✓ Emergence Health Network provides Mental Health First Aid courses and offers targeted training on topics such as suicide prevention, grief management, stress reduction and how to seek out appropriate services.
- ✓ The Texas A&M Colonias program offers the De Mujer a Mujer program to help empower women at risk for isolation, anxiety and depression.



## Improving workforce availability

- ✓ UTEP in collaboration with community partners increased the number of LPC Supervisor trainers to certify more LPCs and increase availability of mentors for candidates seeking professional experience hours.
- ✓ UTEP and Texas Tech HSC El Paso collaborated to develop and APA accredited psychologist internship program. The program is helping to increase the number of practicing clinical psychologists in the region.
- ✓ Texas Tech HSC psychiatry residency has doubled in size due to state grants from 4 psychiatrists per year to 8 per year (4-year program), they also expanded the psychiatry fellowship program from 1 fellow to 6 fellows (2-year program)
- ✓ UTEP expanded nursing graduate programs to include a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program
- ✓ The El Paso VA built a wellness center between Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the Medical Center of the Americas. This new center is now open to provide additional behavioral health service access for veterans.
- ✓ Endeavors opened a Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic in East El Paso to provide integrated mental health care to veterans and their families, regardless of role, discharge status, or ability to pay. This is one of a growing number of model Cohen Clinics opening across the country.
- ✓ A new psychiatric care facility known as Rio Vista Behavioral was built by Arcadia Healthcare increasing El Paso's inpatient psychiatric care options by 80-beds. The hospital includes an adolescent unit with capacity for up to 40 youth.

## Here were some of the most frequent concerns reported:

### ORGANIZATIONAL-SPECIFIC CONCERNS:

- Ability to respond quickly with limited resources
- Distribution of resources and supplies to clients, such as food
- Inability to hold events, trainings, or see clients in person
- Staff and client health and wellbeing
- Communications with vulnerable clients
- Technical resources and supports to staff

### COMMUNITY / CLIENT-SPECIFIC CONCERNS:

- Disruption in service provision, especially housing, food, healthcare, and mental health services
- Job losses
- School closures, including learning loss
- Lack of community connection/cohesion due to isolation
- Increases in substance use, domestic violence, child abuse, and neglect



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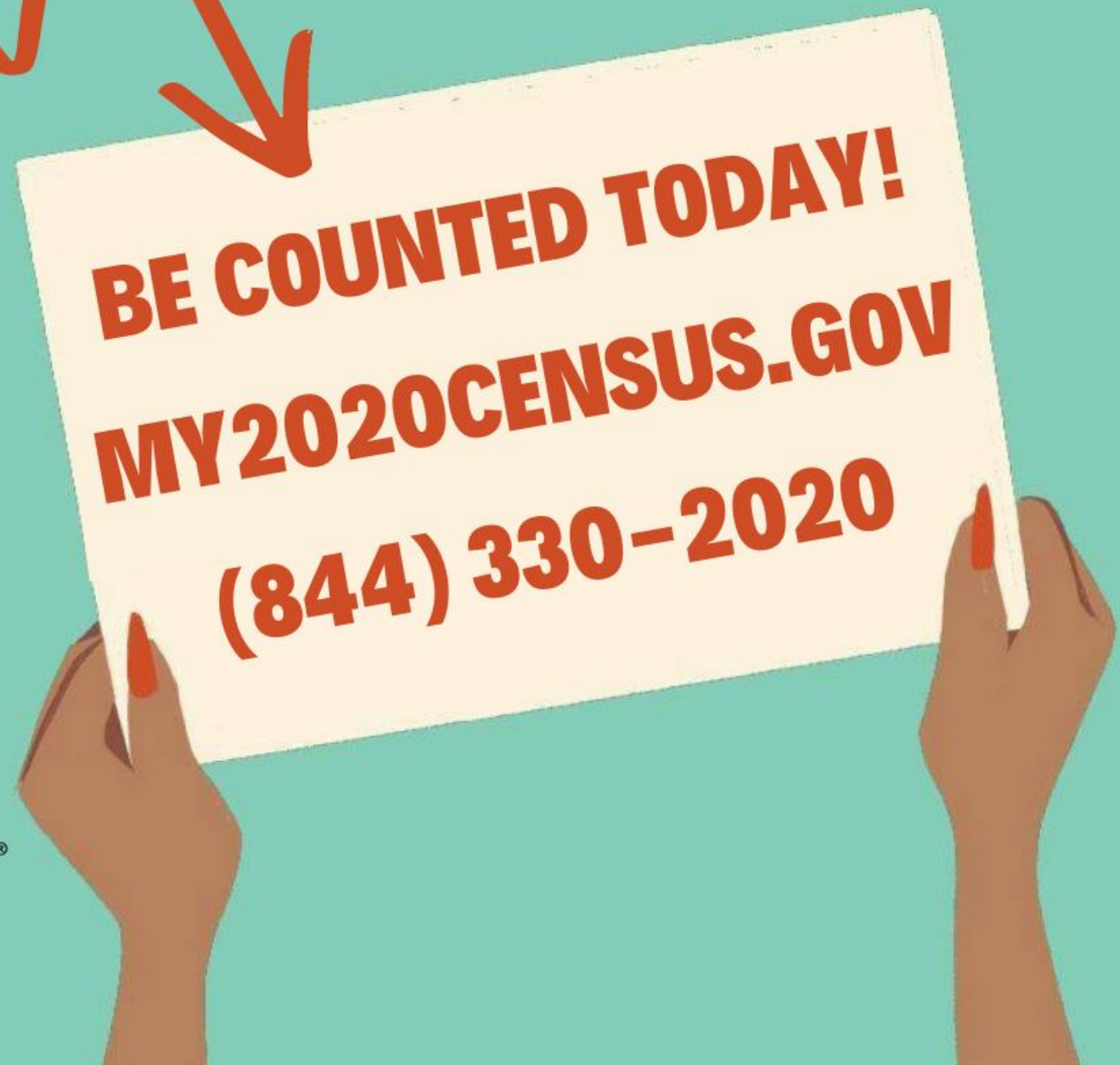
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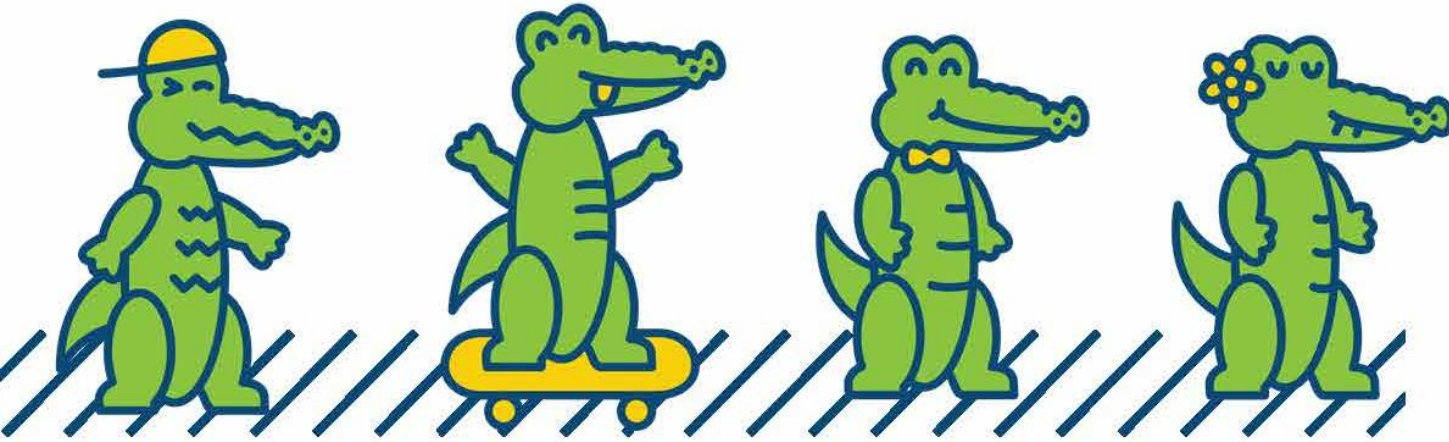
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