

The Brain Trust

From the Beginning in 2011, the Brain Trust worked to change minds and attitudes about mental illness in El Paso County to improve Mental health and emotional well-being.

This collaborative network of community stakeholders continues this work today. its commitment in 2024 was to inspire and empower the next generation of healthcare providers to recognize the importance of mental health and emotional well-being as vital to overall health.

We look forward to growing the Brain Trust's strength and synergy with you and your network of friends and family!

*Brain Trust Meetings are held at
4:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every other month.*

*To get on our listserv or for more information contact: Enrique Mata
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We want to thank the following Brain Trust members for providing professional presentations on mental health and substance use care and support options in our community:

July

- 🦋 **Mario Herrera, Director of Business Development Rio Vista Behavioral Health**
 - *Topic: First Responder Program*

August

- 🦋 **Karla Silva Chief Clinical Officer Rio Vista Behavioral Health**
 - *Clinical overview services offered at Rio Vista Behavioral Health*

September

- 🦋 **Guillermo Valenzuela, Chief Corporate Officer, Aliviane Inc.**
 - *Topic: Overview of Aliviane Services*

October

- 🦋 **Nicole Schiff, Executive Director, The Paso del Norte Center of Hope**
 - *Topic: Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention*

November 2023

- 🦋 **Brenda De Anda-Swann, General Manager, KVIA, ABC- Channel 7**
 - *Topic: ABC-7'S BE MINDFUL: Making Mental Health Top of Mind*

December

- 🦋 **No Meeting - Reception Gathering at Paso del Norte Health Foundation 12/12/2023**

February

- 🦋 **Leslie K. Robbins, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, FAANP, ANEF Dean UTEP College of Nursing and Amy Field, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC Instructor UTEP College of Nursing**
 - *Topic: The Future of Mental Health Workforce in the Paso del Norte region*

April

- 🦋 **Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff, Emergence Health Network**
 - *Topic EHN Annual Report*
- 🦋 **Valeria Lerma, Trauma Informed Care Specialist El Paso Child Guidance Center**
 - *Topic: Mental Health Starts with Me*

June

- 🦋 **Janine Gallinar, LCSW Clinical Director and Luisa Delgado, Program Coordinator**
 - *Topic: The Children's Grief Center of El Paso: Programs and Services*

August

- 🦋 **Leslie Perez, LCDC and Joseph de la Cruz, Peer Specialist Supervisor**
 - *Topic: Aliviane Inc: Different Paths of Recovery"*

October

- 🦋 **Rosa Escalante Lopez, MSW, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences PhD Student; and Monica Smith, MSW Advanced Year Intern and Program Facilitator**
 - *Topic: Pensamientos y Platicas: A Culturally Responsive Mental Health Engagement Program*

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***We welcome presenters for the 2025 Brain Trust Meetings.
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