

The Brain Trust

From the Beginning in 2011, the Brain Trust works to change minds and attitudes about mental illness in El Paso County to build a culture of support and acceptance for improved Mental health and emotional well-being.

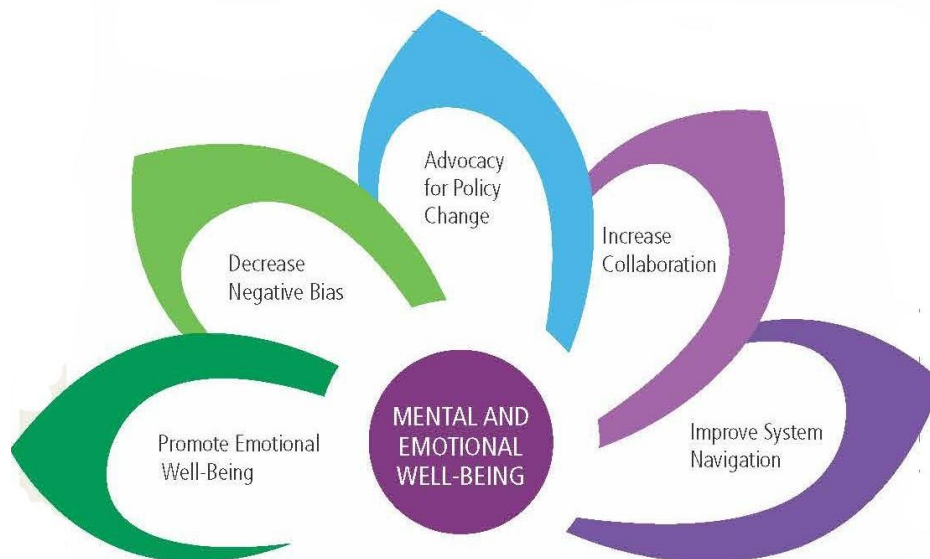
This collaborative network of community stakeholders continues this work today. its commitment in 2025 was to increase collaboration among partners in the mental health service arena for improved access to timely mental health and emotional well-being care and family support.

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

***ALL ARE WELCOME AT BRAIN TRUST MEETINGS!
PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND***

***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:
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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:

February

- 🌸 **Laura Marquez MSW, Program Supervisor**
 - *Topic: Help Me Grow El Paso at the Paso del Norte Children's Development Center*
- 🌸 **Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff, Emergence Health Network**
 - *Topic: Emergence Health Network's 2024 Annual Report*

April

- 🌸 **Surya Kalra, Lead Organizer and Amanda Mathis-Ozer, Community Organizer El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization (EPISO)**
 - *Topic: Community Organizing and Mental Health*

June

- 🌸 **Jose Alamillo, Fatherhood EFFECT Program Manager, El Paso Center for Children**
 - *Topic: El Paso Center for Children's Fatherhood Program*

August

- 🌸 **Andrew Castañeda, Licensed Child Care Administrator (L.C.C.A), Director of Operations**
 - *Topic: El Paso Child Crisis Center's 45th Anniversary*
- 🌸 **Martha Anchondo, El Paso Human Services**
 - *Topic: El Paso Human Services' Young Women's Transitional Shelter*

October

- 🌸 **Beatriz A. Marin-Olivarez, MA, LCCA, Youth Outreach and Housing Division Director, El Paso Center for Children**
 - *Topic: El Paso Center for Children's Youth Programs and Housing*

December

- 🌸 **Networking Reception at Paso del Norte Health Foundation
December 2, 2025**

*We welcome presenters for 2026 Brain Trust Meetings.
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