



EL PASO

Behavioral Health

CONSORTIUM

*Cultivating Collaboration for Lasting
Health System Improvements*

Consortium Aim

The Consortium is committed to ongoing collaboration where all partners are welcome, empowered, and unified to achieve the ideal behavioral health service and support system.

The Ideal Behavioral Health System is:

- An inclusive collaborative system (including criminal justice, law enforcement, veterans' services, juvenile justice, child welfare, schools, homeless providers, health systems).
- Organized within whatever resources are available at every level (policy, program, procedure, and practice).
- Customer-driven and focused on meeting or exceeding the service and support needs of individuals and families.
- Person-centered, recovery and resiliency oriented.
- Integrated, trauma-informed, culturally competent, and organized from a population health perspective.
- Set up to meet the needs of individuals and families with complex, co-occurring conditions of all types (mental health, substance use, medical, cognitive, housing, legal, parenting, etc.); and
- Prepared to support individuals and families as they make progress to achieve the happiest, most hopeful, and productive lives they possibly can.



STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP COUNCILS

The Consortium Leadership Councils include leaders and key stakeholders with influence on priority areas identified by the series of El Paso Behavioral Health System Assessments. Each Leadership Council is led by a Chair and Vice Chair with knowledge and expertise in the identified arena. Leadership Councils engage existing stakeholder work groups, and other behavioral health champions and change agents in collaborative projects and organizational policy change through information and knowledge exchange to maximize resources and expand and enhance service options for access to services where and when they are needed.

LEADERSHIP AND VISION

The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium envisions an accessible, person-centered behavioral health system of care in the El Paso region. Its actions are informed by community leaders and available data including a series of El Paso County behavioral health system assessments the most recent updated conducted in 2026.

The Consortium developed strategic leadership councils to seek out and engage organizations, existing stakeholder work groups, and other behavioral health champions and change agents in communication, coordination, and collaboration to achieve the vision.



The Family Leadership Council works with child, adolescent and family health organizations, other child-serving agencies, and natural support systems to transform El Paso County into a model community for child and family behavioral health services and support.



The Justice Leadership Council works with Justice System leaders and stakeholders as they transform the current system to support person-centered, recovery-oriented care and treat as many people as possible in health care settings instead of within the criminal justice system.



The Integration Leadership Council works with primary care and other healthcare providers to increase collaboration, coordination and integration of mental health and substance use service options into primary care settings by; improving organizational policies and practices, increasing availability of trained and credentialed workforce, expanding, and enhancing model behavioral health and recovery supports into primary care settings.

Consortium 2030

Consortium leaders formed a sound foundation in 2015. As a result, El Paso partners have successfully increased mental health and substance use resources for the region, made significant improvements in the behavioral health system of care, and set the stage for the next phase of improvements.

The Consortium helps to foster, strengthen, and properly recognize the integral partnerships that create change in the El Paso region. With the 2021 El Paso Behavioral Health System Assessment, other related data and ongoing community feedback, El Paso County is prepared to take new steps toward achieving an ideal behavioral health system of care.

To view or download the full 2021 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment, visit www.healthypasodelnorte.org.

Get Involved

The Consortium is committed to ongoing collaboration where all partners are welcome, empowered, and unified to achieve the vision.

To learn more about the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium, the 2021 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment, or the Consortium Leadership Councils, contact **Enrique Mata**, Executive Director, Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, at emata@mmhpi.org, 915-253-0287 or **Sandra Day**, Associate Program Officer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, at sdlay@pdnfoundation.org, 915-544-7636.

Please Note:

The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium does not provide health services of any type, such as mental health, substance abuse, or other services.

The following are resources to help those seeking behavioral health services:

2-1-1 El Paso Resource Referral System - Dial 211

24-Hour Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention Line –
Call or Text 9-8-8 or chat at <https://988lifeline.org/>

