Family Leadership Council

OF THE EL PASO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

The Family Leadership Council works with El Paso County 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.

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Family Education and Support Opportunity for Change:

Individuals and families will have the information needed to understand and address factors that contribute to a nurturing environment for children and youth.

- **Strengthen and maintain an efficient early childhood resource referral system** that promotes optimal healthy development services for children ages 0-8 years of age in collaboration with "Help Me Grow El Paso" Partners.
- **Increase availability of information and resources for families** to understand and address the developmental health and behavioral well-being of infants and children.
- **Expand and enhance knowledge and skills of community health professionals** to practice "Family Engaged Developmental Monitoring" to support the universal identification of developmental concerns and connection to a network of community-based supports.
- **Expand and enhance collaboration with Strong Families Partners** to improve family cohesiveness and child abuse prevention with emphasis on 5 Protective Factors: Parental resilience, Social connections, Knowledge of parenting and child development, Concrete support in times of need, Social and emotional competence of children.

First Connection - Primary Care Services Opportunity For Change:

Expand and Enhance Integrated and Collaborative Care models for mental healthcare and related support access in the pediatric and primary care settings.

- **Increase availability of tools and trainings for community health professionals** on models best suited to their provider practice.
- **Increase the number of pediatric and primary care providers connected with the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)** to more than 80%.
- **Clearly identify mental health and substance use care** and support that can be coordinated or directly **provided in the primary care setting.**
- **Improve coordination of mental health and substance use specialty care** with Integrated Primary Care.

Specialty Care Services Opportunity for Change:

Expand and enhance mental health and substance use care and support that is beyond the scope of practice and cannot be directly provided within the primary care setting.

- **Increase availability of** well-established evidence-based **interventions for youth with more severe behavioral problems related to willful misconduct and delinquency.**
- **Increase availability of providers who are credentialed to provide specialty services** that have been shown to have benefit in treating and supporting children and youth with specialty care needs.
- **Expand and enhance Multisystemic Therapy and other wraparound programs to promote timely and comprehensive support for children with complex needs** to prevent entry into the Foster Care or Justice systems.
- **Improve residential support options to prevent children from inappropriately leaving for residential treatment out of town**, including increasing compensation for foster parents and reimbursement options for nontraditional programs and expanding intensive Medicaid services to support foster families.

School and Out of School Time Opportunity For Change:

Expand and enhance programs that promote emotional well-being, nurturing environments, and prevention of adverse childhood experiences.

- **Increase capacity and collaboration among schools and community organizations** for a robust Multi-Tiered System of Supports model as endorsed by the Texas Education Agency's Long-Range Plan.
- **Increase promotion and availability of interventions that promote kindness and caring**
- **Strengthen Region 19 support and related school Liaison functions**
- **Expand and enhance promising practice school-based coordination of care (e.g., TCHATT).**
- **Increase school coordination with community services to provide emotional well-being (e.g., resilience support, universal upstream interventions)** and timely access to screening and access to treatment (e.g., recognizing mental health treatment access as an excused absence).

Progress Indicators

The Council will track relevant measures regarding data sharing among providers (at the individual case and system levels) and continuity of care between providers over time.

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, the 2026 data update, and 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.

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 2026 Quantitative Data Summary, 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 sday@pdnfoundation.org , 915-218-2617.

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/