



CONSORTIUM 2030 General Meeting

***8:30 am -11:30 am,
Thursday, May 14, 2026***

***Endeavors Health and Wellness Center
12135 Pebble Hills Blvd.
El Paso, TX 79936***

Overview:

Over 130 community leaders and mental health stakeholders participated in the Consortium 2030 event hosted by the Health Foundation and the Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute. This Consortium General Meeting was held on the morning of May 14th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at [Endeavors Health and Wellness Center](#). The event helped to share updated data and launch the next wave of Consortium Action Plans. The meeting was open to the public and created a forum for networking and celebrating collaborations that have leveraged funding and maximized resources for lasting health system improvements.

Welcome:

Tracy Yellen, CEO Paso del Norte Health Foundation, provided a welcome and brief remarks about the role of the Foundation in the Consortium's development, and an overview of the morning's activity. She recognized the importance of updated data and the efforts of the Leadership Councils to renew Consortium Health System Action Plans. A video welcome from Veronica Escobar was played.

The Endeavors Health and Wellness Center:

Ben Miranda, Jr. provided a brief overview including the vision for the new health and wellness center and the range of programs now available to Veterans, First Responders, and their families. He offered an opportunity for participants to tour the facility after the event closed.

Interim Charges for the 90th Legislative Session and Update on HHSC and TDFPS Sunset review.

During the gathering, the executive vice president of state policy at the Meadows Institute, [Nelson Jarrin](#), highlighted key legislative wins supporting this work — including a 70% increase in behavioral health appropriations over the last decade that will provide a strong foundation for both regional and state growth. Mr. Jarrin responded to questions from the audience.

Overview of the Consortium partner history:

Enrique Mata provided a brief overview of the Consortium, its leadership Councils, and examples of progress resulting from collaboration and investments in the system of care.

Overview of Data Findings from the 2026 Quantitative Data Summary:

Sandra Day, Program Officer with Paso del Norte Health Foundation provided an overview of the new data report and the community input gathering process that led to successful action planning with the Consortium and its leadership Councils, She recognized the Paso del Norte regional partners and identified that the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium is one of several regional consortia working to improve systems. Ms. Day then shared some programs examples working in the community resulting from identifying an opportunity for change through data analysis and community stakeholder input and how unifying partners contributes to lasting improvements for the region.

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Mr. Mata introduced the Leadership Council Chairs and selected community partners for a series of panel discussions.

Ivonne Tapia and Judge Perez will served as moderators facilitating commentary from each panelist.

Family Leadership Council [FLC] –Ivonne Tapia provided an overview of the Family Leadership Council, Juan Alderete shared the efforts of Region 19 and area school districts to integrate mental health and emotional well-being supports into the schools Dr. Sarah Martin, Texas Tech shared progress with connections to CPAN and TChat programs among others, and Catherine Garcia, JPD commented on projects like the First offender program scaling, school health preventive efforts helping divert youth away from the justice system.

Justice Leadership Council [JLC] – Judge Anna Perez, Joel Bishop, Chrystal Davis discuss specialty courts, CIT evaluation, MAT, AOT, Court support, Assisted Outpatient Treatment, Pre entry, and policy.

Judge Anna Perez provided an Overview of the Justice Leadership Council, discussed the importance of the Specialty Courts, recognized Jail system collaboration with EHN and UMC El Paso, and set a vision for working with a new Sequential Intercept Model Update and Addressing Transition Age Youth.

Integration Leadership Council Enrique Mata recognized the investments from Hunt Family Foundation, The La Mantia Family, and Reach Resilience for their efforts to improve timely care access and workforce capacity for the region. He explained that the resources will be used to help foster lasting improvements to the region’s system of care including; **Hunt Family** – Increasing provider connection with Collaborative Care Models, **La Mantia Family** – Increasing the number of licensed clinical social workers – helping graduates complete their supervision

hours, **Reach Resilience** – Providing referral materials and trauma and grief training for local providers.

Emergence Health Network Report To Community

Rene Hurtado Chief of Staff for Emergence Health Network presented a review of Emergence Health Network’s 60 years of service to the region. He highlighted projects EHN is working on beyond the JLC and FLC strategies. Highlights of the presentation include programs funded by Federal grants, programs funded by the state legislature during the 89th Legislative Session, and policies and practices that have been set in motion and how these actions are being implemented for the benefit of El Paso County.

Closing Remarks:

Mr. Mata thanked those audience and reinforced that Leadership Council leaders, and the PdN Center Team will be calling on them to collaborate as we move forward.

To review the updated data report and Consortium Action Plans visit

<https://healthypasodelnorte.org>

For more Information contact Enrique Mata at emata@mmhpi.org , 915-253-0287, or Josue Lachica, at jlachica@mmhpi.org .



Welcome to
“CONSORTIUM 2030”
A General Meeting
of the



Welcome From Tracy Yellen, El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Chair

CEO, Paso del Norte Community Foundation and
Paso del Norte Health Foundation



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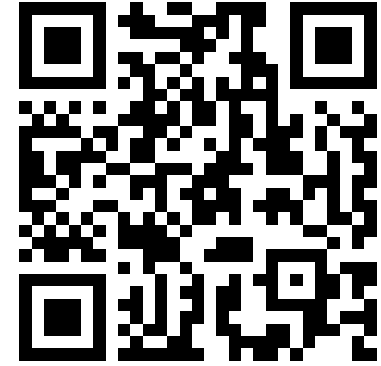
Tracy Yellen, CEO,
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Welcome From Congresswoman Veronica Escobar

16th Congressional District in El Paso



Congresswoman Veronica Escobar
U.S. House of Representatives
16th Congressional District

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Ben Miranda, Jr.

Senior Director, Government Affairs



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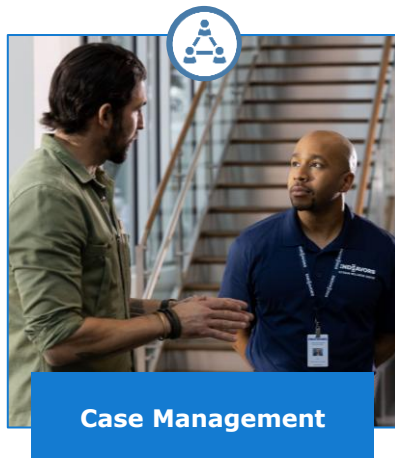
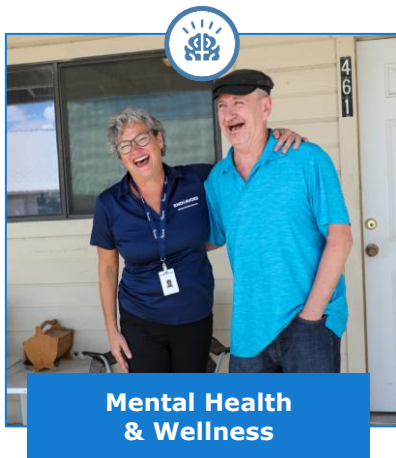


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OUR CORE COMPETENCIES



Across Our Organization
In 2025, we served

46,000 individuals across all Endeavors programs

7,000 veteran clients across all Endeavors programs

Holistic Client-Centered Approach

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We address the root causes of instability, providing a framework for success.

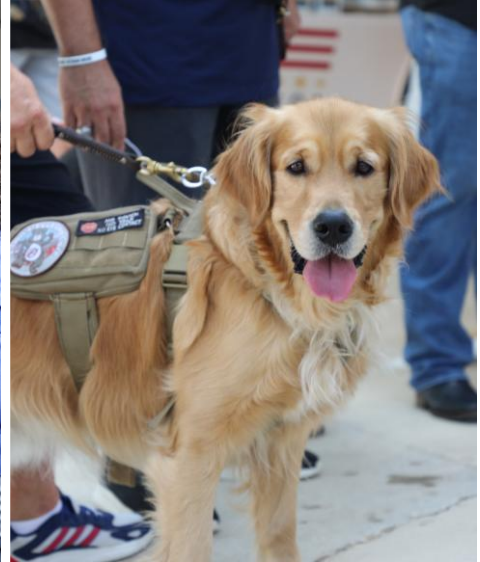
- Services that complement other programs
- Community partners to support elements of wellness model
- A broad foundation of support and experience that provides a network of care for clients



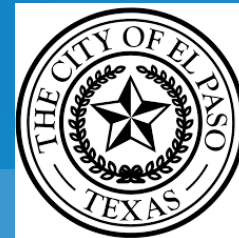
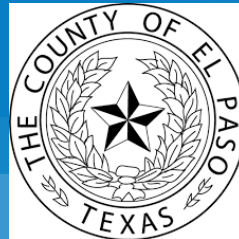
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From Workforce Readiness to Family Support, our programs serve those who serve us.

- *Homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing*
- *Employment services*
- *Substance use disorder recovery and treatment*
- *Assistance finding and navigating support*
- *Psychiatric care*
- *Mental health care and military life transition assistance for active duty, Veterans, and their families*
- *Health & Wellness Centers offering adaptive equipment and training*
- *Workforce Readiness for first responders and their families*



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Interim Charges for the 90th Legislative Session and Update on HHSC and TDFPS Sunset review

Nelson Jarrin, JD,
Executive Vice President of State Policy

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El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium

Consortium 2030: Interim Update

Nelson Jarrin, JD | May 14, 2026

Key Interim Events

- **July 2025 Central Texas Floods**
- **Two Special Called Sessions** (ended September 4, 2025)
- **Rural Texas Strong Application**
- **Sunset Advisory Commission Review Process**
- **2026 Elections: March 3 Primary and May 26 Primary Runoff**
- **Senate Interim Charges:**
 - Lt. Governor Patrick released the first round on January 30, 2026.
 - Lt. Governor Patrick released the remainder on March 27, 2026.
- **House Interim Charges:**
 - Speaker Burrows released interim charges on March 26, 2026.

Rural Health Transformation Program

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act included \$50 billion for the Rural Health Transformation Program. Texas's project is known as "Rural Texas Strong."

- Texas is expected to receive **\$1.4 billion in federal funding** over five years.
- On April 7, 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Texas's **\$281.3 million** budget for Project Period 1.
- Project Period 1 focuses on three of the six initiatives:
 - (1) **Make Rural Texas Healthy Again;**
 - (4) **Next Generation of the Small Town Doctor and Team;** and
 - (6) **Infrastructure and Capital Improvements for Rural Texas.**

Sunset Review Process

The Sunset Advisory Commission is charged with periodically reviewing state agencies to determine the need for, performance of, and improvements to the agency under review.

- All state health agencies (**Health and Human Services Commission, Department of Family and Protective Services, Department of State Health Services**) are under sunset review for the **first time since 2014**.
- **Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD)** is under a limited-scope review.
- Sunset staff are expected to present initial reports and recommendations on these agencies in **October 2026**.

Senate Interim Charges of Interest

- **Senate Committee on Criminal Justice:** addressing juvenile violence; protecting the public from violent offenders found not guilty by reason of insanity (NGRI) – **hearing on May 5**
- **Senate Committee on Health & Human Services:** strengthening crisis related mental health and homelessness services
- **Senate Select Committee on Veteran Affairs:** the transfer of functions relating to certain veteran mental health programs and plans to the Texas Veterans Commission – **hearing on August 25 or 26**

House Interim Charges of Interest

- **House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence:** TJJD monitoring charge
- **House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs:** strengthening the law enforcement workforce – **hearing on May 28**
- **House Committee on Human Services:** provision of services for Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities – **hearing on May 5**; targeted and meaningful child welfare services for families; post-adoptive supports
- **House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs:** mental health impacts, homelessness, and system recidivism – **hearing in late June**
- **House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence:** court-ordered mental health services
- **House Committee on Public Health:** Texas Rural Health Transformation Program; social media's impact on youth health and well-being; artificial intelligence use in health care; health care workforce; telehealth



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Overview of the Consortium partner history

Enrique Mata, MSPH, RN,
Executive Director, Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute

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The Goal of Health Care: **LIVING YOUR LIFE** in the COMMUNITY



WORK



SCHOOL



HOME



FAITH



FAMILY

HEALTH CARE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Integrated Primary Care



Measurement Based Care ↔ Collaborative Care

SPECIALTY CARE

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Sufficient Network Capacity

Sufficient Networks

Outpatient



Rehabilitative Care



Inpatient Care



Best Practice Anchor

e.g., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



Outpatient



Rehabilitative Care



Inpatient Care



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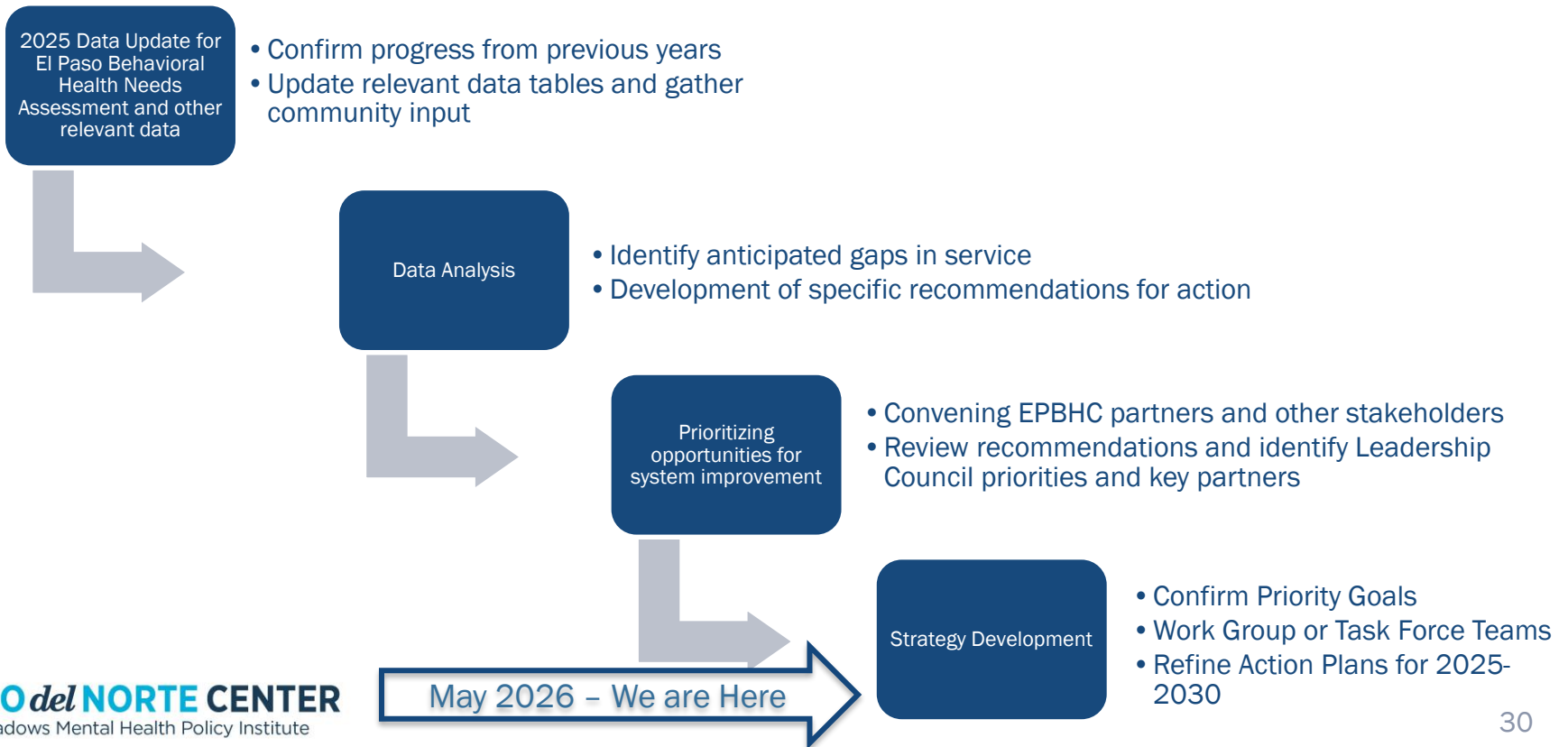
e.g., UT Health Austin Mulva Clinic for Neurosciences, UTSW O'Donnell Brain Institute



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EPBHC Leadership Councils

2025 - 2030 Strategic Action Plan Development Process



Family Leadership Council

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Family Leadership Council
Ivonne Tapia Chair
Cathy Gaytan Vice Chair

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Facilitator/Technical
Support


Help Me Grow Work Group
Early Childhood
Development

Strong Families Work Group
Family Cohesiveness and
Child Abuse Prevention

CPAN/TCHATT
Collaborative Care Model

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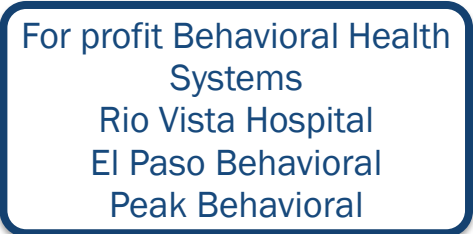
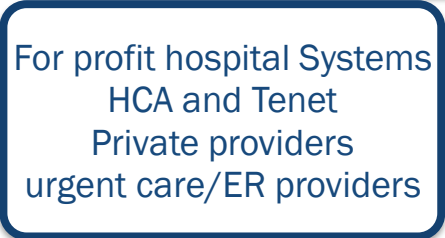
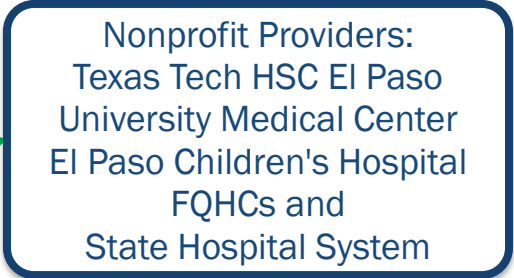
Jail Diversion Committee
SIM Intercepts 0,1,2



Justice Leadership Coordinating Committee

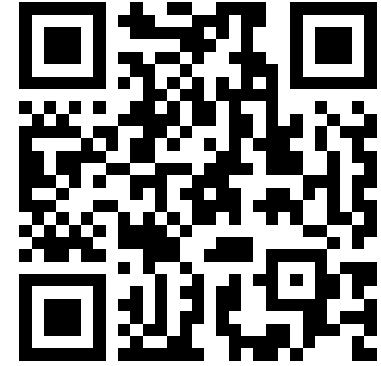


Reentry Task Force (BJA)
SIM Intercepts 3,4,5



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Overview of Data Findings from the 2026 Quantitative Data Summary

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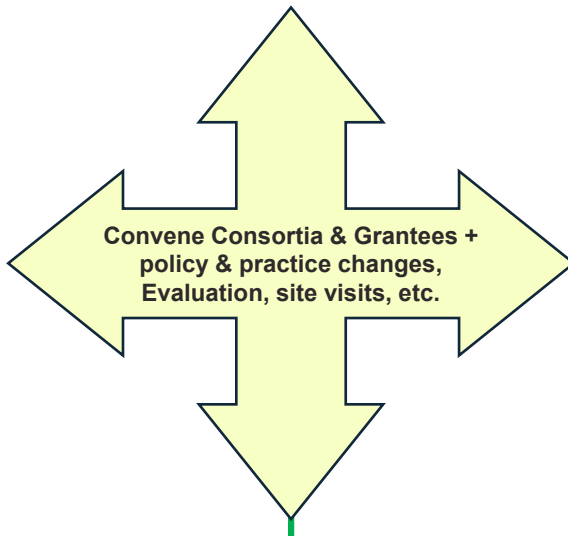


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MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



Updated Data Summary:

This Update builds on a series of prior reports and planning efforts including:

- 2014 El Paso Behavioral Health System Assessment
- 2014 Adult Sequential Intercept Model
- 2017 El Paso Behavioral Health System Assessment
- 2019 Adult Sequential Intercept Model Update
- 2021 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment
- 2022 Adult Sequential Intercept Model Update
- 2023 Rapid Assessment of El Paso's Mental Health System Capacity
- 2023 Youth Sequential Intercept Model
- 2024 Children's Behavioral Health Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2025–2029.
- The 2024 El Paso Behavioral Health Law Plan

Updated Data Summary:

This updated quantitative data summary builds on the 2021 assessment, which examined trends through 2019 and included more than 100 key informant interviews.

The current update extends the analysis through 2022, providing data on

- the prevalence of behavioral health conditions,
- utilization of local mental health authority services,
- and patterns of emergency departments and inpatient facility use for behavioral health care.

These data are intended to inform ongoing planning, coordination, and investment in the region's behavioral health system.

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Consortium Leadership Council Partners



**Family
Leadership Council**

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Ivonne Tapia, MA, LCDC, LPC-S, ACPS
Chief Executive Officer, ALIVIANE, Inc.
Chair, Family Leadership Council



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Director of Special Education, Region 19 Education Service Center

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Medical Director, Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium at TTUHSC El Paso
Director, Psychiatry Residency Training
Assistant Professor and Child and Adolescent Division Chief

Catherine Garcia,
Juvenile Probation Manager, El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department

TCMHCC Far West Texas HUB – TTUHSC El Paso

CPWE - Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion

3 rotations with 26 Residents and Fellows this year

EHN- 1,561 unique patients served YTD

Child Guidance and Alviene – 413 Youth & 835 Adult patients served YTD

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship expansion

4 first-year fellows totaling 7 fellows 2025-2026

TCHAT MOUs with over 34 Independent School Districts:

2,898 unique students serviced

14,237 sessions provided

CPAN/PeriPAN Enrolled Clinics: 121 and Providers: 631

7,398 (up from 2,839 previous year) unique CPAN/PeriPAN Consultations

4,332 patients served

HB 18 now allows rural hospitals to consult us

Staffing Supported (partially and full time) by current funding: 65



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Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium



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HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER,
EL PASO



Justice
Leadership Council
OF THE EL PASO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

Anna Perez

**Judge of the 41st District Court and
Chair of the Justice Leadership Council**



Joel Bishop

**Executive Director of Justice Support and Community Service
EL PASO COUNTY**

Chrystal Davis

**Chief Operations Officer at EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK
Vice Chair of the Justice Leadership Council**



Integration

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Emergence Health Network



Report To Community

Rene Hurtado, MBA
Chief of Staff



Emergence Health Network

2025

Annual Report



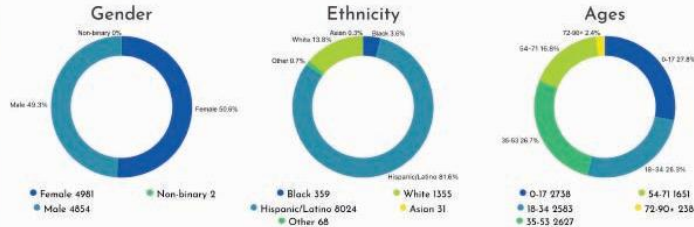
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Demographics

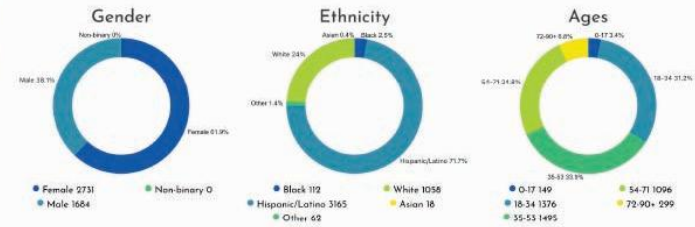
Number of people served through EHN programs:
23,928

Number of individuals served in the El Paso County Jail facilities:
12,000

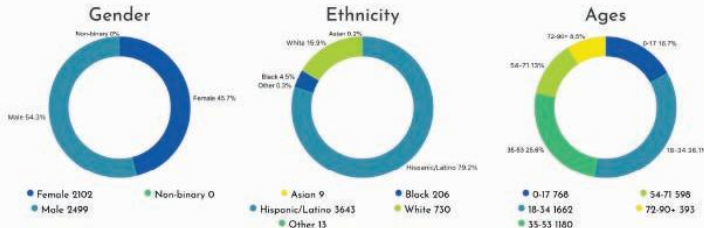
Behavioral Health - Total individuals served: 9,837



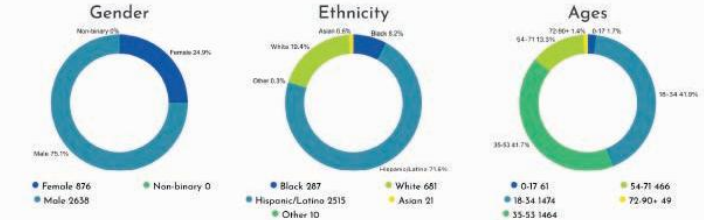
Collaborative Care - Total individuals served: 4,415



Crisis and Emergency - Total individuals served: 4,601



Diversion - Total individuals served: 3,514



Crisis Intervention Recognized



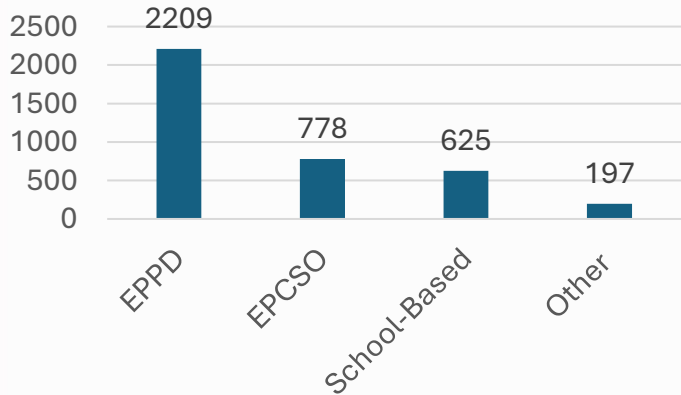
EHN's Crisis Intervention Team was honored with the *Meritorious Service Award* at the 2025 El Paso Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony for outstanding service to the community.



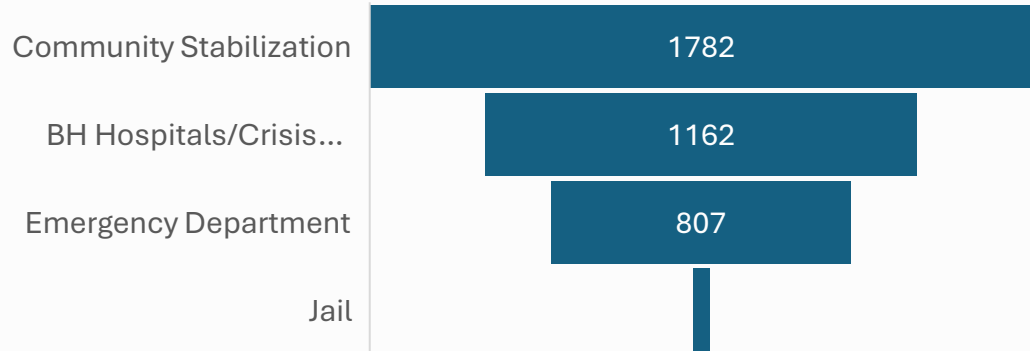
Crisis Intervention Team Response FY25

3,809 Crisis Encounters in FY25

Encounters By Program



Outcomes of Crisis Encounter



Only 45 of 3,809 encounters resulted in jail booking

Unveiling Mobile Crisis Unit

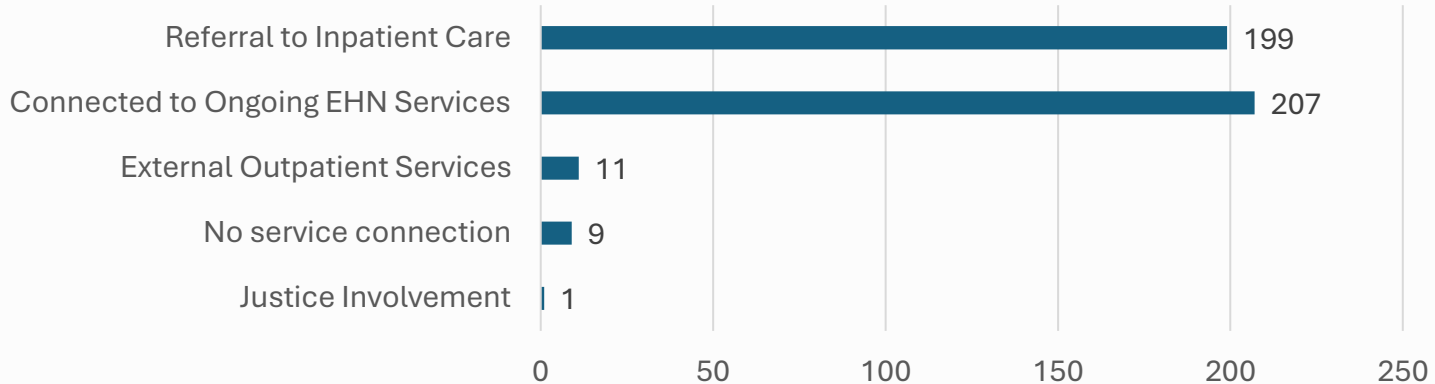


- EHN introduced El Paso’s first-ever Mental Health Mobile Crisis Units (MCUs) which are state-of-the-art “clinics on wheels,” equipped with advanced technology and satellite internet to ensure reliable connectivity, even in remote areas.
- The MCU’s mark a vital step forward in reaching youth who are experiencing a mental health crisis and getting them the support they need right away.

Youth Mobile Crisis Unit Response

503 Unduplicated Youth
Received Services During FY25

YCOT Episodes by Follow-Up Referral Type





School-based CIT Expansion



- EHN expanded its School-based Crisis Intervention Teams to now include San Elizario ISD.
- School-based CIT is also serving students in EPISD, Canutillo ISD, Socorro ISD, and Fabens ISD.
- This collaboration is dedicated to enhancing mental health crisis response and compassionate care for students in our communities.



School-based Mental Health Expansion

Canutillo Independent School District

- Alderete Middle
- Canutillo Middle
- Canutillo High
- Northwest Early College

Fabens Independent School District

- Fabens Elementary
- Fabens Middle
- Fabens High
- O'Donnell

El Paso Independent School District

- Moye Elementary
- Charles Murphree Elementary
- Canyon Hills Middle
- Magoffin Middle
- Raymond Telles Academy
- Young Women's Academy
- Austin High
- Bowie High
- El Paso High
- Franklin High
- Irvin High
- Jefferson High

EHN's School-based Mental Health Program expanded in 2025, now serving students across 20 campuses in El Paso ISD, Canutillo ISD, and Fabens ISD.

9-8-8 Day



EHN marked 988 Day through social media and community outreach, featuring staff pets wearing 988 bandanas and a client led rock painting project promoting the 988 Lifeline.

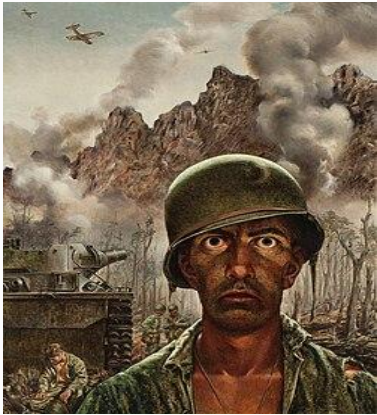


Dental Screenings



EHN partnered with the Texas Tech Dental Oral Health Clinic in El Paso to provide free dental screenings for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who often face barriers to dental care, including communication challenges and sensory sensitivities.

Tom Lea Artwork Featured at Veterans One-Stop Center (VOSC)



- In November 2025, EHN partnered with the Tom Lea Institute to host the traveling exhibit “Brushstrokes from the Frontlines.”
- This exhibit offered a portrayal of the emotional toll of combat and have been used by mental health professionals to help veterans process experiences related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Multi-Media Campaign



- Launched a bilingual multi-media advertising campaign to highlight the crucial work of its mental health professionals and support staff in assisting families with their mental health and substance use needs.
- This vital work not only transforms lives but also saves them.



EHN and the Boys & Girls Club of El Paso held an open house to announce the EHN Mind Lab, a dedicated treatment space located in South El Paso Club to allow transition age youth greater access to behavioral health supports.

Behavioral Health East Campus



- In the Fall of 2025, EHN announced the upcoming construction of a new, state-funded, multi-million-dollar Behavioral Health Campus in East El Paso.
- This major investment will enhance access to critical mental health services.
- Campus will be located in the corner of Edgemere and Zaragoza.

Behavioral Health East Campus

- Youth & Adult Extended Observation Units
- Youth & Adult Short-Term Crisis Residential Unit
- Diversion Center for Adults
- Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic

All aimed at reducing unnecessary incarceration & emergency room utilization

Community Needs Assessment: Overview & Key Findings

EHN's Community Needs Assessment draws on state and local data, internal performance metrics, and stakeholder input to identify priorities for the next three years.

Finding 1: High Need for Behavioral Health Services

SMI, depression, and substance use are prevalent across all age groups, with heavy reliance on EHN's crisis system. Rising suicide mortality signals an urgent need to shift toward follow-up and early intervention.

Finding 2: Behavioral Health Disparities

In a majority-Hispanic border community with elevated poverty, barriers related to service access, stigma, and insurance coverage compound existing need.

Community Needs Assessment

Finding 3 – High-Needs Populations

Population	Gap
Justice-Involved	Reentry supports: housing, benefits, transition planning
Individuals with IDD	Community integration: employment, social connection, end-of-life planning
Youth & Families	Prevention and early intervention with transition-age youth
Veterans & Military	Cross-system coordination; stigma and unmet needs

Finding 4 – Capacity Constraints

EHN’s ability to grow is limited by workforce shortages, reimbursement and parity challenges, and insufficient flexible funding to sustain a full continuum of care.



Looking Ahead

- Central Behavioral Health Diversion Center
- Ground-Breaking of Behavioral Health East Campus
- Preparing for the 90th Legislative Session
 - Workforce Investments
 - Youth Programs
 - Sustainability of Programs



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