



Uniting Neighbors in Drug Abuse Defense Coalition

A Hidalgo County coalition effort of the Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

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Memorandum of Understanding 2023-2024

The Uniting Neighbors in Drug Abuse Defense (UNIDAD) Coalition's mission is to promote a drug free environment in Hidalgo County by bringing communities together through collaborative efforts. The UNIDAD Coalition and **Partner Organization** (representing the _____ sector) agree to collaborate to increase prevention efforts focusing on reducing tobacco, underage drinking, prescription drug abuse, synthetic, and marijuana use in Hidalgo County. Our collaborative efforts will serve to enhance community-planned and implementation of comprehensive prevention activities.

Our commitment to this collaboration will consist of the following:

1. UNIDAD Coalition Staff will coordinate with UNIDAD Coalition members to conduct monthly coalition meetings; notify members in advance of coalition meeting schedule;
2. UNIDAD Coalition Staff will coordinate and provide training specific to coalition functions and focus;
3. **Partner Organization** agrees to participate in implementing the Strategic Prevention Framework in an effort to ensure successful prevention activities are rendered. Activities to be completed by **Partner Organization** include:
 - Attending all meetings related to monthly and sub-committee involvement
 - Provide assistance with epidemiological and planning efforts
 - Provide assistance with media and education efforts
4. The UNIDAD Coalition Staff and **Partner Organization** will cooperate fully by:
 - Notifying each other of local events such as health fairs, conferences, and/or celebrations that relate to or are aligned with coalition efforts.
 - Offer networking assistance to strengthen prevention efforts in the community.
 - Refer individuals and/or agencies to each other for presentations and other prevention-related activities, and/or applicable resources.
5. All Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas staff will maintain confidentiality requirements in accordance to Federal Confidentiality rules (42CFR 2).

6. Funding for these services is provided by a grant from the Texas Health and Human Service Commission and no other fees or cost will be incurred by the **Partner Organization**.
7. This collaborative agreement will be enforced from September 1, 2022 through August 30, 2024 and may be amended or terminated by either party by submitting a written request at any time.

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