



BORDER CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

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Border Children's Mental Health Collaborative: Ready, Set, Go !

Gearing up to bring our children home to safe, resourceful, caring, effective, environments where they can thrive in their own homes and communities.

GOVERNANCE TEAM

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Judge Alfredo Chavez
65th District Court

Commissioner Dan Haggerty
El Paso County Commissioner

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BCMHC SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATES FROM SAMHSA GRANT

After an exhaustive six years of overcoming challenges the Border Children's Mental Health Collaborative (BCMHC) successfully graduated from a 9.5 million dollar grant issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (SAMHSA). The SAMHSA grant was initiated by Judge Chavez of the 65th District court and County Judge Dolores Briones. It was managed during its later part by County Judge Anthony Cobos with the assistance of Commissioner Dan Haggerty, and a new Governance Team. Several other agencies and parent partners were also involved. A tremendous collaborative effort from this team led to a successful completion of the grant culminating with the conversion of BCMHC into a new department of El Paso County. As such, BCMHC will have a strong role in the new EL PASO COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES CENTER (EPCYSC) building and services upcoming in 2010.

This facility will host an array of child serving agencies in one centralized family friendly building that will provide the convenience of a "one stop shop" for families in El Paso County that are in need of mental health services. Previously they had to travel all over the county, from one agency to another, to receive these services.

As a result of these efforts, BCMHC has been recognized several times in the last year, including an award presented by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) .



NEW BCMHC STAFF MEMBERS

The Border Children's Mental Health Collaborative is happy to welcome Marisela Franco to our staff!!! Marisela is our new Care manager, she has extensive experience in her field and is a great asset to our organization.



Marisela Franco, Care Manager.

I am glad to have the opportunity to work with a great team. I am an El Paso native, graduated from EPCC, Park University and Webster University. As a care manager for BCMHC I am looking forward to working with families and children in discovering their unique strengths and goals.

THE MENTAL HEALTH PARENT ACADEMY STARTS ITS SECOND CLASS

Maria Kranz, Parent Liaison.

The Parent Academy is going well and strong. An 8 week course designed to empower parents has had its largest registration yet: Sold out! .



The Parent Academy is presented in collaboration with Paso del Norte Children's Development Center, 1101 Schuster Ave., El Paso, Tx 79902, POC: Ms Sandra Gutierrez , Ph: 544-8484.



WRAPAROUND TRAINING OF TRAINERS

Luther Marcena, Communications, Training, & Technical Assistance Coordinator.

We have started the Wraparound Training of Trainers initiative that will prepare several members of different agencies (government and community) to train other individuals in the community at large in the training and facilitation of the Wraparound philosophy. Ms. Mary Grealish of Community Partners Inc. was selected to do the initial phase of this initiative. In addition, the County of El Paso had previously purchased a Wraparound Curriculum from this company, making her the logical choice. Ms Grealish is one of the nation's lead experts in Wraparound practices and philosophy. More information on company can be found at their web site:



<http://www.wraparoundsolutions.com>

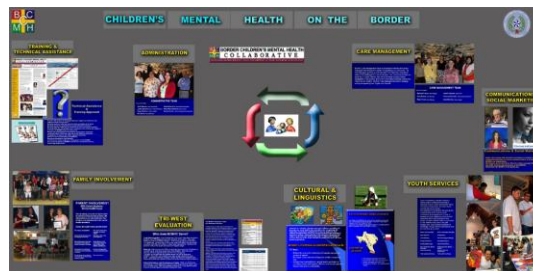
BCMHC CELEBRATES ITS GRADUATION

After a laborious year, the relatively new staff of BCMHC held a joyous ceremony to celebrate the successful graduation from the SAMHSA grant and the transition into a new County Department.



BCMHC POSTER BOARD FEATURED AT THE TRAINING INSTITUTES CONFERENCE

BCMHC was invited to present a poster board at the Training Institutes Annual Conference held at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, TN. A version of this will be soon posted in our website: <http://www.epcounty.com/borderchildren>



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR

**Promoting Healthy Minds
and Healthy Children**

Roger Martinez, Project Director.



The Word Is OUT !!!

Approximately, 107 Children and Youth have received services through BCMHC since its inception. Of those served, 65 were served this year alone. There has been an average of 3-4 cases staffed each week for services. Families continue to remain together and become stronger as "their identified needs" comes to successful completion.

The Budget requests went extremely well! The County of El Paso has led the charge by committing \$300,000.00; El Paso County Juvenile Justice Center \$100,000.00 and any remaining funds for FY '08, and Thomason Hospital \$200,000.00. We will continue to receive in-kind match from EPMHMR in the amount of \$14,000.00 for Care Management Office space. The Texas Department of Family and Protective services will continue to provide in-kind match in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Administrative Staff. We will be rolling over \$400,000.00 from this past year's budget and will be able to draw down a 2:1 match from SAMHSA. We have a solid budget as we enter into FY '09.

We have also been awarded:

OJJDP \$500,000.00 3 year project for mentors

And pending notification:

Casey \$ 50,000.00 2 year project for CPS Foster Youth Foundation

The County of El Paso has also assigned Tom Entsminger as the BCMHC grants writer. He has been responsible for researching and preparing the above referenced proposals.

We have also been honored with the "Best Practices Award for Delivery of Service" by the Texas Association of Counties. A presentation was held at the El Paso County Commissioners Court on September 22, 2008. County Judge Anthony Cobos received the award on behalf of the Collaborative. I was presented with a plaque, by County Judge Cobos which caught me by total surprise and left me with few words, if you can believe that!



Overall, we are preparing for what will be a great year for BCMHC. The community wide wraparound training will begin in October. The Video Production Team will be ready to document our next year of events in the next few weeks and we should be breaking ground for the \$10,000,000 Youth Services Center.

The Word is OUT! We, as a community, are making a difference in the lives of Children, Youth and families of El Paso County

**"Keep the Faith"
One Team, No Limits.**

What Is Wraparound?

Definitions:

Wraparound is a family centered, community-oriented, strengths-based, highly individualized planning process aimed at helping people meet their unmet needs both within and outside of formal human services systems, while they remain in their neighborhoods and homes, whenever possible

The Wraparound Process is as simple as people helping people

In a Wraparound Process, friends, neighbors, family and services providers gather around a family and ask a crucial question...

"What do the members of this family really need to have better lives?"

When we ask that question, we mean it. If the child/consumer and family need something our formal services do not typically provide, we team with the family and create a strengths-based, practical plan to support them in meeting the needs they identify as important.

You May Know More About Wraparound Than You Think!

In times of trouble, many of us can count on our people – our family, friends, and neighbors – to rally around us. It happens automatically, without evidence of a master plan. It's the best in us that compels us to reach out to people in need.

Reflect on the moments in your life when you and those around you have faced major changes, tragedy, grief or sadness. Whatever your circumstances – death, divorce, a challenging situation, a disability – what happened? Did anybody try to help? Did a supportive circle of people who cared gather around you? Were you reminded that no matter what, you have a lot going for you? If so, you may have been in a Wraparound Plan.

Have you seen stories about communities coming together heroically to address all sorts of crises? Have you heard of families with multiple births and the support they find in grandparents, friends and neighbors? How about the caring, brave people who donate an organ or bone marrow to someone who needs it? When there is horribly sad news – a plane crash, a tornado, a flood – people react, often in heartwarming ways. The practical compassion that characterizes these inspiring efforts is the same force that drives the Wraparound Process. If you have ever been involved in a situation like any of these, you may have been part of a Wraparound solution.

References

Mary Grealish, Wrap Around Curriculum, Workbook One



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