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Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families
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El Paso Center for Children, Inc.

Award Number:

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Project Title:

Border Collaborative to Strengthen
and Preserve Families

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Project Period:

60 Months

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Target Population:

Residents in El Paso, Texas, with a particular focus on zip codes with higher than average rates of child abuse. Based on the demographics of those zip codes, military families stationed at Ft. Bliss and migrant/1st/2nd Generation Latino families will be the particular focus of targeted outreach.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

El Paso County, Texas

Agency Region:

ACF Region 6

Organizational Description

The Family Leadership Council (FLC) is a community multi-system collaborative with a broad cross-section of leaders from institutions of higher learning, hospitals, juvenile probation, child welfare, nonprofit agencies, the courts, and community groups. The lead agency, El Paso Center for Children, Inc. and their Core Partners (Child Protective Services, Aliviane, El Paso Child Guidance Center, and NAMI El Paso) will work closely together on the planning and implementation of this project.

Use of Program Funds

The Border Collaborative to Strengthen and Preserve Families (the "project" herein) is centered on a theory of change that an integrated family support system employing outreach, training, and client engagement strategies will result in a reduction of the number of youth entering the child welfare system. This project focuses on the goals of reducing referrals to the child welfare system through primary prevention strategies and further developing an integrated multi-system collaborative with diverse stakeholders. The services/activities will include developing a Family Advisory Council, a Bilingual Resource Hub, a Public Awareness Campaign, and In-Person Outreach and Education through a Promotora/Outreach Educator. Community members will be integrated into these processes, attending Parent Cafés (small-group gatherings to deliver training content and provide support), representing the community on the Family Advisory Council, and as bloggers/peer advisors on the Resource Hub/Website. To further develop the FLC itself, the project will engage in activities such as creating an Aligned Referral System, hosting Provider Cafés, hosting an annual Leadership Development Retreat. All activities will be evaluated by an external evaluator.

Expected Outcomes

The project will transform a promising existing community collaborative, the Family Leadership Council (FLC), into an integrated multi-system safety net to build protective factors for families and prevent child maltreatment.