A sound foundation has formed with a great forward momentum to address key areas of need identified in the 2014 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment. With great leadership and collaboration, El Paso County is prepared to take the next steps toward developing the finest behavioral health system in the nation.

To view or download the full 2014 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment, visit www.pdnhf.org/initiatives.

**Consortium Aim:**

The Consortium is committed to ongoing collaboration where all partners are welcome, empowered, and unified to achieve the ideal behavioral health service and support system and to reduce the burden of mental illness by designing improved, efficient, patient centered care for El Paso County residents.

The Consortium defines an Ideal Behavioral Health System as:

- An inclusive collaborative system (including criminal justice, law enforcement, veterans’ services, juvenile justice, child welfare, schools, homeless providers, health systems);
- Organized within whatever resources are available at every possible level (policy, program, procedure, and practice);
- Customer-driven and focused on meeting or exceeding the service and support needs of individuals and families;
- Person-centered, recovery and resiliency-oriented;
- Integrated, trauma-informed, culturally competent, and organized from a population health perspective;
- Set up to meet the needs of individuals and families with complex, co-occurring conditions of all types (mental health, substance abuse, medical, cognitive, housing, legal, parenting, etc.); and
- Prepared to support individuals and families as they make progress to achieve the happiest, most hopeful, and productive lives they possibly can.

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 helplines provide assistance to those seeking behavioral health services:

- 2-1-1 El Paso Resource Referral System - Dial 211
- 24-Hour Mental Health Crisis Line - Dial (915) 779-1800
- www.pdnhf.org/initiatives

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 2014 El Paso County Behavioral Health System Assessment, or the Consortium Leadership Councils, contact Enrique Mata, Senior Program Officer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, at emata@pdnhf.org, or call 915-218-2617.
Strategic Leadership Councils
The Consortium Leadership Councils include leaders and key stakeholders with influence on priority areas identified by the El Paso Behavioral Health System Assessment. Each Leadership Council is chaired by a Consortium Executive Committee member with background in the identified arena. Each Leadership Council engages existing community action groups in collaboration and organizational policy change for greater impact from behavioral health resources and services.

2017-2020 Goals and Objectives
All Leadership Councils will collaboratively complete a behavioral health service and support resource list and adopt a process to update and disseminate the information in formats for both providers and families.

All Leadership Councils will adopt metrics for inclusion in the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Dashboard to monitor progress in addressing unmet needs for community and family-centered behavioral health services and support programs, including metrics on consumers’ experiences of care.

Family Leadership Council Goals
• FLC partners will implement model interventions to increase the number of foster parents or other child placement options available to support child placement gaps.
• FLC partners will identify and implement evidence-based behavioral health community education and training programs for parents, youth mentors and professionals (teachers, faith leaders, physicians, etc.) to improve appropriate social and emotional learning for children and youth. Program emphasis will be on strengths based and trauma informed approaches.
• FLC partners will implement a model for child and adolescent PHP – Partial Hospitalization Programs
• FLC partners will implement a model for child and adolescent IOP – Intensive Outpatient Programs
• FLC Partners will build connections among member agencies to improve understanding of silos and services and deepen partnership opportunities.

Justice Leadership Council Goals
• JLC partners will implement a multidisciplinary rapid response team model for adults experiencing a mental illness or substance use crisis.
• JLC partners will embed a behavioral health specialist with 911 dispatch to support appropriate approach to crisis.

Integration Leadership Council Goals
• ILC partners will increase availability of evidence based behavioral health community education and training programs for primary care providers (physicians, nursing, pharmacy, etc.) to improve behavioral health screenings and care coordination.
• ILC partners will implement a model for adult PHP – Partial Hospitalization Programs
• ILC partners will implement a model for adult IOP – Intensive Outpatient Programs
• ILC partners will support the identification and implementation of best practice substance use prevention and intervention programs (e.g. MAT, Naloxone and Opioid crisis service access) as informed by Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) members.
• ILC partners will collaborate with regional employers and educational institutions to introduce and enhance programs for students that will lead to reimbursable credentials in mental health occupations (e.g. LPC, LMSW, LCSW, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Psych NP, etc.).