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★ The Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
We are thrilled to see so many youth-serving professionals join us at this year’s event and can’t wait to hear about the important work you are doing in the Rio Grande Valley. The goal of the Summit is to increase knowledge, skills, and abilities of adults who provide services and support to adolescents on the Texas – Mexico Border. Focus areas include adolescent development, positive youth development, adolescent-friendly services, and how to apply the quality components of care through the stages of adolescence. We are confident that the program will increase your knowledge of these important topics and more!

During our time together, we invite you to explore new relationships and collaborations with others in the room. The Summit provides the perfect opportunity to connect with both old and new friends, learn about the work they are doing, and share your own experiences in the field.

And remember, whether you are a youth-service provider, a parent, a researcher, or other key professional working on this issue - your on-going work with young people is key to improving adolescent health outcomes for those in South Texas.

Thank you for your commitment. We hope you enjoy the Summit.

— South Texas Summit Planning Committee

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**Closing Keynote: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**
Adolescent Health and Reproductive Justice by Veronica Whitehead
Palo Alto, Room E
Thank you to our Exhibitors!

Be sure to visit them in the Main Lobby where you can learn more about their products and services and how they can support the work you are doing.

Exhibitor booths will be open Wednesday: 8 am - 2:45 pm and Thursday: 7:30 am - 11:15 am.

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The following speaker for this event has disclosed a financial interest: Jennifer Biundo indicated that her employer, the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, received advocacy grant funding from Merck.

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This activity has been awarded 7.25 credits.

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Licensed Professional Counselors:
The Texas Department of State Health Services, Continuing Education Service is an approved provider (#690) by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors to offer continuing education contact hours to Licensed Professional Counselors.

The Texas Department of State Health Services, Continuing Education Service has awarded 7.25 contact hours for Licensed Professional Counselors.

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Licensed Psychologists:
The Texas Department of State Health Services is authorized by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists as a (c)(2)(A) provider of professional development hours for licensed psychologists. Per the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Act and Rules, at least half (10) of the required 20 hours of professional development must be obtained by a provider listed in section (c)(2)(A).

The Texas Department of State Health Services, Continuing Education Service has awarded 7.25 contact hours for Licensed Psychologists.

Certificate of Attendance:
The Texas Department of State Health Services, Continuing Education Service has designated 7.25 hours for attendance.

Continuing Professional Education
The Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is an approved provider for continuing education credits by the Texas Education Agency, provider #902395.

Community Health Worker
The following two sessions qualify as CHW certified sessions:
(1) Protegiendo a los Niños/Protecting the Children by Norma Cavazos & Lupita Guerrero, Texas DSHS, Office of Border Health.
(2) A Closer Look at E-Cigarettes, Smoking and Teen Vaping by Quincy Bonilla, Texas DSHS. All other sessions can apply to non-CHW certified classes and count toward CHW certification and renewal. A certificate of completion will be issued showing applicability to CHW core competencies.
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**Opening Keynote: Reframing the Mind**  
**Palo Alto, Room E**

**Milton Louis Gonzalez, MA, Covenant Christian Academy**  
Milton L. Gonzalez has been an educator for 26 years and currently serves as the Executive Director at Covenant Christian Academy. Milton is a certified life coach and international motivational teacher with the John C. Maxwell team, and a member of their Presidential Advisory Council. He completed his undergraduate degree in Clinical Psychology at the Universidad Regiomontana in Monterrey, Mexico and holds a Master of Arts in Human Services Counseling/Life Coaching at Liberty University. He is currently working on a doctorate in traumatology at the University of Liberty. Professionally, Milton has numerous accomplishments in the area of education, leadership development and motivational teaching. In this opening session, information will be shared about how to build relationships with adolescents in order to help understand them, and how to understand different behavioral traits to establish rapport.

**Learning Objectives:**
- Identify the 4 behavioral traits according to DISC quadrant in order to better connect with the adolescent client (patient).
- Identify strategies to help foster the reconditioning (reframing) of the adolescent’s mind.

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**Resaca De La Palma, Room A**

**Monica Rivera, MS; Rene A. Gonzales, MA, Healthy Futures of Texas**  
In this session information will be presented on Big Decisions, which includes a medically accurate, inclusive, and age-appropriate (grades 8-12) curriculum. Discussion will also include how school districts, health agencies, and community leaders can implement the abstinence plus sex ed program that helps youth make healthy decisions about their future.

**Learning Objective:**
- Describe the Big Decisions program and the training to prepare for implementation.

**The State of the State: Teen Pregnancy in Texas and the Rio Grande Valley**  
**Major Jacob Brown, Room B**

**Jennifer Biundo, MPaff, Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy**  
In this session, participants will hear an overview of the most current data around teen pregnancy and birth trends in Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. The presenter will provide an analysis of ways in which public policy decisions impact teen pregnancy, and will examine evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention strategies.

**Learning Objectives:**
- Describe trends in teen birth rates in Texas over time, including disparities among populations, geographic variation, repeat teen birth rates, and factors shaping the choices of vulnerable youth.
- List ways in which youth-facing professionals can support teen pregnancy prevention and increase the ability of adolescents to access the information, health care and personal toolbox needed to avoid unplanned pregnancies.

**Talk Saves Lives™: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention**  
**Palmito Hill, Room C**

**Flor Leon, BS, Texas Department of State Health Services**  
This community-based presentation covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, the general scope of suicide, and information about suicide prevention research.

**Learning Objectives:**
- Describe what they can do to fight suicide.
- Describe the research on suicide prevention.
Reducing Teen Pregnancy Through Effective Contraception:
Best Practices for IUDs, Implants, and Emergency Contraception
Resaca De La Palma, Room A

Dr. Saul Rivas & Dr. Jennifer Salcedo, UTRGV School of Medicine
Despite recent declines in U.S. adolescent pregnancy rates, Texas maintains the fourth highest rate in the country. Additionally, Texas has the highest rate of repeat teen births. Long acting reversible contraception (LARC), including intrauterine devices and implants, is safe, highly effective, and demonstrates high uptake rates among teens when access barriers are removed. In this session, we’ll review best practices for providing LARC to adolescents in a framework of reproductive autonomy. We’ll highlight immediate postpartum LARC, including the innovative implementation of these services at Women’s Hospital at Renaissance. Lastly, we’ll spotlight the role of emergency contraception in pregnancy prevention for teens using less effective methods of contraception.

Learning Objectives:
• Describe evidence-based recommendations for the use of intrauterine devices and implants in the adolescent population.
• Describe the advantages and practical challenges of immediate postpartum provision of long-acting reversible contraception.
• Explain why advanced prescription of emergency contraception remains important despite FDA approval of over-the-counter emergency contraceptive pills.

Overcoming Childhood Trauma through a Creative School Social Work Intervention Model
Major Jacob Brown, Room B

Alberto Trevino, LMSW, Santa Rosa ISD
This session will cover the presentation of ACES research findings relevant to childhood trauma interventions, the benefits and attributes of resiliency in youth with who have experienced childhood trauma, and provide an overview of a school district’s intervention model using the school case management social work model within a STEM framework.

Learning Objectives:
• List three findings from the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and how it impacts youth health.
• Recite the definition of resilience and provide 3-4 examples of resilience skills to implement an engaging youth development program for difficult-to-serve youth.
• Describe how a creative STEM framework can help youth overcome the effects of childhood trauma and pave the way for academic success.

A Healthcare Approach to Human Trafficking
Palmito Hill, Room C
Mirelise Cartagena, PsyD & Katherine Robichaux, LMSW, Baylor College of Medicine Anti-Human Trafficking Program
Baylor College of Medicine Anti-Human Trafficking Program personnel will provide a brief overview of human trafficking including the terminology, typology, and basic operations, as well as how to recognize and respond to indicators of human trafficking within a health care setting. Attendees will be provided with a case vignette to review and conceptualize before choosing an appropriate response and creating a treatment plan relevant to their specific field of expertise and/or work setting.

Learning Objectives:
• Identify human trafficking victimization within their patient population.
• Formulate an intervention that address the victim’s biopsychosocial needs.

First Aid for Mental Health: Addressing the Needs of Teens
Charles Stillman, Room D

Frank Ricon, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
In this session, participants will learn the signs of mental illness in teens and how to address and talk about mental illness with teenagers.

Learning Objective:
• Describe how to identify, understand and respond to signs of addictive mental illness.

2 : 30 – 2 : 45 PM  Break with Exhibitors
Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in Texas and the Rio Grande Valley
Resaca De La Palma, Room A

Michelle Jones, MPH, City of Brownsville, Public Health Department

The presentation will define maternal mortality and morbidity and provide information on the top five causes of maternal mortality and morbidity. In addition, attendees will learn contributing factors to negative outcomes, and how to reduce those contributing factors.

Learning Objectives:
• Identify and explain the top 5 causes of maternal mortality and morbidity.
• Educate peers and the population on solutions to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity.

Recruiting and Training Trusted Adults
Major Jacob Brown, Room B

Veronica Whitehead, MEd, CHES, North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens

This session will cover how youth service professionals can become more approachable and knowledgeable when referring youth for sexual and reproductive healthcare. Participants will learn how to answer sensitive questions in a non-judgmental way and how to bring up difficult topics with the young people in their lives.

Learning Objectives:
• How to recruit professionals to become askable adults.
• Strategies for bringing up sensitive topics with young people.

Protegiendo a los Ninos/Protecting the Children
Palmito Hill, Room C

Norma Cavazos & Lupita Guerrero, Texas Department of State Health Services, Office of Border Public Health

Child abuse is a public health issue: Millions of children are abused or neglected every year. Research indicates those experiences have an impact lasting long after childhood and may contribute to some of the nation’s worst health problems. In this session, participants will learn about long-term impacts of abuse, emotional and behavioral problems associated with abuse, and how to report abuse.

Learning Objectives:
• Promote awareness, recognition, early intervention and awareness of child abuse and public health issues in relation to child abuse/neglect.
• Promotoras will understand the importance of child abuse reporting.

The Pregnant Post-partum Intervention Program: Caring for Mommies with an Opioid Use Disorder
Charles Stillman, Room D

Beatrice Sanchez, MSW & Tanya Prado, MSW, Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas

This session will cover opioid use disorder and pregnancy and ways to decrease stigma towards mothers with an opioid use disorder. Participants will also learn about Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, including symptoms, treatment approaches, and outcomes. Lastly, participants will leave with community resources targeting this population of mothers.

Learning Objectives:
• Describe substance use in pregnancy, specifically Opioid Use Disorder, and review treatment options and outcomes.
• Describe Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and identify symptoms and treatment approaches.
• Describe how to help support mothers with an Opioid Use Disorder and their babies.
• List community resources for mothers struggling with Opioid Use Disorder.

END OF DAY 1

LARC TRAINING
Free Training for Clinicians Only, Prior Registration Required

4:00 – 6:00 PM
Nexplanon Counseling and Training (Provided by Merck)
ROOM IQVIA
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Nutritional Health and Adolescents

Major Jacob Brown, Room B

Belinda Reininger, DrPH, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health Brownsville Campus

Attend this session to learn about the rates of healthy weight and obesity nationally and locally for adolescents, receive local nutritional data from SPAN and other sources, and hear about qualitative findings regarding beverage choices.

Learning Objectives:
- Recite the rates of childhood healthy weight and obesity in the Rio Grande Valley Region
- Describe the role sugary beverages play in poor nutritional choices of adolescents

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Navigating the Maze: Consent, Confidentiality, and Access to Care for Texas Youth
Charles Stillman, Room D
Jen Biundo, MPaff, Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
This session will provide an overview of state and federal statute that governs the ability of a minor to consent to health care and receive confidential services, an overview of federal, state and local funding streams that provide access to health care, including reproductive health care for low-income individuals, and an analysis of barriers to health care for both documented and undocumented immigrants.

Learning Objectives:
• Recite state and federal laws that govern minor consent to healthcare and healthcare confidentiality in Texas.
• Refer clients appropriately to programs that provide general and reproductive health care to adolescents and young adults in Texas.

10:45 – 11:15 AM             Break with Exhibitors
11:15 – 12:15 PM             Closing Keynote
Closing Keynote: Adolescent Health and Reproductive Justice
Palo Alto, Room E
Veronica Ray Whitehead, MEd, CHES, North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens
Veronica is currently the Director of Programs at the North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens (Ntarupt). In this role she oversees all education programming including a Tier 1B Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Grant from the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) and the Dallas Young Women’s Advisory Council in partnership with the Dallas Women’s Foundation.

Reproductive Justice, as defined by Sister Song, is the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities. As community and public health practitioners who work to improve the health and well-being of adolescents, it is important to examine whether or not our work upholds personal bodily autonomy for all people. Similarly, adolescent health issues do not occur in silos. In this session, participants will explore how intricate systems such as income and education are all connected to reproductive justice.

Learning Objectives:
• Define the Reproductive Justice Framework and relate the Reproductive Justice Framework to their current organizational teen pregnancy prevention approach.
• Apply the Reproductive Justice Framework to teen pregnancy prevention.

END OF DAY 2

LARC TRAINING
Free Training for Clinicians Only, Prior Registration Required
1:00 – 3:00 PM
IUD Counseling and Training (Provided by UTRGV Department of Ob/Gyn)
Charles Stillman, Room D
JEN BIUNDO, MPAff serves as the policy and data analyst for the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy where she maintains data sets and interactive data tools around teen pregnancy and birth data, and other adolescent health indicators. She holds a master’s degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT Austin. Previously, she served for five years as an analyst for the Legislative Budget Board, working on the Public Education and Health and Human Services teams. Jen frequently conducts trainings for clinicians, case workers, and other youth-serving professionals on the legal rights of minors to access health care in Texas.

QUINCY BONILLA, MS, CHWI has extensive knowledge in tobacco prevention and control. During his four-year tenure at the Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition of Hidalgo County, Quincy was able to increase awareness in private and public schools. In addition, he worked closely with health care providers to increase cessation referrals to the Texas Quitline. Lastly, he worked with local businesses to implement smoke-free policies in their workplace consequently increasing health and productivity. Quincy works diligently with school districts to counter attack the E-cigarette epidemic by educating staff about the societal trends and consequences of these nicotine delivery systems.

MIRELISE CARTAGENA, PSYD is a Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow for the Baylor College of Medicine Anti-Human Trafficking Program. She completed her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Carlos Albizu University, in San Juan, PR. Her clinical training has been primarily in community mental health and with Latino, Spanish-speaking populations. Dr. Cartagena completed her doctoral internship in community mental health at the Institute of Multicultural Counseling and Educational Services in Los Angeles, CA, where she worked with underserved individuals, especially minors, and their families, in need of intensive treatment and resources. She currently provides mental health services, both in English and Spanish, to victims and survivors of human trafficking. She also provides training workshops for healthcare providers and members of the community to better identify and advocate for patients who have experienced human trafficking.

NORMA CAVAZOS, JD, BA, CHWI, MHFAI is a certified Community Health Worker instructor for the Texas Department of State Health Services with an extensive background working with underserved children. Her work includes time as a Mental Health First Aid instructor, a Child Protective Service worker, a volunteer advocate with the American Red Cross, and as a child advocate representing children in federal custody as unaccompanied children from other countries.

RENE A. GONZALEZ is the Program Director at Healthy Futures of Texas for the Office of Adolescent Health’s Tier2B grant Big Decisions (serving three school districts in Eagle Pass, Del Rio, and Carrizo Springs Texas). Before joining the Healthy Futures of Texas team, Rene worked at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) where he served as Executive Director of Student Services and Corporate Internship Program and managed more than $13 million in grants.

GUADALUPE D. GUERRERO has been working with the Texas Department of State Health Services since March 1999. As a certified Community Health Worker and Community Health Worker instructor, she has trained CHW and CHW Instructors on several topics at conferences and workshops. Guadalupe is affiliated as an instructor with the South Texas Promotora Association, Texas A&M CHW Training Program, and Office of Border Public Health CHW Training Center. MELISSA HINOJOSA-ZAMORA is a founding board member of the South Texas Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She currently serves as the fundraising chair and public policy/advocacy chair for the organization. Melissa has advocated both at the state and federal level. Her experience as a suicide survivor, having lost her father as a child, had enabled her to present community programming such as Talk Saves Lives.

MICHELLE JONES, MPH earned her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, concentration Business Management and Marketing, from Middle Georgia State University. She earned her MPH in Epidemiology from Texas A&M where she was a member of EpiAssist and served as Treasurer and Research Lead for the Maternal and Child Health Student Organization. Michelle worked briefly in Ecuador conducting field epidemiology investigations into enteric pathogens. She is currently employed with the City of Brownsville as an epidemiologist under a Title V grant.

FLOR LEON, BS has been a volunteer for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for seven years, where she is a trained presenter and staff person. Flor regularly presents “Talk Saves Lives” and other AFSP programming in the community. After experiencing a family loss to suicide in 2012, she decided to attend Liberty University and pursue her education in Psychology. This allowed so many unanswered questions to be answered through education, statistics, and theology. She now strives to help others in her community by sharing her story, and educating them about suicide prevention. Flor also enjoys connecting and assisting people who have lost a family member, a loved one, or a friend to suicide and simply showing them that they are not alone.

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