

Meeting Title: Will County ROSC Council Meeting
Date: September 22, 2026
Location: Virtual
Facilitator: Magdalena Campos/Neesha Stringfellow
Attendees: Luz Aranda (Spanish Community Center); Danielle Heffernan (Serenity House); Libby Baird (OMNI); Brook Melvin (Will-Grundy Medical Clinic); Amy Bloomberg (Stepping Stones); Joan Stefka (WCHD); Tony Emling (Family Guidance Center-Manteno Branden House); Ben Rudolph (IDHS-DBHR); Brian Finkelstein (Trinity Services); Crystal A. Torres (NAMI); Morgan Roberts (University of Illinois Extension); Cristina Banda (Illinois Family Resource Center); Diana Belicke (Rosecrance); Cristyna Ramirez (ECS); Dominica Dybas (Chicago DEA Diversion); Neesha Stringfellow (HLM); Tarcia Leak (HLM); Magdalena Campos (HLM); Celeste Fonseca (HLM)

Status Report on items pending from last meeting:

Who	Task	Status
HLM Recovery 180 Will County ROSC	Email August Meeting Minutes	Emailed

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11:00am - 12:00pm	Welcome & Presentation by Luz Aranda Lead Community Organizer Spanish Community Center

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- ***Overview/Notes****:* The HLM Recovery R.O.S.C Will County Council Meeting focused on community resource coordination and provided specialized education on supporting immigrant and mixed-status families in the region.
- ***Community Survey and Introductions:*** Magdalena Campos requested that attendees scan a QR code to complete a community survey intended to identify service gaps for the upcoming fiscal year. Tarcia Leak explained that the survey includes 13 state-mandated questions and additional questions developed with Dr. Burke specifically for Will County. Tony Emling from the Family Guidance Center in Kankakee County was

introduced as a new partner interested in learning how to support client care. Tony Emling from the Family Guidance Center-Manteno (Branden House) in Kankakee County was introduced as a new partner interested in learning how to support client care.

- ***Know Your Rights Presentation:*** Luz Aranda from the Spanish Community Center presented an informative session on supporting immigrant and mixed-status families. The Spanish Community Center offers various services, including a food pantry, early child care, and family advocacy through the Illinois Welcoming Center. Luz highlighted the importance of using the 24-hour ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) hotline to report ICE activity and connect families with rapid response teams. Organizations were encouraged to create preparedness plans, which include designating specific staff members to handle potential encounters with law enforcement.
- ***Immigrant Support Resources:*** Luz emphasized that individuals have rights regardless of legal status, such as the right to remain silent and the right to see a valid judicial warrant. She emphasized that individuals have rights regardless of legal status, such as the right to remain silent and the right to see a valid judicial warrant. The "Tengo Miedo" book was shared as a resource for helping children navigate the trauma of immigration situations. A family preparedness plan involving temporary guardianship letters and G 28 forms was recommended to protect children and facilitate legal representation. The Coalition for Immigrant Mental Health was identified as a free resource providing emotional support for staff and community members impacted by immigration issues.
- ***Bilingual Service Capabilities:*** Magdalena Campos asked participating organizations about their capacity to provide bilingual services to clients. Crystal A. Torres from NAMI noted they offer Spanish-language programming like "Compartiendo Esperanza" to discuss mental health hygiene. Representatives from the Will County Health Department, Catholic Charities, IFRC, and Trinity Services confirmed they utilize bilingual case managers, counselors, or translators.
- ***Agency Updates, Events & Closing Remarks:*** Diana Belicke announced an open house at Rosecrance Behavioral Health's Frankfort clinic scheduled for October 7th. Tony Emling detailed a DBHR-funded grant program at Family Guidance Center for young adults aged 18–24 struggling with addiction and housing instability, which provides up to $5,600 in rental assistance upon completion. Magdalena Campos reviewed recent successes including the "Your Light Still Shines" event and upcoming initiatives like an interview with the DEA on October 21st regarding emerging drugs. The "Show Up Recovery" family event is scheduled for December 6th to recognize organizations performing recovery work in the community. The meeting closes with thanking everyone who attended and looking forward to next month’s council meeting, Tuesday, October 27th at 11:00am.