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Texas Migrant Council, Inc. receives Healthy Marriage Grant

Laredo, TX - Texas Migrant Council, Inc., dba New America Corporation (TMC/NAC) has been awarded a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, to deliver Healthy Marriage Program Development services in Webb County. The program began on February 1st and lasts for a period of five years.

“The goal of the program is to increase the number of children being raised in a stable environment and reach the most disadvantaged couples whose children are at risk of a host of negative outcomes should the parents separate” stated David Silva, Program Coordinator.

The funds for this program will be used to implement a public advertising campaign and provide marriage education to married couples, unmarried couples, and unwed expectant couples in Webb County. Through this program, individuals and couples will learn and practice core communication, problem solving, anger management, parenting, budgeting and healthy lifestyle skills. “Our program will provide guidance and assist TANF recipients who are considering marriage with the tools needed to ensure a healthy home environment,” stated Mary Capello, CEO. **For information on this program the public can contact David Silva at 956-722-5174.**

Background

The Healthy Marriage Development Program will consist of eight education workshops. Each marriage education workshop will be provided to 20 individuals. This program also exists in Forth Worth, Corpus Christi and the Fort Bend area in partnership with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

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