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### **Early Intervention Court receives grant from Temple Beth-El**

Commissioners Court on Tuesday accepted a \$30,000 donation from Temple Beth-El to support the Early Intervention Program of the Children's Court. The new program will help reunify families with newborn babies to toddlers with an emphasis on creating a healthy attachment between parent and child. The donation was secured by the Hidalgo Foundation of Bexar County.

"On behalf of the Hidalgo Foundation of Bexar County, I would like to recognize the generosity of Temple Beth-El for its support of the Early Intervention Program and the Children's Courts," said Hidalgo Foundation President Tracy Wolff. "This level of support means so much to the children of Bexar County."

The Hidalgo Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed in 2001 exclusively for charitable, literary, historical and educational purposes for the sole benefit of Bexar County. The Foundation has raised \$400,000 thus far for the Early Intervention Program.

The Children's Court program will achieve its mission by providing a comprehensive network of services in mental health and cognitive social development to families with children under the age of three who are involved in the child welfare system. Parents will be empowered with child development skills and education, while attachment and bonding issues often seen in these vulnerable children will be addressed.

"This is just another great example of the public/private partnership that Bexar County has formed with the faith-based community, like Temple Beth-El, through the Hidalgo Foundation," said Judge Peter Sakai, who presides over the Children's Court docket. "Through these strong collaborations we will better protect children, empower families and improve the system."

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