



Meeting Title: Grundy County ROSC Council Meeting

Date: September 22, 2026

Location: Virtual

Facilitator: Magdalena Campos

Attendees: Luz Aranda (Spanish Community Center); Ginni Demko (Chestnut Health Systems); Danielle Heffernan (Serenity House); Anne Krull (Grundy County Chamber); Diana Belicke (Rosecrance); Dominica Dybas (DEA Chicago Field Division); Angela Solis (Crossroads Counseling); Ben Rudolph (IDHS-DBHR); Julie Berry (OMNI); Vanessa Melendez (Kendall County); Tony Emling (Family Guidance); LeSahe Hudson (2MMOROW Startz 2day); Cristyna Ramirez (ECS); 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 Grundy County ROSC	Email August Meeting Minutes	Emailed

12:30pm - 1:30pm	Welcome & Presentation by Luz Aranda Lead Community Organizer Spanish Community Center
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- **Overview/Notes:** The Grundy County Council ROSC meeting featured a presentation by Luz Aranda from the Spanish Community Center regarding resources and preparedness for the Hispanic community facing immigration challenges.
- **Introduction and Meeting Purpose:** Magdalena Campos, program coordinator for HLM Recovery 180, opened the Grundy County Council ROSC meeting. The meeting was held to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and National Recovery Month in September.

Luz Aranda from the Spanish Community Center was introduced as the keynote speaker to discuss supporting Hispanic communities.

- ***Spanish Community Center Overview:*** Luz Aranda explained that her organization focuses on education, advocacy, resources, and emotional support. The center provides community organizing, voter engagement, and "Know Your Rights" workshops. Available services include a food pantry, affordable early childcare, family advocacy, and assistance with benefits applications. The center also assists families with legal matters such as divorce and custody.
- ***Immigration Rights and Safety:*** Luz emphasized that everyone has rights regardless of their immigration status. She advised individuals to remain silent and not open doors to authorities without a judicial warrant. A valid judicial warrant must include a person's full legal name, be signed by a judge, and be issued within the last 16 days. Organizations are encouraged to create safety plans and designate specific points of contact for interacting with ICE agents.
- ***Reporting and Rapid Response:*** The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) operates a 24/7 family support hotline with 19 languages available. Reporting ICE activity allows for the deployment of rapid responders to investigate and provide support. An app created by ICIRR helps community members receive confirmed updates on local ICE sightings. Luz noted that recording interactions with agents is legal in Illinois and helps hold authorities accountable.
- ***Family Preparedness Planning:*** The center provides free tools like temporary guardianship letters to ensure children are cared for if a parent is detained. These letters are valid for 365 days and allow trusted individuals to assist with school or medical needs. The G-28 form is recommended so that a designated person can hire an attorney on behalf of a detained individual. Several organizations, including Warehouse Workers for Justice and SSIP, assist in completing these documents for free.
- ***Mental Health and Support Resources:*** Luz highlighted the severe mental health impact on families living in survival mode due to immigration fears. The Coalition for Immigrant Mental Health provides free sessions for community members and support for organizational staff. The center uses bilingual books to help parents discuss difficult immigration topics with their children without causing further trauma. The meeting concluded with a discussion on how nonprofits can protect client confidentiality while complying with the law. Magdalena thanks everyone who attended and looks forward to next month's council meeting, Tuesday, October 27th at 12:30pm CST.