



Thank you for your interest in joining the For Houston's Kids network! One of the features that distinguishes For Houston's Kids is the commitment made by members of the network of service providers to engage in genuine and sustained collaboration. This collaboration focuses on:

- learning with and from one another for achieving measurable results
- strategizing together to eliminate the existence of asset deserts and any unnecessary duplication of services
- implementing solutions that ensure access in every neighborhood and school to what kids need to be whole and healthy.

This kind of collaboration is uncommon ... and essential! Authentic collaboration will likely require many of us to embrace changes of thinking as well as behavior. In order to help you and other already busy service providers move from "intentions" to "actions," For Houston's Kids asks network members to make promises and then be held accountable to these promises for at least 12 months after making them.

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**The For Houston's Kids Network Covenant**

*As a member of the For Houston's Kids network, I/we declare our promise to honor the following commitments in pursuit of the vision of every neighborhood and school in greater Houston producing whole and healthy kids who become whole, healthy, productive adults making positive contributions to well-being of their community:*

**The following are the 40 Developmental Asset area(s) in which we deliver services as part of our core competency (see descriptions on the For Houston's Kids website under the "Volunteer" tab, and Check all that apply):**

- Adventure & Discovery**
- Positive Values**
- Creativity & Self-Expression**
- Educational Assistance**
- Family Support & Life Skills**
- Health & Nutrition**
- Mentors**
- Physical & Sports Activities**



**1. Two times per year a leader of our Organization/Efforts will be present and participate fully in meeting with others who share a common core competency. The purposes of these meetings include:**

- \* to determine together, in light of current research and with the help of expert resources, the agreed-to outcomes in the lives of kids that indicate progress and success.**
- \* to report and evaluate real, measurable results and the learning derived from our individual and collective efforts.**
- \* to create and ensure a current, comprehensive Map of greater Houston indicating the location of services providing Assets needed by kids. *(This map will be a resource to the public to assist in the awareness and utilization of services by those in need. This map will be a resource to the For Houston's Kids network in assessing results and strategizing with others to eliminate duplication of services and eradicate neighborhoods/schools that have no Assets present.)***
- \* to devise and implement collaborative solutions, based on best practices and indicators of progress, that eliminate asset deserts in neighborhoods and schools.**

**2. Regularly and as needed, in order to make the website a helpful resource for both volunteers and other network members, we will:**

- \* Post and keep volunteer opportunities current on the website.**
- \* Respond promptly to inquiries and applications from those interested in volunteer opportunities.**
- \* Post, and keep current on the network Member pages of the website, information about online and written resources that we find helpful in our efforts to help kids.**
- \* Respond promptly to requests from other network members for counsel or feedback.**

**3. Regularly and when requested, we will provide feedback and counsel to the For Houston's Kids staff and Board.**



*For Houston's Kids will be largely funded initially through generous organizations, foundations and individuals. Members of the network are asked to consider making a suggested minimum \$15/month contribution to For Houston's Kids toward maintenance of the website, for in-network and public communications, and for materials needed in the convening of meetings of network members. If this size of contribution is a hardship for your organization/effort, please contact the For Houston's Kids staff: we do not want to present an undue burden to those willing to make and honor the other promises in order to create a collaborating network and multiply the volunteers who will make an impact now and in the future for Houston's kids.*

4. We will make a \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly contribution to For Houston's Kids for the next 12 months.

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(Signature of executive leader)

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(Printed name of executive leader)

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**Thank you! After you have returned this *For Houston's Kids* member commitment you will receive an email with an attachment providing you a password for completing the Organization Registration on the website, and through that site a link for access to the pages for posting volunteer opportunities with and within your organization.**