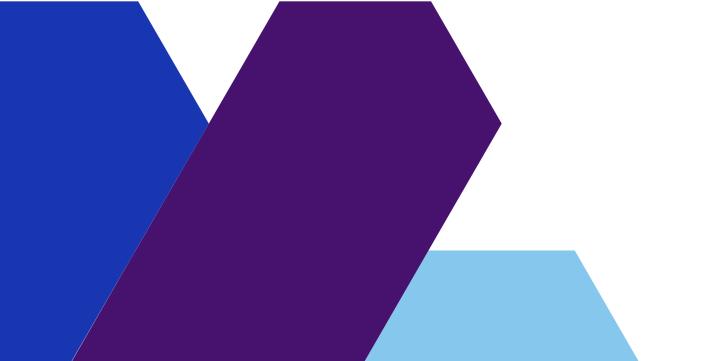
# CROWLEY ISD BOARD MEETING

September 30, 2021

# Introductions

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# **Development of New Community Partnership**

### **Purpose of the Initial Future Steps Partnership**

- •Provide NO cost mental health services
- •Train our Clinical Mental Health Counseling Master's students
  - Done at 1 specific elementary school and 1 specific middle school

•To expand into more schools

•To eventually offer services to the broader community

Family members, and parents of Crowley ISD students

## The Impact of Covid-19 on Children

Grief and Loss Adjustment Changes Social Development Academic Challenges

The New Tarleton Campus in Fort Worth

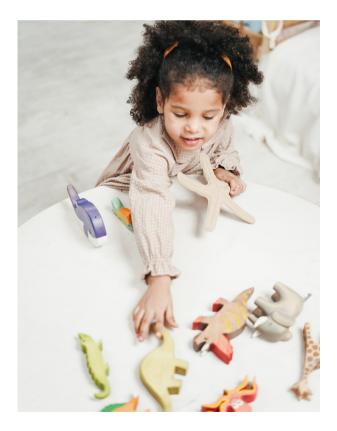
Presidential Fund for Excellence Grant

# Why Now?

# What is Play Therapy?

Play therapy is an interpersonal, dynamic relationship between a child and a therapist trained in play therapy procedures. Since play is the natural language of children, it gives them the opportunity to express their emotions symbolically, make the connection between abstract and concrete thoughts, learn coping skills, and build self-esteem. Play therapy helps a child develop responsibility, decision making skill, and self-control in a safe, predictable, and nonthreatening manner.





## What is Sandtray Therapy?

•Sandtray therapy is a form of counseling designed to allow children to express themselves by creating their own unique worlds in a tray of sand using a collection of figurines. Because children often have difficulty expressing their emotions with words, Sandtray therapy helps by providing a safe expressive environment in which they can work through any issues that might distract them in class.

 In sandtray therapy, children are given the opportunity to use the time to symbolize or discuss concerns with a therapist trained in counseling children. Many children create sandtray worlds to symbolize their school life, peer relationships, and emotions.



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