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ABOUT

## ROXANNE RAMIREZ

oxanne Ramirez is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and chair of the Hidalgo County Mental Health Coalition.

She is a psychotherapist with a focus on complicated trauma, grief and bereavement. She is a dynamic leader with a passion for transforming lives and communities. As founder and CEO of the Healing Centre, she helps guide individuals, couples, and families through a process of healing through an approach of emotional and mental well-being. Roxanne is also Adjunct Faculty member at UTRGV School of Social Work.

Certified as a John Maxwell Speaker, Trainer, and Coach, Roxanne's leadership extends to various community organizations. She is currently serving as the Chair of The Hidalgo County Mental Health Coalition. Most recently she was selected and featured as a speaker at the 2024 TEDxMcAllen.

With multiple board memberships, Roxanne advocates for mental health awareness and education at local, state, and national levels. Her innovative community engagement initiative, Therapy Talk with Roxanne, demonstrates her dedication to reducing stigma surrounding trauma and mental health. Roxanne is driven by her mission to equip individuals for triumph over tragedy, fostering a culture of hope and healing.



## Hilda Salinas Bio

Hilda Salinas is the Assistant Chief of Staff with the Hidalgo County Judge's Office. Her career experience of over thirty years involves expertise in effectively serving a culturally diverse population across many areas including twenty-five years in the Counseling and Guidance arena. Salinas' expertise also encompasses work across various socioeconomic backgrounds, staff management, and strategic planning in the educational and governmental arena. Concurrent to her career in education, Hilda earned sixteen years of successful hands-on involvement in local government through service as City Commissioner, District 3 on the McAllen City Commission. Making history as the first woman to serve on the McAllen Public Utilities Board, Salinas also served the City of McAllen as Mayor Pro-Tem. Salinas' municipal government service earned her a myriad of skills, working in water and wastewater systems, transportation, emergency management, design, and construction. Being passionate about educating the community, Salinas has experience presenting at conferences and conducting workshops throughout the state.

Salinas, who graduated from McAllen High School, earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, formerly Pan American University noted: "Serving the public has been my life's mission and I am grateful to continue doing so."

