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## **El Paso County Invites the Media to Tour the El Paso County Migrant Support Center at New Location**

El Paso County invites the media to tour the El Paso County Migrant Support Center on **March 9, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.** at 4121 Montana Ave. El Paso County has been working to set up the new center with the help of its contractor, The Providencia Group.

El Paso County's first center opened on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Now, the County is moving to a facility that will allow the expansion of services to assist more individuals, if needed. Services provided focus exclusively on facilitating self-pay travel needs of asylum seekers who have a sponsor or point of contact in the U.S. and who have the resources to travel to their destination quickly. The center will continue to operate between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days per week, 365 days per year. Arriving asylum-seekers will have a brief orientation of the process and are then assigned to a case worker where self-pay travel arrangements are coordinated in the most humane and expedited manner. The goal of the center is to help expedite migrants' travel to reunite with their sponsor, usually a relative, to other interior parts of the country which will help decompress hospitality sites and detention facilities here in El Paso.

The County has already been approved for FEMA advanced funding and will be 100% reimbursed for associated expenses with the establishment of this center.

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