County: CITY OF BERKELEY

Plan Projects:

This PEI Plan has 4 projects:
1) BE A STAR
2) Building Effective Schools Together (BEST)
3) Community Education/Supports

Plan Strengths:

- The City of Berkeley worked diligently to ensure that the underserved, unserved and inappropriately served populations were represented at the Steering Committee. The MHSA Coordinator worked closely with the Multicultural Outreach Coordinator, the Family Advocate, and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Coordinator.
- During the Planning Process, translators were available in Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.
- BE A STAR Project provides behavioral-emotional assessments and screenings to children ages 0-5. It will develop an inter-operable data system to track screenings, assessment, referrals, and treatments in coordination with Alameda County.
- The BEST Project identifies and fills the resource gaps inherent in the current early intervention services and will primarily benefit the low-income students without Medi-Cal (undocumented and uninsured students).
- Community Education/Supports will provide financial resources and technical assistance to community based organizations serving underserved cultural populations in order to implement support groups and strategies to address trauma and other needs.

BUDGET: $966,700

Staff and the Plan Review Team Recommends: APPROVAL