



## PEI PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

**County: KERN**

### **Plan Projects:**

This PEI Plan has 4 projects:

- 1) Student Assistance Programs
- 2) Future Focus
- 3) Integrated Physical & Behavioral Healthcare
- 4) Senior Volunteer Outreach

### **Plan Strengths:**

- Planning meetings were divided into four age-specific workgroups. The in-depth planning process within each workgroup was a very successful strategy to select and develop their PEI projects.
- Kern County made impressive efforts in their planning to engage the TAY community as well as the migrant farm working communities.
- Project 1 will be delivered in Kern's K-12<sup>th</sup> grade school sites to improve access to services and improve outcomes for unserved and underserved children and families.
- Project 2 will target TAY transitioning out of foster care services and will include Evidenced-based Solution-Focused, Cognitive-Behavioral, psycho-educational and group therapy.
- Project 3 will target military veterans and will be located in both urban and rural areas. Project 3 includes a Mobile Brief Services program.
- Project 4 is a peer-based outreach and engagement program which target population is older adults and seniors. This project is based on The Santa Monica Peer Counseling for Seniors model that has been effective since 1977.

**BUDGET: \$3,859,069**

**Staff and the Plan Review Team Recommends: APPROVAL**