PEI PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

County: Los Angeles

Plan Projects:

This PEI Plan has 10 projects:
1) School-based Services  
2) Family Education and Support Services  
3) At-Risk Family Services  
4) Trauma Recovery Services  
5) Primary Care and Behavioral Health  
6) Early Care & Support for TAY  
7) Juvenile Justice Services  
8) Early Care & Support for Older Adults  
9) Improving Access for Underserved  
10) American Indian Project

Plan Strengths:

- Los Angeles conducted a comprehensive Community Program Planning (CPP) process that portrayed an understanding of its eight unique service areas with in-depth reports and data profiles related to demographics and key mental health indicators. For a large county, there was broad inclusion of various stakeholders through the use of community surveys, key individual interviews, focus groups, and community forums with the provision of transportation, taxi vouchers, childcare, ASL interpreters, and translators.
- Los Angeles presented a Plan with a solid foundation of data and outcome-driven programs unlike most PEI Plans with a focus on Evidence-based Practices.
- Project 1 includes 9 programs targeting various underserved groups throughout the county to address challenges that impede school success, including a bullying prevention program and another program that empowers parents to be primary prevention agents for their children.
- Project 2 has 6 programs, including but not limited to Triple P Parenting, Incredible Years, and Mamas y Bebes targeting Latina mothers and families.
- Project 3 will implement 9 programs, one of which is a supportive intervention for adoptive parents of high-risk children and a community-defined evidence program that promotes positive parenting.
- Project 4 includes 8 programs, including a pilot program, System Navigators for Veterans, to engage this group’s unique needs.
• Project 5 has 7 programs with a range of services such as an advice line to help physicians provide improved mental health treatment, maternal wellness center, prevention and early intervention for depression, and parenting trainings.
• Project 6 includes 8 programs to identify, support, and treat youth in the early stages of mental illness. The Asian American Enrichment Network program will be implemented with youth and their parents dealing with intergenerational acculturation issues.
• Project 7 will implement 10 voluntary programs to focus on the largely overrepresented Latino and African-American youth in the juvenile justice system.
• Project 8 has 6 programs to identify and link older adults who need mental health treatment, including a Promotores de Salud program for Latino adults, a Gatekeeper Case-finding model, and a Psychogeriatric Assessment and Treatment in City Housing program.
• Project 9 includes 8 programs specifically targeting LGBTQ, deaf/hard-of-hearing, and blind/visually impaired communities.
• Project 10 focuses on implementing a school-based suicide prevention program and an early intervention trauma focused-program for American-Indian youth given that Los Angeles is the most populous county in the nation with regard to this population.

BUDGET: $121,661,559

Staff and the Plan Review Team Recommends: APPROVAL