



PEI PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

County: San Joaquin

Plan Projects:

This PEI Plan has 5 projects:

- 1) Reducing Disparities in Access
- 2) School-based Prevention Efforts
- 3) Connections for Seniors and Adults
- 4) Empowering Youth and Families
- 5) Suicide Prevention and Supports

San Joaquin County Plan Strengths:

- To ensure maximum attendance at community strategy meetings, staff made over 450 phone calls to the people on their MHSA contact lists.
- San Joaquin County CPP process was very thorough including: Key Informant Interview; community specific discussion groups; Planning Teams; Children, Youth, Consumer and Older Adult Workgroups; and Key Informant Questionnaires.
- Project #1 will utilize cultural brokers including: ministers, medicine men and women, shamans, and elders who can effectively influence cultural norms and perceptions around mental health.
- Project #2 will, among other things, help school counselors and administrators understand how co-occurring disorders manifest in children and adolescents and which interventions are most useful.
- Project #3 will work in tandem with other projects that offer ongoing support for families experiencing acute stress related to economic, substance use, environmental and/or other family concerns.
- Project #4 has an effective multi-pronged strategy which includes a focus on Family Environment, the Impact of Violence and Poverty.
- Project #5 will train trainers on Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) and how to customize the training to suit a particular population, culture or organization.

BUDGET: \$11,676,900

Staff and the Plan Review Team Recommends: APPROVAL