



PEI PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY

County: SANTA CRUZ

Plan Projects:

This PEI Plan has 4 projects:

- 1) Children & Adolescents
- 2) Culture Specific Parent Education & Support
- 3) Transition Age Youth & Adults
- 4) Older Adults

Plan Strengths:

- Santa Cruz conducted an outstanding Community Program Planning (CPP) process that included 60 meetings including workgroup meetings and focus groups with Latinos, consumers and family members, veterans, youth, and the LGBTQ populations. The county asked consumers and family members their preferred meeting times prior to scheduling them.
- The Review Team was impressed with the transparency of the planning process through the posting of all meeting minutes on the website.
- Project #1 has strong leveraging of resources to deliver services with a focus on a new assessment center for families with children ages 0-3, countywide parent education and support, and school-based services.
- Project #2 will fund Cara Y Corazón, which is a culturally based family strengthening and community mobilization approach that assists parents and extended family members to raise and educate their children from a positive bicultural base. Jóven Noble will also be funded as a youth leadership development program.
- Project #3 has a unique strategy in funding a veteran's advocate.
- Project #4 will provide outreach and services to seniors in their homes.

BUDGET: \$3,800,242

Staff and the Plan Review Team Recommends: APPROVAL