



## **PEI PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY**

**County: Kern**

### **Review History:**

Original Plan Submitted: **May 21, 2009**

Formal Review Meeting: **June 2, 2009 and August 10, 2009**

Letter Providing Review Team Feedback: **June 18, 2009**

Conference Call with County to Review Feedback: **June 2, 2009 to September 10, 2009**

Plan Recommended for Approval: **September 24, 2009**

### **Plan Projects:**

This PEI Plan has 4 projects:

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

### **Kern County 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.

**The Plan Review Team Recommends: APPROVAL**

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