



Fiscal Year 2010/11 PEI ANNUAL UPDATE NEW PROGRAM

APPROVAL SUMMARY Marin County

Total Requested for New Program: \$25,000

Staff Recommend: APPROVAL

Review History

- Marin County Submitted 2010/11 Update: 11/05/2010
- Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Vote regarding New Program Approval: 12/14/2010

Marin County

Marin County is located north of San Francisco and south of Sonoma County. Marin County covers 828 square miles.

County Demographic Profile

Population: 247,289

- Latino: 11%
- API: 4.5%
- Native American: .43%
- African American: 2 %
- Caucasians: 84%

Age

- 20% under age 18
- 5% Transitional Aged Youth
- 13% age 65 or older

Summary of Stakeholder Process

Marin County has an ongoing Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Community Program Planning Process that continues to be a collaborative effort that includes consumers, family members and service providers. The PEI Committee forms four work groups to make program recommendations. These workgroups included representatives from Community Action Marin, Novato Youth Center, Isoji Non-profit Social Justice Activist Organization, Tamalpais Unified High School District, Family Services Agency, Novato Wellness Center, Huckleberry Youth Programs, Marin Abused Women's Services, County Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Program and three high school students. As a result of the analysis of community data and community and stakeholder input, the workgroups identified Across Ages Mentoring as the most appropriate intervention for the Community Mental Health Need and the Priority Population.

Across Ages Mentoring

- This program is built on existing services in Marin County, including the on-going collaborative efforts of youth service providers in the target area. Across Ages is an evidence-based model that has been shown to achieve a variety of successful outcomes.
- This program will target students at the Martin Luther King Junior Academy in Southern Marin, and students who are likely to enter this middle school. These students are primarily low-income African American children and youth.
- This program has been shown to reduce school suspensions and substance abuse and improve attitudes towards adults. Individual and family level outcomes target increasing school attendance and performance, reducing isolation and school drop-out rates and reducing family stress.

Examples of Reviewers Comments

- The use of data and the community need was well described and justified the need for this program.
- Including the families is a valuable component of this program and their involvement was well documented.