

The Regional Access Project Foundation, Inc. (RAP) is an organization dedicated to the provision of services addressing unmet need in the areas of Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Intervention to residents of Riverside County's 4th Supervisory District and a section of the 3rd Supervisory District. The geographic area is referred to as Eastern Riverside County. RAP is able to meet its mission due to a unique cooperative agreement between the City of Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency, the County of Riverside and the foundation.

In fiscal year 2007-08, the Regional Access Project Foundation provided over \$997,000.00 in cash grants as well as over \$225,000.00 in direct technical support to schools, governmental agencies, churches and community based organizations.

RAP believes that public access to services hinges on the capacity of the organizations providing those services to the community. The Technical Assistance Program (TAP), focus will continue to be mentoring, coaching, strategic planning, and leadership development for those organizations. Through the vision of the Board of Directors, the RAP Foundation's Technical Assistance Program provides consultants and services for capacity building, organizational development, strategic planning, fund raising, seminars and educational opportunities to individuals and groups providing services and outreach within RAP's mission at no cost to the organization. Another service of TAP is the provision of meeting space, meeting related equipment and internet access to providers during their meetings also at no cost to the organization.

The RAP Foundation has invested in community-based tax-exempt organizations, which has resulted in positive, tangible outcomes for the communities of Eastern Riverside County. There have been major challenges to residents and service providers over the past year that is foreseen as a trend in the coming years. The investment made in the community has shown successes in programs that have demonstrated healthier seniors and children, as well as families receiving quality services that support RAP's mission of creating a healthier community in the areas of health, mental health and juvenile intervention. The Regional Access Project Foundation is proud of its commitment, engagement and accountability to the community.

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