

SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY



FOSTER YOUTH
AGES **14-18**
SERVED



92%
GRADUATION
RATE

1st

OF ITS
KIND IN THE
NATION

PURPOSE:

San Pasqual Academy (SPA) is a first in the nation residential education campus designed specifically for foster teens. SPA's work-readiness and self-sufficiency program, "Youth Empowerment Services," provides direct services to youth in financial literacy, leadership development, internships, job shadowing, career explorations and job placement.

SPA began in the late 1990s when the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, led by supervisors Ron Roberts and Greg Cox, brought together the Health and Human Services Agency and the Juvenile Court to identify critical issues within the foster care system. Among an increasing number of foster youth, many lacked independent living skills and were not earning their high school diplomas.

In 1999, the County of San Diego purchased the current 238-acre Escondido campus, which opened in 2001. The Board of Supervisors led over 400 stakeholders in an effort to fund the renovations for the campus through public-private partnerships.

FUNDING SOURCE:

United States Department of Labor, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

FUNDING AMOUNT:

\$517,165 per program year

TERM:

Ongoing

POPULATION SERVED:

Foster youth ages 14-18

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

Access, Inc.

PARTNERS:

- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- New Alternatives, Inc.
- San Diego County Office of Education
- San Diego County Child Welfare Services



"San Pasqual Academy was there for my family when there was a tragedy in our lives and we knew that we needed help. They were here with open arms to invite all of us in with the understanding that we needed help and that we can be angry or disappointed at times. San Pasqual Academy gave a place for all four of us to grow, live, and understand each other in one spot."

—Justeen, Resident