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New Behavioral Health Facility in San Marcos**

*The Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Will Expand Access to Critical Mental Health Services
for Youth Across California*

San Marcos, Calif. – May 20, 2025 – [Casa de Amparo](https://www.casadeamparo.org) today announces it has been awarded \$19 million in grant funding through the Department of Health Care Services' Proposition 1 Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 1: Launch Ready. This investment will fund the construction of a new Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) on Casa de Amparo's 11.4-acre San Marcos campus-marking a major expansion of behavioral health services in the region.

"This funding marks a historic milestone for Casa de Amparo and for the community we've proudly served for more than 40 years," said Kathy Karpé, CEO of Casa de Amparo. "The addition of this facility reflects our continued commitment to protecting and empowering youth, and it allows us to respond more effectively to the growing behavioral health needs of young people across California."

While Casa de Amparo has long specialized in supporting foster youth who have experienced abuse and neglect, the new facility represents an expansion of services to Medi-Cal eligible youth in California—regardless of foster status—ensuring more young people can access the care they need.

"The Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility will provide critical care for youth facing severe mental health challenges," said Karpé. "By offering developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed treatment right here in San Diego County, we're not only meeting an urgent need—we're making a meaningful investment in the well-being and future of our young people."

The project is part of California's broader behavioral health infrastructure initiative to reduce mental health crises, expand access to community-based care, and improve long-term outcomes. BHCIP funding supports high-impact projects like this one that promote sustainable, integrated behavioral health systems.

Casa de Amparo's programs serve vulnerable youth aged 12–25, offering a continuum of support that includes housing, healthcare, and therapeutic services. By providing youth with the resources and tools to heal from trauma and build resilience, Casa de Amparo empowers the next generation to thrive.

ABOUT CASA DE AMPARO

Founded in 1978, [Casa de Amparo](https://www.casadeamparo.org)—Spanish for "Home of Protection"—is a recognized leader in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond. With locations in Oceanside and San Marcos, Casa de Amparo serves vulnerable youth from prenatal to 25 years old through two core programs: [Residential Services](#) and [New Directions](#), both designed to promote healing, growth, and healthy relationships. For more information, visit www.casadeamparo.org.

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