

## **Educational links and resources**

### **Job Corps**

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### **FAFSA**

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

The FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) is the first step in the financial aid process. Use it to apply for federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.

### **Chafee Grant**

<http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov>

The California Chafee Grant Program gives free money to current or former foster youth to use for career and technical training or college courses.

### **Bakersfield College**

<http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu>

Community College that offers a wide range of educational and vocational programs.

### **California State University, Bakersfield**

<http://www.csub.edu>

State University featuring a variety of college majors and related coursework.

### **Scholarships**

[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.geoscholarships.com](http://www.geoscholarships.com)

[www.finaid4you.com](http://www.finaid4you.com)

### **Legal resources**

#### **California Youth Connection**

<http://www.calyouthconn.org>

Current and former foster youth using their experiences with the child welfare system to improve foster care, educate the public and policy makers about their unique needs and change negative stereotypes.

#### **California Foster Care Ombudsman's Office**

<http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/>

Focuses on foster youth rights and facts.

Also a free Help Line 1-877-846-1602

**California Senate Information**

<http://www.sen.ca.gov/~newsen/senators/senators.htm>

Go to "Your Senator" to find Your California State Legislative Representatives

**Know Your California Legislature**

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

Enter a California zip code to find what Legislators represent that area.

**REPRESENT! The Voice of Youth In Care**

[www.youthcomm.org](http://www.youthcomm.org)

**Victim Witness Assistance**

Legal services, compensation for qualified applicants

1415 Truxtun Ave.

661-868-4535

**Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance**

Legal Services

615 California Ave.

661-325-5943

**Health****Sagebrush Medical Plaza**

1111 Columbus Ave.

Health clinic for adults- 661-325-5000

**Kern County Mental Health**

Intake assessment at this site; sliding fee scale

2151 College Ave.

661-868-8080

**Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault**

Domestic violence and sexual assault victim counseling; support groups; all services are voluntary/ no fee

1921 19<sup>th</sup> St.

661-322-0931

24 hour hotline- 1-800-273-7713

**Kern County Health Department**

Family Planning

1800 Mt. Vernon Ave.

661-868-0305

**Kern Medical Center**

Birth control, family planning, Ob/Gyn clinic

1830 Flower St.

661-326-2772

**Planned Parenthood**

Birth control, family planning  
2535 16<sup>th</sup> St. suite 10  
661-634-1000

**Kern Regional Center**

Services for developmentally delayed, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autism  
3200 N. Sillect Ave.  
661-327-8531

**Infants and children**

**Sagebrush Medical Plaza**

1111 Columbus Ave.  
Health clinic for infants/children- 661-326-6500

**Bakersfield Crisis Pregnancy Center**

No fees. Pregnancy tests and options/ post abortion counseling, health care/social services referrals, baby clothes/furniture. Christian pro-life.  
2920 F Street, suite C-5  
661-326-1907

**Adolescent Family Life Program/Cal-Learn**

Pregnant and parenting teen program  
2707 F St.  
661-324-0293

**Community Connection for Child Care**

Infant and child services  
2000 24<sup>th</sup> St.  
661-861-5217

**Head Start Program, KCEOC**

Infant and child services  
300 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
661-336-5236

**WIC**

Special supplemental food program for women's infants and children  
234 Baker St.  
661-322-3907

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Support for alcohol abuse  
661-322-4025

**Other resources****Family to Family Mentoring**

Links to services/resources  
900 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
661-633-9133

**Kern County Human Services**

Child protective services  
24 hours/7days week  
661-631-6011  
Temporary Aid for Needy Families/Medi-Cal/Food stamps/Homeless assistance  
100 E. California Ave.  
661-631-6000

**Social Security Administration**

5300 Office Park Dr.  
661-861-4242  
Toll free- 7a.m. to 7 p.m.- 1-800-772-1213

**California County Independent Living Program (ILP) Coordinators**

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/res/pdf/ILPCC03.pdf>

A listing of county ILP contacts

**Food/Shelter/Housing****Housing Authority of the County of Kern (HACK)**

Section 8/Low income housing  
601 24<sup>th</sup> St.  
661-631-8500

**Bakersfield Homeless Center**

Homeless services including food and temporary shelter  
1600 East Truxtun Ave.  
661-322-9281

**Bakersfield Rescue Mission**

Homeless services including food and temporary shelter  
Men- 830 Beale Ave. 661-325-0863  
Women- 820 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. 661-325-4565

**Golden Empire Gleaners**

Food  
1326 30<sup>th</sup> St.  
661-324-2767

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

Clothing, emergency furniture, food baskets, rent/utilities as funds are available  
316 Baker St.  
661-323-2942

**Salvation Army**

Food, rental assistance  
4417 Wilson Road  
661-837-4243

**South Chester Partnership**

Food/clothing referrals, Healthy Families program  
800 Ming Ave.  
661-398-0203

**Valley Catholic Charities**

Hygiene kits, diapers, limited food  
525 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
661-281-2130

**Transportation****Golden Empire Transit (GET)**

Bus schedule information  
661-869-2438

**Get-A-Lift**

Disabled transportation services  
661-869-6363

**Department of Motor Vehicles**

3120 F St.  
1-800-777-0133

**Employment/Job training****Career Services Centers**

Job placement assistance/training/information  
5121 Stockdale Hwy.  
661-325-4473

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**Department of Rehabilitation**

The California Department of Rehabilitation works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living and equality for individuals with disabilities.

<http://www.dor.ca.gov>

1405 Commercial Way

661-395-2525

**Bakersfield Adult School**

Educational and job training for adults

501 S. Mt. Vernon Ave.

661-835-1855

**Army Recruiting Center**

4101 Chester Ave.

661-322-4320

**Marine Corps**

3611 Stockdale Hwy.

661-835-9547

**Navy Recruiting Center**

3611 Stockdale Hwy.

661-396-1296