



Kern County Department of Human Services

# Resource Family Caregiver Guide to Services

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Kern County Department of Human Services is an equal opportunity employer.

### ***Core Purpose:***

*To care for and enrich the lives of children, families and individuals in our community.*

### ***Vision:***

*We create remarkable experiences building resiliency, safety, value and respect. We are passionate and committed to transforming the lives of those we serve and those who serve.*

### ***Mission:***

*We partner with children, individuals, families and the community to provide customer-centered services, ensuring safe, protected and permanent homes for children and employment preparation for adults.*

### ***Core Values:***

- ***Integrity***
  - *We do what we say*
- ***Open Communication***
  - *We timely transfer information, ensuring understanding*
- ***Accountability***
  - *We take responsibility*
- ***Innovation***
  - *We embrace new and creative ideas to find solutions that meet ever-evolving requirements and increasing workloads*
- ***Service Excellence***
  - *We provide professional and timely services that meet the needs of others*
- ***Growth***
  - *We commit to continuous transformation*

### ***Resource Caregiver Family Guide Services also available on-line:***

County of Kern website  
Department of Human Services

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



*Be sure to click on “resource family approval” under the services tab, then click on the “additional information.” This guide is listed under “additional handouts.”*

*(Department staff can also access this guide internally through the intranet.)*

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## **To ALL Resource Families:**

Whether you are a relative/kinship caregiver, a non-related extended family member (NREFM) or a resource family approved caregiver, YOU ARE IMPORTANT and although the steps you took to become a caregiver for a child in foster care may be different, we welcome you as part of the DHS TEAM of Resource Families. THANK YOU for the valuable services you provide to families in times of temporary crises. You open your hearts and homes to the children who are coping with family disruptions. This resource directory/guide was developed to assist you as resource family caregivers. We hope that you find this to be a useful guide.

The *Resource Family Guide to Services* is available on the County of Kern Web site, Department of Human Services, at [www.KCDHS.org](http://www.KCDHS.org) Be sure to click on “resource family approval” under the services tab, then click on the “additional information.” This guide is listed under “additional handouts.”

### **Kern County Resource Families are Valued, Respected, Supported, and skilled Partners and Advocates who:**

- Provide safe loving homes.
- Commit to development and success of children and families.
- Encourage family connections and nurturing relationships.
- Maintain a lifelong connection to children whenever possible.



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## CHILDREN'S SERVICES



### Child Care

#### **State Preschool Program.....631-4936**

Administrative Office  
1111-10<sup>th</sup> St. 93304  
State Pre-K program through Bakersfield City School District.  
Morning and afternoon programs for children 3-4 years old. Income based program.  
<http://www.bcsd.com/>

#### **Caring Corner Daycare.....847-7342**

942 Wible Rd. 93304  
Pediatric day care for medically fragile children.  
<http://www.caringcorner.org/>

#### **Community Action Partnership of Kern.....336-5236**

Administrative Office  
5005 Business Park North Ste 130 93309  
<http://www.capk.org/>  
Head Start Preschool Programs for children (0-5). Child care and migrant education assistance. Greater Bakersfield, Delano, Shafter, Wasco communities served.

#### **Community Connection for Child Care.....861-5200**

2000 K St. 93301  
Resource Referral Line: 861-5271. For a listing of childcare licensed providers.  
<http://kern.org/cccc/>

#### **Kern County Superintendent of Schools.....636-4000**

1300 17<sup>th</sup> St  
State funded preschool for children 2-5 years old. 13 centers in Kern County. <http://kern.org/>



### Child Literacy/Learning Programs

#### **Bakersfield City Parks & Rec.....326-FUNN(3866)**

1600 Truxtun Ave.  
Afterschool homework help for children and youth ages 5-12 (grades 1-6). Mon.-Fri. 2:30-5:00 p.m. During fall at Silvercreek Community Center: 7001 Harris Rd. 93313 and Year round at Martin Luther King Community Center: 1000 S. Owens 93307.  
[www.bakersfieldcity.us/](http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/)

#### **Beale Memorial Library .....868-0700**

701 Truxtun Ave. 93301  
Toddler and Preschool reading time. Call for schedules and special events. [www.kerncountylibrary.org](http://www.kerncountylibrary.org)

#### **Beardsley School District.....393-8550**

1001 Roberts Ln 93308

Response to Intervention offers individual help for students who are struggling in class but not eligible for Special Education services.

#### **Community Reading Project.....636-4645**

130017<sup>th</sup> St.City Centre  
Volunteers go to designated school and read to children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Work with school. School staff has to refer class. Call for details & requirements.  
[www.kern.org](http://www.kern.org)

#### **CSU Bakersfield Extended University.....1-800-964-8888**

Summer reading programs are available in Bakersfield and Lancaster as well as other locations throughout the area. Age groups served are starting from 4 and up.

#### **Kern Literary Council.....324-3213**

331 18<sup>th</sup> St. 93301  
Kern Literacy council offers Family Literacy, tutoring for young children and one-on-one tutoring free of charge to families requesting these services.  
[www.kernliteracy.org](http://www.kernliteracy.org)

#### **Panama-Buena Vista Union School Dist.....831-8313**

PBVUSD encourages the use of Moby Max, which is a free online program for Reading and Math. An assessment is done then a tailored program is created.  
[www.mobymax.com](http://www.mobymax.com)

PBVUSD also utilizes Read 180 and STAR reading intervention to help with reading for students in 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **Sylvan Learning.....1-800-338-2283**

2720 Calloway Dr. Ste. A 93312  
Programs based on the individual needs and goals of each child. Sylvan staff are dedicated to working with each family to find the best fit.  
[www.bakersfieldsylvan.com](http://www.bakersfieldsylvan.com)

## COURT SERVICES



#### **Child Support Services.....(866) 901-3212**

#### **Victim/Witness Program.....868-2400**

#### **Probation Department.....868-4550**

#### **Juvenile.....868-4100**

#### **Superior Court**

#### **Family Law Division.....868-5393**

#### **Traffic Division.....868-2382**

#### **Juvenile Justice Center.....868-4270**

#### **Kern River**

#### **Mojave.....824-7100**

#### **Ridgecrest.....1-760-384-5900**

#### **North Kern**

#### **Delano/McFarland.....720-5800**

#### **Shafter/Wasco.....746-7500**

#### **South Division**

#### **Arvin/Lamont.....868-5800**

## DRUG & ALCOHOL

### **Action Family Counseling (Adolescents).....325-4357**

3801 Buck Owens Blvd., Ste. 105 93308

A treatment program designed to address the needs of adolescents, adults and their families surrounding chemical dependency and mental health. 1800-367-8336

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

### **Alcoholics Anonymous.....322-4025**

925 17 St. 93301

### **Al-Anon & Alateen Kern County.....330-1964**

P.O. Box 894. Bakersfield, CA. 93302

Offers a 12 step support group. Geared toward the families and friends of alcoholics. Learn how to live, find sanity and give hope. Spanish meeting and literature available.

[www.kernal-anon.org](http://www.kernal-anon.org)

### **Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery**

#### **Services.....868-6453**

1401 "L" St.

<https://www.kernbhhrs.org/>

## EDUCATION

### Childhood Programs

#### **Claude W. Richardson Child Development Center.....336-5405**

#### **Downtown Child Development Center.....636-4550**

#### **Fairgrounds Child Development Center.....837-1582**

#### **Golden Hills State Preschool (Tehachapi).....822-3591**

#### **Headstart CAPK.....336-5236 ext. 2510**

#### **Karl F. Clemens State Preschool (Wasco).....758-1760**

#### **Kern Ave. State Preschool (McFarland).....792-2037**

#### **Lamont Child Development Center.....845-1015**

#### **Ming Avenue Child Development Center.....832-1527**

#### **North Beardsley State Preschool.....399-9682**

#### **Rafer Johnson.....336-5355**

#### **Rexland State Preschool.....397-4538**

#### **Richland Child Development Center (Shafter).....746-3904**

#### **Wasco 6th Street Child Development Center.....758-5611**

#### **Wasco H Street Child Development Center.....758-5611**

#### **KCSOS Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program**

#### **1807 19th Street Bkfld, CA 93301.....636-4900**

A state-funded educational advocacy program that provides linkages and support services to Probation wards and dependents in foster care and group homes (ages 4-21) to increase academic achievement, attendance, and positive school behaviors. FYSCP was established to meet the unique educational needs of foster youth by providing advocacy and other support services designed to encourage the academic and personal success of all students in foster care.

<https://kern.org/foster-youth-services/>

#### **Neighborhood Place Learning Centers.....392-2054**

401 Willow Dr. 93308

Early childhood development and family support services. Tutoring, ESL and literacy; pre-kindergarten/parent workshop; reading, crafts offered (parents/children 0-5 years).

### School District Offices

#### **Arvin Union School District.....854-6500**

737 Bear Mtn. Blvd. Arvin, CA 93203

#### **Bakersfield City School District.....631-4600**

1300 Baker St. Bakersfield, Ca

#### **Beardsley School District.....393-8550**

1001 Roberts Ln., Bakersfield, CA

#### **Belridge Elementary School District.....762-7381**

19447 Wagonwheel Rd., McKittrick, CA.

#### **Blake School District.....536-8559**

19161 Main St., Woody, CA

#### **Buttonwillow Union School District.....764-5248**

42600 Hwy. 58, Buttonwillow, CA

#### **Caliente Union School District.....867-2301**

12400 Caliente Creek Rd. Caliente, CA

#### **Delano Joint Union High School District.....725-4000**

1720 Norwalk St., Delano, CA

#### **Delano Union School District.....721-5030**

1430 Cecil Ave., Delano, CA

#### **Di Giorgio School District.....854-2604**

19405 Buena Vista Blvd., Arvin, CA

#### **Edison School District.....363-5394**

11518 School St., Edison, CA

#### **Elk Hills School District.....765-7431**

501 Kern St., Tupman, CA

#### **El Tejon Unified School District.....248-6247**

4337 Lebec Rd., Lebec, CA

#### **Fairfax School District.....366-4461**

1500 S. Fairfax Rd., Bakersfield, CA

#### **Fruitvale School District.....589-3830**

7311 Rosedale Hwy., Bakersfield, CA

#### **General Shafter School District.....837-1931**

1825 Shafter Rd., Shafter, CA

#### **Greenfield Union School District.....837-6000**

1624 Fairview Rd., Bakersfield, CA

#### **Kern County Superintendent of Schools.....854-5806**

1300-17th St., Bakersfield, CA

#### **Kern High School District.....827-3100**

5801 Sundale Ave., Bakersfield, CA

#### **Kernville Union School District.....1-760-379-3651**

3240 Erskine Creek Rd., Lake Isabella, CA

#### **Lakeside Union School District.....831-3503**

14535 Old River Rd., Bakersfield, CA

#### **Lamont School District.....845-0751**

7915 Burgundy Ave., Lamont, CA

#### **Linns Valley-Poso Flat Union School District.....536-8811**

158 White River Rd., Glennville CA

#### **Lost Hills Union School District.....797-2626**

21109 Paso Robles Hwy., Lost Hills, CA

#### **Maple School District.....746-4439**

29161 Fresno Ave., Shafter, CA

#### **Maricopa Unified School District.....769-8231**

955 Stanislaus St., Maricopca, CA

**McFarland Unified School District.....792-3081**  
601 Second St., McFarland, CA

**McKittrick School District.....762-7303**  
23250-2nd St., McKittrick, CA

**Midway School District.....768-4344**  
259 "F" St., Fellows, CA

**Mojave Unified School District.....824-4001**  
3500 Douglas Ave., Mojave, CA

**Muroc Joint Unified School District.....258-4411**  
1575 Payne Ave., North Edwards, CA

**Norris School District.....387-7000**  
6940 Calloway Dr., Bakersfield, CA

**Panama-Buena Vista Union School District.....831-8331**  
4200 Ashe Rd., Bakersfield, CA

**Pond Union School District.....792-2545**  
29585 Pond Rd, Pond CA

**Richland School District.....746-8600**  
331 Shafter Ave., Shafter, CA

**Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District.....589-2696**  
6521 Enos Ln., Bakersfield, CA

**Rosedale Union School District.....588-6000**  
2553 Old Farm Rd., Bakersfield, CA

**Semitropic School District.....758-6412**  
25300 Hwy 46, Wasco, CA

**Sierra Sands Unified School District.....1-760-499-1726**  
113 Felspar, Ridgecrest, CA

**Southern Kern Unified School District.....256-5000**  
3082 Glendower St., Rosamond, CA

**South Fork Union School District.....1-760-378-4000**  
6401Fay Ranch Rd., Weldon, CA

**Standard School District.....392-2110**  
1200 N. Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA

**Taft City School District.....763-1521**  
820 N. Sixth St., Taft, CA

**Taft Union High School District.....763-2300**  
701 Seventh St., Taft, CA

**Tehachapi Unified School District.....822-2100**  
400 S. Snyder Ave., Tehachapi, CA

**Vineland School District.....845-3713**  
14327 Vineland Rd., Bakersfield, CA

**Wasco Union High School District.....758-8447**  
1900 Seventh St., Wasco, CA

**Wasco Union School District.....758-7100**  
639 Broadway, Wasco, CA



## EMERGENCY & CRISIS SERVICES

**988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.....call or text 988**  
Connects people to a trained mental health professional.

**American Red Cross.....324-6427**  
Services for those affected by natural disasters and single-family fires. <http://www.redcross.org/>

**Amber Alert.....864-4400**  
California Highway Patrol: Bakersfield. America's missing: Broadcast Emergency Response, Traffic Condition, and General Information about Highway Patrol. <https://www.amberalert.gov/>

**Childhood Lead Poisoning.....868-0360**  
Public Health. Offers home visitation, environmental home inspections and nutritional assessments to families of severely lead-poisoned children. Kids Services up to age 21. Education information about lead poisoning in the community. <http://kernpublichealth.com/>

**CAPK Kern County 211.....211**  
Call Center. Information and Referral services that links residents to community health and human services and support. <https://www.capk.org/211kern/>

**Domestic Violence Hotline.....1-800-799-7233**  
Hotline for those experiencing domestic violence.

**Emergency - Fire, Police, Ambulance..... 911**  
**Non-Emergency:**  
Fire (City).....326-3911  
Fire (County).....391-7000  
Police.....327-7111  
Sheriff.....861-3110  
Ambulance (customer service).....334-5419

**Family Urgent Response System (FURS)..1-833-939-3877**  
A free 24/7/365 hotline for current or former foster youth and caregivers to call and get immediate help for any big or small issues. <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/furs>

**KCDHS-Kern County Department of Human Services**  
[www.KCDHS.org](http://www.KCDHS.org)  
Information.....631-6000  
Adoptions.....873-2400  
Appeals and Fair Hearings.....631-6015  
Child Protective Hotline—24 hr. hotline.....631-6011  
Food Stamps Application Request.....631-6062  
Jamison Children's Center.....334-3500  
State Hearings.....631-6015  
Foster Care Ombudsman.....631-6188

**Mental Health & Crisis Intervention.....1-800-991-5272**  
24-hour counseling for those experiencing a personal, relationship, or mental health crisis or suicidal thoughts.

**Sudden Infant Death Syndrome..... 1-800-369-7437**

**Stay Focused Ministries.....322-4673/322-4622fax**  
Mentoring program. Work with at risk children and teenagers. <http://stayfocused.org/>

**WarmLine.....323-3531/1-888-955-9099**  
Support for parents with children ages 0-6 years old. Parenting issues/concerns including tantrums, potty training, discipline, etc.

## EMPLOYMENT TRAINING-YOUTH



### America's Job Center of California

1600 E. Belle Terrace 93307.....**325-4473**  
 200 China Grade Loop..... **336-6700**  
<http://www.americasjobcenterofkern.com/>

### Department of Rehabilitation.....395-2525

1405 Commercial way.120 # 150 93309  
 Department of Rehabilitation works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy for disabled adults.  
<http://www.dor.ca.gov/>

### DHS Job First Center..... 366-7411

100 E. California Ave 93307

### Job Corps.....1-800-733-JOBS (5627)

Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program that helps young people ages 16 through 24 get a better job, make more money, and take control of their lives.  
[www.jobcorps.org](http://www.jobcorps.org)

### Independent Living Program.....631-6841

Aids youth 16 and older who are in foster care, or who have been in foster care transition to self-sufficiency. **Contact name: Dan Miller**

### Owens Valley Career Development Center

(Native American Services).....**323-1086**  
 1001 Tower Wy. Ste. 225  
<http://www.ovcdc.com/blog/>

### Army Recruiting Center.....872-5902

3501 Mall View Rd.

### Marine Corps.....835-9547

4725 Panama Ln.

### Navy Recruiting Center.....396-1296

4725 Panama Ln.

## FAMILY PLANNING

### Adolescent Family Life Program.....324-0293

2707 "F" ST.  
 No fee. Pregnant/parenting teen program for mothers and fathers. Prenatal care, family planning and adoption information. Case management and support services.  
[www.clinicasierravista.org](http://www.clinicasierravista.org)

### Bakersfield Pregnancy Center.....326-1907

1801-21<sup>st</sup> St.  
 No fee. Christian pro-life. Pregnancy testing and options/post-abortion counseling, health care/social service referrals, baby clothes/furniture.  
[www.bpcpartners.org](http://www.bpcpartners.org)

### Family Planning and Associates.....633-5266

2500 "H" St.

Provides medical services such as birth control as well as pregnancy termination. Call for more information.

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

### Kern Medical (formerly KMC)..... 326-2000

1700 Mt Vernon Ave.

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

### Emergency Care Center.....326-2667

### Family Practice..... 326-5000

### OBGYN Clinic..... 326-2910

### Pediatrics..... 326-6500

### Pharmacy.....326-6580

### Planned Parenthood..... 634-1000

2535-16th St., #100

Medical services, education programs and advocacy initiatives. Mar Monte's Teen Success program for pregnant and parenting teen mothers.

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

## FAMILY SERVICES

### Family Resource Centers (FRC)

#### Arvin.....854-6526

#### Buttonwillow.....764-9405

#### Community Connections (Delano).....721-7036

#### East Bakersfield Community (FRC).....395-1804

#### East Kern.....824-4118

#### Greater West Side (Taft).....765-7281

#### Greenfield (FRC)..... 8373720

#### Indian Wells Valley (FRC).....1-760-375-4357

#### Kern River Valley (FRC).....1-760-379-2556

#### Lamont/ Weedpatch.....845-2724

#### Lost Hills.....797-3042

#### McFarland.....792-1883

#### Mountain Communities.....245-4303

#### Richardson Center.....336-5482

#### Southeast Neighborhood.....322-3276

#### South Chester (FRC).....631-5945

*Contact specific site for services offered*

### Family to Family Mentoring.....633-9133

1616 29<sup>th</sup> St.

Family to Family Mentoring helping to grow healthy families through mentoring and encouragement

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

### Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance.....322-1021

3628 Stockdale Hwy.

Trained clinical professionals conduct educational training groups in English and Spanish to teach parenting skills and increase parental effectiveness.

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

### The Parent Project..... 852-5661

A 10 to 16-week parent-training program designed specifically for parents of strong-willed or out-of-control adolescent children. The curriculum teaches concrete identification, prevention, and intervention strategies for the most destructive of adolescent behaviors (poor school attendance and performance, alcohol and other drug use, gangs, runaways, and violent teens). Go to [www.kernparentproject.org](http://www.kernparentproject.org) for an updated list of dates, times and locations.



## FOOD, CLOTHING, AND FURNITURE



*2-1-1 Directory: 24-hour information source of all non-profit and governmental services. Most services listed below can be accessed by dialing the 2-1-1 number.*

**Food Bank Helpline.....211**

398-4520 or (800) 273-2275

Call for referrals. Id needed. (CDL or ID card and Social Security number).

**Golden Empire Gleaners.....324-2767**

1326-30<sup>th</sup> St.

Food Assistance by referral or volunteer; Mon.-Fri 8am-2 p.m. For individuals that are interested in volunteering show up at 7:30pm and take a food basket at the end of the day without referral. Hot lunch provided for volunteers at 12:00pm to 12:30pm.

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

**Hope Center.....399-2119**

3311 Manor St.

Clothing — ten items bi-monthly per household member; food by referral. Mon.- Fri. 9am-2 pm.

[www.hopcenter.net](http://www.hopcenter.net)

**Love, INC. of Greater Bakersfield.....325-8838**

P.O. Box 10082

Individuals may call directly or referring agency may fax a referral on behalf of the client. Appliance repair, home maintenance, auto mechanic, referrals to acquire furniture and appliances and food pantries.

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

**Salvation Army.....836-8487**

4417 Wilson Rd.

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

**St. Vincent de Paul.....323-7340**

300 Baker St

Clothing and food baskets by referral.

<http://www.svdpusa.org/>

**Taft Needs Center.....763-4888**

518 Main St 93268

Food and clothes closet. Monday & Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

**Valley Catholic Charities.....281-2130**

825 N. Chester Ave. Referrals required for some services; limited food, hygiene kits and diapers available. <http://www.ccdof.org/>

**The Caring Closet Hotline.....889-3142**

2216 17<sup>th</sup> Street

[www.thecaringclosetkerncounty.webstart.com](http://www.thecaringclosetkerncounty.webstart.com)

## FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SERVICES

Bakersfield College



**Bakersfield College Foster Kinship Care Education & Training.**

**Pre-register**

at.....661-395-4737

The training schedule is available at

<https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/community/fkce/training-schedules.html>



**Foster & Kinship Care Education Program.....395-4737**

Assists foster and kinship care providers with essential education and skills needed for parenting foster youth.

<https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/community/fkce/>

**California Alliance of Caregivers**

*Caregiver Support Webinar Series*

The California Department of Social Services and California Alliance of Caregivers are partnering to bring important information about policies, services, and resources to resource families (foster and kinship caregivers).

<https://www.cacaregivers.org/info/webinars/>

**California Kinship Navigator**

A free service for kinship caregivers and current and former foster youth brought to you by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in partnership with Think of Us (TOU).

<https://www.getvirtuallsupport.org/app/ca/browse>

**Kern County Department of Human Services**

**Resource Family Recruitment Line.....631-6204**

100 E. California Ave

[www.co.kern.ca.us/dhs/](http://www.co.kern.ca.us/dhs/)

**Quality Parenting Initiative Just in Time Trainings**

A web based service program designed to connect foster parents, kinship or other caregivers with training, peer experts and other resources.

<https://www.jitcalifornia.org/>



**Koinonia.....833-4483**  
 4600 American Ave. East Ste. 101  
 Koinonia offers 24 –hour crisis support, counseling, case management services, and support groups for adoptive families.  
<https://www.kfh.org/>

**ASPIRAnet.....323-1233**  
 Aspiranet offers a monthly support group for adoptive families, which is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:30 pm. Dinner and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to 323-1233  
[www.aspiranet.org](http://www.aspiranet.org)

**Kern Bridges.....396-2301**  
 1321 Stine Rd.  
 KBYH offers an adoption support group every second Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm and includes dinner and childcare. All families, whether they are just starting their foster/adoption journey or are seasoned veterans, are welcome to attend.  
<http://www.kernbridges.com/>



### GANG PREVENTION SERVICES

**Community Action Partnership of Kern/Stop the Violence.....336-5236 EXT 1177**  
 5005 Business Park North  
[www.capk.org](http://www.capk.org)

**Ebony Counseling Center.....324-4756**  
 1301 California Ave

**Faith In Action Kern County.....631-9200**  
 2005 Eye St. #3  
[www.fiakerncounty.org](http://www.fiakerncounty.org)

**Garden Pathways.....633-9133**  
 1616 29<sup>th</sup> St.  
[www.gardenpathways.org](http://www.gardenpathways.org)

**Kern County Department of Human Services...631-6000**  
 100 E. California Ave.  
[www.co.kern.ca.us/dhs](http://www.co.kern.ca.us/dhs)

**Kern County Superintendent of Schools.....852-5806**

1300 17<sup>th</sup> St. Blanton Ed. Center Suite B  
<http://kern.org/>

**Kern County Teen Challenge.....399-2273**  
 PO Box 1011 93302  
<http://www.teenchallenge.org/>

**New Life Recovery & Training Center.....366-8003**  
 3501 Edison Hwy.  
[www.newlifetrainingcenter.org](http://www.newlifetrainingcenter.org)

**Stay Focused Ministries..... 322-HOPE(4673)**  
 1225 California Ave.  
[www.reach4greatness.org](http://www.reach4greatness.org)

**Youth Connection of Kern County.....868-4131**  
 2005 Ridge Rd. 93306  
 Youth Connection of Kern County is a non-profit organization dedicated to matching pre-delinquent youth with community resources.  
[youthconnectionker@gmail.com](mailto:youthconnectionker@gmail.com)

### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Once a child is placed in foster care, the child’s medical care becomes a shared responsibility. The Social Worker, the foster parents, as well as the parents – have a role to play in the child’s medical care and treatment. Everyone involved in the placement should be aware of the child’s current health, medical problems, and need for medical examination and immunization.

### DENTAL CARE



**ARVIN**  
**Gong, Sandra, D.D.S.....854-5558**  
 101 Comanche Dr.

**BAKERSFIELD**  
**ABC Family Dentistry.....833-1533**  
 2400 Wible Rd., Ste. 12  
**Dedicated Dental/Rosedale..... 360-1207**  
 9600 Rosedale Hwy.  
**Gentle Dental.....390-9453**  
 3400 Wible Rd.  
**Just For Kids Dentistry.....327-7668**  
 4000 Stockdale Hwy., Ste. H  
**Smileland**  
 3990 Ming Ave .....821-5437

**BUTTONWILLOW**  
**Buttonwillow Dental Center.....764-5211**  
 277 E. Front St. <http://omnifamilyhealth.org/>

**CALIFORNIA CITY**  
**Glenn Dental.....1-760-373-1950**  
 21007 Nemophilia, Ste., B

**DELANO**  
**Delano Family Dental Center.....721-7080**  
 1215 Jefferson St.  
<http://www.delanofamilydentistry.com/>  
**Hometown Dental Care.....725-9430**  
 1406 Jefferson St.

**LAMONT**

**Clinica Sierra Vista (Dental).....845-3688**  
8787 Hall Rd.  
<http://www.clinicaserravista.org/>

**LOST HILLS**

**Lost Hills Dental Center.....797-2677**  
21138 Paso Robles

**McFARLAND**

**Felicia Do Dentistry.....792-3028**  
501 West Kern Ave.

**RIDGECREST**

**Ridgecrest Family Dentistry.....1-760-446-9011**  
Jong-Gill AHN., D.D.S.  
133 East California Ave  
<http://www.ridgecrestdentistry.com/>

**ROSAMOND**

**Mardirosian, Hovik, D.D.S.....256-2560**  
1431 Rosamond Blvd., Ste., #1

**SHAFTER**

**Shafter Family Dental Care.....746-4067**  
410 James St.

**TAFT**

**Taft Community Dental Center.....765-5044**  
1100 Fourth St. <http://www.nhsinc.org/Taft.php4>

**TEHACHAPI**

**Valley Family Dentistry.....469-4017**  
20300 Valley Blvd., Ste., A

**WASCO**

**Wasco Dental Center.....758-2263**  
2101 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bldg. C

*For complete listing see:*

[www.co.kern.ca.us/health/CHDP\\_Provider\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.co.kern.ca.us/health/CHDP_Provider_Directory.pdf)

**Health Care Services Continued:**

**MEDICAL SERVICES**

**Clinica Sierra Vista Clinics**

**1305 Bear Mountain Blvd., Arvin .....854-3131**  
**2000 Physicians Blvd. Ste. F.....324-1455**  
**1611 1<sup>st</sup> St. ....336-5300**  
**1508 Garces Hwy. Ste. 1, Delano.....725-4780**  
**815 Martin Luther King Blvd.....322-3905**  
**704 Lebec Rd., Frazier Park.....248-5250**  
**217 W. Kern Ave., McFarland.....792-3038**

**Kern County Department of Human Services**

**Health Unit.....631-6835**  
100 E. California Ave., Rm. 220  
Referrals to early intervention services, dentists, mental health providers, and other community programs.

**Kern Medical Center Outpatient Clinic.....326-6595**  
1111 Columbus St.

**Merrill, G. Alexander MD.....324-8990**  
2920 "F" ST.

**Omni Family Health (Formerly National Health Services, Inc)**

**277 E. Front St., Buttonwillow.....800-300-OMNI (6664)**  
**100-4<sup>th</sup> ST, Taft.....800-300-OMNI (6664)**  
**2101-7<sup>th</sup> St., Wasco.....800-300-OMNI (6664)**  
**1001 Main ST., Delano.....800-300-OMNI (6664)**  
**1133 N. Chelsea St., Ridgecrest...800-300-OMNI (6664)**  
*"Health for All," a comprehensive health care program*

**Public Health.....321-3000**  
1800 Mt. Vernon Ave.  
<http://www.kernpublichealth.com/>

**San Joaquin Community Hospital & First 5 Kern**

**.....869-6740**  
Free Mobile Immunization Program. Call for dates & locations.  
Free of Charge.

**The Grossman Burn Center at San Joaquin Community Hospital**

**Inpatient.....869-6135**  
**Outpatient.....869-6130**

**WIC - Women, Infant & Children..... 1-866-327-3074**  
**Arvin-Bear Mt. Blvd.....862-5422**  
**Bakersfield-Baker St.....322-3907**  
**Bakersfield E. California.....327-3074**  
**Bakersfield- Benton Park.....326-2798**  
**Bakersfield-Family Health Clinic.....336-5306**  
**Lamont-Clinica Sierra Vista.....845-3717**  
**Taft.....763-1844**

**HOSPITALS**

**Bakersfield Heart Hospital.....316-6000**  
**Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.....327-4647**  
**Good Samaritan Hospital.....215-7500**  
**Kern Medical Center (KMC).....326-2000**  
**Mercy Hospital.....632-5000**  
**Mercy Southwest.....663-6000**  
**Adventist Health Bakersfield.....395-3000**



## Tips for going to the Emergency Room



- Bring the child's medications, including allergy medications.
- Bring appropriate billing information (e.g. Medical card).
- Let the agency know that follow-up may be needed.

### Out of Area Hospitals Serving Special Needs Children:

Cedars-Sinai (Pediatric Services) .....1-800-233-2771  
Children's Hospital of Central CA.....1-559-353-3000  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles.....1-323-361-2122  
Children's Hospital Oakland.....1-510-428-3000  
Children's Hospital Orange Co.....1-714-997-3000  
Children's Hospital San Diego.....1-858-576-1700  
Loma Linda Children's Hospital..... 1-909-558-8000  
Make-A-Wish..... 1-559-229474  
Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.....1-310-825-5296  
UC Davis Children's Hospital.....1-800-282-3284

### SEXUAL HEALTH & REPRODUCTIVE WELLNESS

#### Healthy Sexual Development Project

Resources for caregivers, youth & young adults and expecting parents

<https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/foster-care/healthy-sexual-development-project>

### **MENTAL HEALTH & COUNSELING SERVICES**

**Cal State University Bakersfield..... 654-2782**  
9001 Stockdale Hwy.

Individual, couple, family and group counseling services available.  
Fees for counseling services are \$25 for the first session and \$10 per session thereafter for currently registered students. Available September through May (school year).

<http://www.csub.edu/>

#### **Clinica Sierra Vista**

Also: Child Abuse Treatment Program (CHAT)

**1400 S. Union Ave. Bakersfield, CA.....397-8775**  
**7839 Burgundy Ave. Lamont.....845-5100**

**College Community Services-Children..... 758-4029**  
29325 Kimberlina Rd., Wasco, CA

#### **Henrietta Weill Memorial-Child Guidance Clinic**

**3628 Stockdale Hwy.....322-1021**  
**2001 North Chester.....393-5836**  
**1430 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Delano..... 725-1042**

Outpatient program serves children up to age 18 who exhibit emotional, behavioral, or substance abuse related problems.

Individual, family, and group therapy AND crisis stabilization.

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

#### **Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery**

**Services.....868-8111**

2151 College Ave.

Crisis Line..... (661) 868-8000

Toll Free..... (800) 991-5272

24 hour services including crisis interventions

Assessment and referral to other mental health services

Support families and significant others

Case management services and linkage to useful resources.

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

**Mosaic Counseling.....665-6077**

1430 Truxtun Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bakersfield, Ca 93301

Offering Individual, Family, Couples, Groups Therapy and Classes.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN RESOURCES**

**American Indian Health Project Bakersfield.....327-4030**  
1617 30<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **Kern Indian Education & Community Resource Center**

..... 323-1086

1001 Tower Way

#### **Tribal-TANF, Owens Valley Economic Development**

**Corp. (OVEDC) Bakersfield .....323-1036**

#### **Tribes in Kern County Chumash Council Bakersfield**

1317 S. Chester Ave.

#### **Kern Family Indian Community**

P.O. Box 168 Kernville CA 93238

### **RECREATION**

#### CLUBS & EXTRA CURRICULAR

**Bakersfield Police Activity League (PAL).....283-8880**  
301 E. 4th St.

This service is one of the BPD's efforts to prevent juvenile delinquency. It provides programs to equip our youth with skills and opportunities to become successful, responsible and caring individuals. It encompasses four areas that include athletics, education, recreation and social activities.

<http://www.bakersfieldpal.org/pages/home.html>

**CSUB Children's Art Institute.....654-3031**

Visual arts organization for children in grades 1-6 in the Kern County region.

<http://www.csub.edu/childrensartinstitute/>

**Friendship House CAPK.....369-8922**

2424 Cottonwood Rd.

Provides educational and recreational service to children from low-income families, such as after school programs, as well as resources for the entire community.

<http://www.capk.org/programs/friendship-house/>

**Golden Empire Youth Football and Cheer.....837-4393**

4308 Resnik Ct., Ste. 201

A competitive football program that encourages outstanding athletic performance, sportsmanship and team play.

<http://geyf.org/>

**Kern County Sheriff's Activities League (SAL)....868-1504**

1700 Flower St.

Offers activities academic tutoring, sports, crafts, games, computer training and leadership training for youth. Its mission is to develop "local youth into responsible, productive, and ethical citizens and reducing juvenile victimization, crime, and delinquency."

<http://kcsal.com/>

**North of the River Recreation and Parks.....392-2000**

District Office:

405 Galaxy Ave.

Organizes and conducts a wide variety of park and recreational programs within its designated boundaries. It offers over 200 classes/programs each year for public participation for all age groups. Some of the services offered include child learning centers, child care, extended day care, R.I.O.T. club and NOR junior theater.

<http://norfun.org/>

**Recreation, Continued:**

**Youth for Christ-Campus Life.....323-9041**

2131 California Ave.

Positive environment where youth can meet other youth, help discover their talents and themselves; spiritually, socially, and mentally. View weekly meetings and events schedule at

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



**GARDENS & PARKS**

**Arboretum of Los Angeles County.....1-626-821-3222**

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.

<http://www.arboretum.org/>

**San Francisco Botanical Garden.....1-415-661-1316**

1199 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Francisco, CA.

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

**Recreation & Parks Department (City).....326-3866**

1600 Truxtun Ave. Floor 3

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.....1-805-682-4726**

1212 Mission Canyon Rd., Santa Barbara, CA.

<http://www.sbbg.org/>

**Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park.....849-3433**

4099 Avenue 39 Earlimart, Ca 93219

[www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

**Tule Elk State Reserve.....765-5004**

8653 Station Rd. Buttonwillow Ca 93206

[www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)



**JUST FOR FUN**

**Bakersfield Ice Sports Center.....852-7400**

1325 "Q" St. #100

Figure skating and hockey classes offered.

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

**Camelot Park Family Entertainment.....859-1812**

1251 Oak St.

Mini Golf, Go Karts, Batting Cages, Bumper Boats, a huge Video Game Arcade, Snack Bar and more! Call for park hours.

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

**Chuck E. Cheese.....397-7855**

3760 Ming Ave.

<http://www.chuckecheese.com/>

**John's Incredible Pizza.....859-1111**

3709 Rosedale Hwy. <https://www.johnspizza.com/>

**McMurtrey Aquatic Center.....852-7430**

1325 "Q" St. #100

Recreational swimming; swim lessons; aqua aerobics (15yrs-up); youth water polo offered. Call for hours of operation.

<http://www.bakersfieldswim.us/>

**Murray Family Farms.....330-0100**

6700 General Beale Rd.

<https://murrayfamilyfarms.com/>

**Rollerama Skate**

1004-34<sup>th</sup> St.....327-7589

7850 Brimhall Rd.....589-7555

[http://www.rollerama.com/west\\_info.html](http://www.rollerama.com/west_info.html)

**Rotary Storyland Playland Amusement.....559-486-2124**

890 W Belmont Avenue Fresno, CA 93728  
<http://savestoryland.com/>Non-Profit Amusement Park

**Fresno Chaffee Zoo.....1-559-498-5910**

894 W. Belmont Ave. Fresno CA 93728  
[www.fresnozoo.org](http://www.fresnozoo.org)

**Rush Air Sports.....679-4502**

3200 Buck Owens Blvd. Ste. 100  
Indoor trampoline Park, kid’s activities, venues.  
[www.rushairsports.com](http://www.rushairsports.com)

**The Wild Fun Center.....663-3753**

8500 Harris Rd.  
Indoor playground, a party and event planning kids activities.

**Bravo Farms.....559-738-9190**

400 N. Willis St. Visalia Ca 93291  
Family friendly environment, dine, shop, and play.  
[www.bravofams.com](http://www.bravofams.com)

**Bakersfield Batting Range.....324-7053**

4001 Chester Ave

**Mighty Kicks.....489-8143**

Mighty kicks **ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** (ages 3-5) for Preschools and Day Cares, allows parents to enroll their child in a quality extracurricular activity without an additional time investment. Mighty Kicks partners with the school (adding great value) and adapts the program to accommodate each center’s needs.  
[www.mightykicks.net](http://www.mightykicks.net)

**MUSEUMS/CENTERS**

**Bakersfield Museum of Art.....323-7219**

1930 “R” St.  
Increase awareness and understanding of the visual arts.  
<http://www.bmoa.org/>

**Buena Vista Museum of Natural History.....324-6350**

2018 Chester Ave.  
The Museum promotes the scientific and educational aspects of earth history, particularly paleontology, biology, geology and anthropology. Open Thurs. through Sat., 10-5 pm., and by appointment. <http://www.sharktoothhill.org/>

**California Living Museum (CALM).....872-2256**

10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy.  
Displays and interprets native California animals, plants, fossils, and artifacts to teach a respect for all living things through education, recreation, conservation, and research. Open daily 9-5 pm.  
[www.zoocalmzoo.org](http://www.zoocalmzoo.org)

**Kern County Museum.....852-5000**

3801 Chester Ave.  
Provides interpretive experiences through historical objects to tell significant stories of Kern County life. Exhibits include Pioneer Village and Black Gold: The Oil Experience. Open Tues. through Sat. 9:00am-5:00 pm and Sunday 12-5pm.  
<http://www.kcmuseum.org/>



**RESOURCE LIBRARIES**

**California State University Bakersfield.....654-2782**

9001 Stockdale Hwy. <http://www.calstate.edu/>

**Community Connection for Child Care.....861-5200**

2000 K St., Ste.110  
The Resource Lending Library is open to parents, child care professionals and anyone who works with young children. Access provided to laminating services; binding and copy machines; library books and other resource materials. Hours are Mon.-Fri. from 8:00-5:00 pm., except for the third Thurs. Closed last Friday of the month.

**H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection of Kern County.....328-9055**

3101 N Sillect Ave.Ste., 115  
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Resource Center library is open to the community. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The library includes books, videos, cassette tapes, packets, etc. Information on rare syndromes can be ordered. Monthly Autism Support Group Meeting to be held 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. at 3101 N. Sillect Ave. Suite 115. For further info contact Susan at the listed number. This is a monthly meeting for those wanting information.  
<http://www.heartsfrc.org/>

**Kern County Library.....868-0701**

Main Branch-Beale Memorial-701 Truxtun Ave.  
**Dial –A-Story (English).....868-0794**  
**Dial-A-Story (Spanish).....868-0798**  
The Kern County Library has numerous resources that would benefit a child that is learning to read, struggling to read or having difficulty with homework. The library website has a calendar that can be searched by month or branch.  
[www.kerncountylibrary.org](http://www.kerncountylibrary.org)



## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Caregiving Together.....661-395-4991**  
3711 Columbus St.  
Hosted by Bakersfield College Foster & Kinship Care Education program. Monthly support group held every 2nd Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

**Active 20/30 Club.....P.O Box 415 Bakersfield, CA 93303**  
The 20/30 Club provides adults with an opportunity for personal growth and friendship. Involves in children's charities.  
[www.active2030.org](http://www.active2030.org)

**Kern County Consortium.....636-4000**  
**Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)**

1300-17th St.  
Available Program Services:  
Programs for Infants and Toddlers  
Programs for Preschool Children Ages 3-5  
Programs for School Age Children Ages 5-21  
Regional Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs  
Administered by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. The mission of SELPA is to ensure that student with disabilities from birth until age 22 receive coordinated and comprehensive family-centered support. SELPA is composed of parents, agency representatives, teachers and others from each school district who come together to learn more about special education and how they are able to be part of the "system." Locations and times will be determined. If interested in participating, contact the office directly.

### Moms Network of Kern County

Playgroup for caregivers and their children-provides support, fun and friendship. [email@momsnetworkofkerncounty.com](mailto:email@momsnetworkofkerncounty.com)

### Kinship Support

**Services.....371-3360**

#### Henrietta Weill Memorial Child guidance Clinic

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

661 Roberts Ln STE A 93308

Serving families with children of relatives or close friends in their home.

Support Groups

Counseling for adults, youth, and children

Parenting education for Kin

Assessment and Referral

Tutoring for students

Recreational activities

Volunteer programs.

**California Youth Crisis Line.....1-800-843-5200**

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

**Garden Pathways.....633-9133**

3509 Union Ave.

Provides innovative opportunities for families and individuals of all ages to discover their unique purpose, activate their personal creativity, live in health and safety, and develop skills for success in life. <http://www.gardenpathways.org/>

**Aspiranet.....323-1233**

4900 California Ave Tower A Suite 410-A Bkfld, CA 93309

Monthly support groups for adoptive families.

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

## Tips to Enhance Family Life

- Every family has its own rules and ways of doing things. To prevent discipline problems help the child understand your family's rules and expectations. When a child does something wrong for the first time, explain exactly what he or she did and why the right way is important in the foster home.
- Praise and reward good behavior.
- Hold family meetings to solve problems. Cooperation and mutual respect can help create an accepting family atmosphere in which children can develop self-discipline, responsibility, cooperation, and problem-solving skills.
- Don't make threats to send the child away. This will only increase the child's anxiety and intensify the problem or conflict
- Spend special time with the child. Do something that the child and Resource Family can enjoy together. Children in care may have an intense need for attention, reassurance, and acceptance by the Resource Family and members of the family.





## Other Support Programs

**Bak. Assoc. for Retarded Citizens.....834-2272**

<http://barc-inc.org/>

**Center for the Blind.....322-5234**

<http://cbvi.org/>

**Epilepsy Society of Kern County.....634-9810**

<http://epilepsysocietyofkern.org/>

**Independent Living Center.....325-1063**

<http://ilcofkerncounty.org/>

**Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.....636-1305**

<http://jdrf.org/>

**Muscular Dystrophy Association Kern County..396-9151  
/559-225-0200**

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

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Kern.....321-9512**

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/>

**Cerebral Palsy Association.....861-6040**

<http://www.fcsrespice.com/>

**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.....1-800-344-4823**

<https://www.cff.org/default.aspx>

**Delano Assoc. for Developmentally Disabled.....721-3220**

## Teen Support/Mentor Program

**The Boys and Girls Club of Bakersfield.....325-3730**

Provides enrichment, educational leadership and social development programs. Activities include performing arts, dance, singing, and acting. Drug and alcohol education is provided in a classroom-based program for elementary age children, in which programs graduates are often trained to teach younger youth.

<http://www.bgclubsofkerncounty.org/>

**CHW Learning Center.....325-2995**

After school program that focus on social skills and community services. Hours are Mon-Fri, 2:30-4:30pm

**Dream Center.....636-4488**

1801 19<sup>th</sup> St. Bakersfield, CA 93301

The Dream Center assists current and former foster youth (ages 16-21) transition to independence and self-sufficiency. Services utilize a formal case management system.

<http://kern.org/kcnc/dream-center/>

**Garden Pathways.....633-9133**

Provides innovative opportunities for families and individuals of all ages to discover their unique purpose, activate their personal creativity, live in health and safety, and develop skills for success.

<http://www.gardenpathways.org/>

**Henrietta Weill Memorial Clinic**

**Child Guidance.....322-1021**

3628 Stockdale Hwy.

Serves Children up to age 18 who exhibit emotional, behavioral, or substance abuse related problems. Services include, individual, family, and group therapy and crisis intervention.

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

**Junior Achievement of Bakersfield.....328-9373**

Classroom education and after-school programs for grades K-12.

Programs are designed to teach children how to be successful in life by teaching them about business, economics, ethics, citizenship, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and workforce readiness skills.

<http://jabakersfield.org/>

**Stay Focus Ministry: Reach for greatness**

**mentoring.....322-4673**

Matches young people with caring adults to help empower them to make positive life choices by modeling good behavior and values

**Parent/Teen Support Group.....325-4357**

2516 Palm St.

Meetings weekly to provide Support group for teenagers and parents. Thursdays nights from 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Project 180..... 631-6600**

Gang prevention partnership dedicated to working with at risk youth. Referral Program. [www.kernproject180.org](http://www.kernproject180.org)



## **PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION**

### **Day Care Centers for Medically Fragile Children**

#### **Caring Corner**

942 Wible Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
**(661) 847-7342**

<http://caringcorner.org/>

Director: Edith Ellenberger, M.S., R.N.

### **Daycare for Special Needs Children**

#### **The Jasmine Nyree Day Center**

801 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
**(661) 327-1230**

<http://jasminenyree.com>

\* A KRC vendor for children with  
Mental/Behavioral issues, ages 3-12. \*

### **Hospitals**

#### **Children's Hospital Central California**

9300 Valley Children's Place  
Madera, CA 93636  
**(559) 353-3000**

<http://www.valleychildrens.org>

#### **Children's Hospital Los Angeles**

4650 West Sunset Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90027  
**(323)361-2122**

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

#### **Kern Medical**

1700 Mount Vernon Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
**(661) 326-2000**

<http://www.kernmedicalcenter.com>

#### **Loma Linda University Medical Center**

11234 Anderson St.  
Loma Linda, CA 92354  
**(909) 558-6641**

<http://lomalindahealth.org>

#### **Ronald Regan UCLA Hospital**

757 Westwood Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90095  
**(310) 825-9111**

#### **Santa Monica UCLA Healthcare**

1245 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
**(425)259-6000**

<http://www.ucla.edu/>

#### **WIC**

2400 Wible Rd.  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
**(661) 835-1240**

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

#### **Shriner's Hospital for Children**

2425 Stockton Blvd,

Sacramento, CA 95817

**(916) 453-2000**

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

#### **Hearts Connection**

3101 Sillect Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
**661-328-9055**

<http://www.heartsfrc.org/>

### **Pharmacies**

#### **Mercy Plaza Pharmacy**

2323 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bakersfield, CA 933  
**(661) 324-2545**

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

#### **Ming & H Pharmacy**

1717 Ming Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
**(661) 831-4050**

### **Community Resources**

#### **American Lung Association**

2025 Westwind Dr., Ste. C  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
**(661) 847-4700**  
[www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)

#### **Aspiranet**

4900 California Ave Tower A Ste. 410-A  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
**(661) 323-1233**

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

Aspiranet offers a monthly support group for  
adoptive families, which is held on the 4th  
Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:30pm. Dinner  
and childcare are provided.  
**(661) 323-1233 x0**

#### **California Children's Services**

1800 Mt. Vernon Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
**(661) 321-3000**

#### **Epilepsy Society**

5117 Office Park Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
**(661) 634-9810**

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

#### **Hearts Connection**

3101 Sillect Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
**661-328-9055**

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

#### **Kern Regional Center**

3200 N Sillect Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
**661 327-8531**

<http://www.kernrc.org/>

#### **McKinley Medical Therapy Unit**

601 4<sup>th</sup> St. Rm. 35  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
**(661) 868-7270**

#### **34<sup>th</sup> St. Medical Therapy Unit**

820 34<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. 101

Bakersfield, CA 93301

**(661) 868-7286**

#### **National Seating & Mobility**

4705 New Horizon Blvd., Ste. 2  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
**661 833-3340**

[www.nsm-seating.com](http://www.nsm-seating.com)

#### **Rafer Johnson Center**

1100 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
**(661) 631-5850 /**  
**(661) 631-5445**

#### **Richardson Center**

1515 Feliz Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA 93307  
**(661) 336-5400**

#### **Sagebrush Clinic**

1111 Columbus St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
**661 326-6500**

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

#### **Search and Serve**

1300 17<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
**661 636-4817**

[www.searchandserve.kern.org](http://www.searchandserve.kern.org)

#### **Terrio Kids**

4101 Easton Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA  
**661 377-1701**

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

#### **V.I.P.O.**

1524 21<sup>st</sup> ST.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
**(661) 322-1005**

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



## Guide to DHS Programs

The Department of Human Services offers several programs to assist youth with their **educational, employment and transitional needs**. Outlined below are brief descriptions of those available services. See the Department of Human Services website at [www.KCDHS.org](http://www.KCDHS.org) for more detailed information.

### **Cal-Learn**

Cal-Learn is a mandatory program for CalWORKs (cash aid) recipients who are under 19 years of age, are pregnant or parenting, and have not yet completed their high school diploma and live in the same household as their child. It is designed to attack long-term welfare dependency by encouraging and assisting teen parents to stay in or return to high school or its equivalent and earn a diploma or GED. You can receive assistance with:

- Child care expenses
- School expenses
- Transportation expenses
- Family planning

### **Independent Living Program (ILP)**

The Independent Living Program (ILP) assist youth 16 and older who are in foster care, or who have been in foster care after their 16th birthday up to age 21, achieve self-sufficiency as they transition from foster care to independent living. This program offers educational, employment as well as housing assistance.

#### *Services:*

- Transitional Independent Living Plan
- Education Planning
- College and Financial Aid Applications
- ILP Employment Counselors
- Career Planning, Job Leads, Resumes
- Transitional Housing for Emancipated Youth
- Emancipation Conferences and Special Life Skills Workshops
- Transportation Assistance
- Resource Directory
- ILP Scholarships
- Introduction to California Youth Connection (CYC)
- Incentives for ILP participation
- Mentoring
- Assistance in Obtaining Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, California Identification Card and Savings Account
- Viewing Your Child Welfare Case File

#### *Additional ILP Services:*

- **Building Blocks Transitional Housing Program**  
Building Blocks is an on-site program that lends educational, employment, financial budgeting, and personal goal setting skills to help youth achieve self-sufficiency. Participating youth will be required to work full or part-time and may also attend school.
- **Transitional Housing Placement Plus Program: H.O.S.T. Families**  
Youth live with a HOST family who is either pre-approved as a HOST family, or a family the youth has an established relationship with. Participants may live with a host family for up to one year while receiving a \$300 monthly stipend.
- **Scattered-Site Housing Program**  
Program requires that the youth obtain or currently reside in an apartment or rental arrangement, and for a period of 1 year, a stipend in the amount of \$300 will be provided to the youth.
- **Dream Center**  
The Dream Center assists current and former foster youth transition to independence and self-sufficiency. Services utilize a formal case management system.

### **Other Supportive Services...**

These family based services build on family strengths to help meet a child's safety needs. Services are provided to prevent placement of children in foster care whenever possible; to help reunify children placed in foster care, to help identify alternative permanent homes when necessary, or to stabilize foster care placements.

### **Early Intervention Services (EIS):**

EIS program is under development. The purpose of the EIS program is to ensure all children under three years old, with a substantiated child abuse and/or neglect referral receive:

- (a) A developmental screening using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ),
- (b) Are referred to developmental and educational services if the screening results indicate a need, and
- (c) Are provided assessments and proper services when needed.

The EIS program was selected for implementation based on research on infants and toddlers, the requirement under Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 that emphasizes enhanced linkages between child protective services, public health, mental health and developmental disabilities agencies, and the CAPTA requirement that child protective services refer children under the age of three who are involved in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect to early intervention services.

### **Family Finding & Engagement (FFE)**

Using the family finding model, social workers locate and engage relatives of children in order to reconnect them with family members to establish or maintain family bonding and possible relative placements. The goal of FFE is to provide each child with the lifelong connections that family members can offer. Per AB 938, the social worker must exercise due diligence to identify and locate relatives within 30 days of the child's removal from the home. A Family Finding unit has been created to expedite relative placements, re-establish family bonds and provide placement matching.

### **The Kern County Treatment Foster Care Oregon (TFCO)**

(Formerly MTFC) is looking for resource parents who are willing and able to provide a stable home for children who have significant behavioral problems which have jeopardized their placements in the past. KCTFCO is a strengths-based program that provides specialized training and increased support from social workers and mental health partners. In this program, the caretakers and the child work closely with a social worker and the child's mental health team. Caretakers will provide feedback about the child's behavior each week, attend a brief, weekly meeting with other KCTFCO resource parents, and will receive the higher specialized care increments for the child while the child is in the program. Children are able to earn incentives their team for improved behavior. These special children are screened from the program with the goal in mind of reunifying them with either their parents or someone else important in their lives and KCTFCO is typically a 6 to 12 months program. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Heather Garcia at 661-868-8358.

### **Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC)**

ISFC program is open to resource families who would like to care for foster youth who require intensive treatment and behavioral supports. Being an ISFC resource parent requires a significant commitment of time, involvement and responsibility that includes participating as an integral part of the youth's team. As ISFC is a comprehensive program, resource parents are required to take pre-placement and ongoing training classes to be an ISFC resource family. Training is specialized to meet the specific needs of the foster youth in the home that is receiving ISFC services.

Resource parents will have the support of the Kern Bridges ISFC team; including professional and paraprofessional services that meet the youth and family's needs. Formal and informal Child Family Team Meetings (CFTMs) will encourage effective collaboration in case plan implementation. ISFC resource parents will also have access to 24-hour crisis assistance in which they can contact the ISFC team during non-business hours.

Further, ISFC resource parents will receive a higher reimbursement rate that reflects the intensive services they are providing to the youth in their care. Resource parents play a profoundly significant role in the ISFC program and thus are afforded the respect of professional therapeutic parents due to the challenges they will encounter when working with these youth. For more information about the ISFC Program, please call Melissa Soin at 661-873-2382.

### **Respite Care:**

Respite Care is temporary care for eligible children in foster care for periods not to exceed 72 hours and shall be provided by licensed, approved or certified caregivers. These services shall not be provided for the purpose of routine, ongoing childcare. Respite care providers must meet specific licensing criteria to accept children for respite care and have current, age appropriate CPR/First Aid certification, be current with annual training requirements, obtain permission and paperwork from the “child’s” Social Worker, and have an understanding of how to obtain medical care for the “child” while in your care. Respite care providers who are licensed are expected to notify their Licensing Program Analyst that you will be providing respite. Since this is a specialized program participants must receive authorization from the child’s social worker/supervisor prior to finalizing arrangements for respite care.

### **Specialized Care and Incentive Assistance Program and Respite Care (SCIAP):**

Use of SCIAP funds is limited to specific goods and services on a NON-RECURRING basis. Only federally eligible dependents of the court placed with relatives, foster family homes and legal guardians are eligible. Those NOT eligible include children in group homes or foster family agency homes, children receiving SSI/Social Security only benefits and undocumented children.

#### ***SCIAP Can Help With:***

- Summer camp and sports
- Club tuitions and fees
- Tutoring
- Graduation costs
- Musical items
- AT&T phone cards (Phone cards help children maintain contact with out-of-state family members)
- Wal-Mart gift cards (Gift cards are to purchase emergency clothing for child in need, as approved by SCIAP coordinator)
- Replace glasses/retainers
- 4-H-project livestock
- Medical equipment (not covered by: Medi-cal)
- Orthodontia
- Respite Care

### **Special Care Increment (SCI):**

These funds are paid in addition to foster care benefits, on behalf of a child placed in the home that requires specialized care because of health and/or behavioral issues. At no point is an SCI payment automatic. Caretakers should discuss any unusual medical and/or behavioral concerns with the assigned Social worker. All requests are them made by the assigned Social Worker.

#### ***Eligible Situations may include:***

- Transporting child to frequent medical and/or counseling appointments or court-ordered visits requiring extensive travel.
- Medications and/or medical equipment and supplies not covered by Medi-Cal but prescribed or recommended by the child’s physician solely for the child’s use.
- Severe behavioral problems requiring constant extraordinary supervision.
- Medically fragile, severe medical problems or developmental disabilities requiring an intensive level of care.
- Children who require constant supervision

### **Child Family Team Meetings (CFTM):**

A Child Family Team meeting is held when a decision needs to be made about where a child should live. These meetings are attended by the parents, the child (if appropriate), relatives, neighbors, community members, service providers, caregivers, social workers and supervisors. Anyone the family would like to invite is welcome. The goal is to make a plan that everyone feels is in the best interest of the child.

### **WRAP Around Services:**

The Wraparound Program is designed to provide intensive services as an alternative to group home placement. The children qualify for a 10 – 14 level group home due to behavior problems and are at risk of losing placement. The principles of the Wraparound Program maintain that we provide services utilizing a “no eject, no reject” policy and

that the children in our program receive unconditional care from a strengths based perspective. The child is assigned a team of people that work specifically on the issues that put the child’s placement at risk; which includes providing support to the caregivers. Examples of some of the behaviors our teams work with include:

- Frequent run away
- Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Oppositional and/or defiant behavior
- Self-injurious behavior
- Sexualized behavior
- Aggressive/assaultive behavior
- Substance abuse
- Fire starting
- Minor criminal behavior
- School truancy

*For additional information on any of these services, contact your Human Services Technician or Social Service Worker or visit the Department of Human Services website at [www.KCDHS.org](http://www.KCDHS.org)*

## Important Contact Numbers

**Kern County Department of Human Services  
100 E. California Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93307  
(661) 631-6000**

<b><u>ADOPTIONS</u></b> Receptionist.....	<b>661-873-2400</b>
<b><u>CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES</u></b> Receptionist.....	<b>661-631-6422</b>
<b><u>CPS HOTLINES</u></b>	
Bakersfield.....	<b>661-631-6011</b>
Ridgecrest.....	<b>760-375-6049</b>
Toll Free.....	<b>877-233-0073</b>
<b><u>CHILDREN’S VISITATION CENTER</u></b> .....	<b>661-633-7054</b>
<b><u>FOSTER CARE BENEFITS</u></b> .....	<b>661-873-2341</b>
Irene Lopez Foster Care Supervisor <a href="mailto:lopezi@kerndhs.com">lopezi@kerndhs.com</a>	
Nestor Garay ..... Foster Care Supervisor <a href="mailto:garayn@kerndhs.com">garayn@kerndhs.com</a>	<b>661-873-2340</b>
<b><u>OMBUDSPERSON</u></b>	
Monique Hawkins.....	<b>661-631-6188</b>
<b><u>RESOURCE FAMILY SPECIALIST</u></b>	
Melissa Soin..... <a href="mailto:soinm@kerndhs.com">soinm@kerndhs.com</a>	<b>661-873-2382</b>
<b><u>RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL RECRUITMENT LINE</u></b>	
<a href="mailto:resourcefamilies@kerndhs.com">resourcefamilies@kerndhs.com</a> .....	<b>661-631-6204</b>

**INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP)**..... 661-631-6494  
Robin Chambers  
ILP Supervisor  
[chamber@kerndhs.com](mailto:chamber@kerndhs.com)

**A.MIRIAM JAMISON CHILDREN'S CENTER**..... 661-334-3500  
1010 Shalimar Dr. Bakersfield 93306

## **RESOLVING A PROBLEM**

### **I. CONCERNS THAT MAY ARISE:**

1. Miscommunication with staff
2. Immediate information if Social Worker is not available
3. Phone calls not returned within 24 hours
4. Your concern for child not being heard

### **II. NEXT STEP – TRY TO RESOLVE WITH:**

1. Child's Social Worker and/or Your RFA Social Worker
2. Social Worker Supervisor or RFA Supervisor
3. Foster Care Ombudsperson
4. Program Director
5. Assistant Director
6. Director

### **III. PHONE NUMBERS:**

1. Ombudsperson  
Monique Hawkins 661-631-6188
2. Resource Family Specialist  
Melissa Soin 661-873-2382





