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**The Kern County Department of Human Services announces our new Benefits Express Mobile Office**

The Kern County Department of Human Services (DHS) invites you to attend an Open House to view our new Benefits Bus; **Bringing Benefits to You!** The 38 foot RV named, "Benefits Express" by our staff, was purchased through funding offered through the Federal Government's SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Grant Program. This federal grant was one of five received in the United States during this grant cycle.

Our Benefits Express took over two years to build and includes five work stations, as well as provision for those requiring handicap entry.

The vehicle will be used to provide easier access to those who may not be able to get to one of our offices throughout the county. Some of the services offered through the Benefits Express will include CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, and General Assistance. To apply for these services online, please visit [www.kerndhs.org](http://www.kerndhs.org) or [www.benefitscal.com](http://www.benefitscal.com)

The Open House will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at 100 East California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA – at the Kern County Department of Human Services – in the front parking lot near the corner of California and Union.

This Open House is the first opportunity for the public to learn about this new service to the community. Information regarding upcoming locations and times for accessing this new service will be found at [www.kcdhs.org/BenefitsExpress](http://www.kcdhs.org/BenefitsExpress).



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