



How you can help

- Help a youth set up their first apartment
 - Provide a workshop on life skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting, interviewing, etc.)
 - Be a mentor
 - Sponsor a fun activity (e.g. ice cream sundaes, board game tournament, BBQ, arts and crafts, share a holiday tradition, etc.)
- Donate:**
- Hygiene items
 - Gently worn or new clothing or shoes
 - Food
 - School supplies
 - Household items
 - Bikes and skateboards

The Kern County Network for Children Foundation is a 501 (c)3 so all donations are tax deductible. Monetary donations are put to good use.

Local businesses can play a role by providing internships, networking opportunities, career exploration activities, job opportunities for youth, or sponsoring holiday meals.



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Kern County Network for Children

Services

- Counseling
- Assistance with accessing housing, transportation, food, medical care, and hygiene items
- Assistance with accessing and completing educational and/or vocational programs
- Assistance with building important life skills
- Assistance with applying for and accessing CalFresh & Medi Cal benefits
- Assistance with obtaining employment (e.g. job search, help creating a resume, clothes for interviews)
- Medical services
- Assistance with self-advocacy
- Tutoring
- Resource information and referral
- Shower and laundry facilities for homeless youth
- Social events that help youth develop social connections
- Support and advocacy

The Dream Center, named by the founding foster youth who helped design service delivery, is Kern County's only one-stop resource center for current and former foster youth up to the age of 25.



On-site resources

- Emergency hygiene, clothing and shoes, food, baby care items, and household items made possible through donations
- Internet access
- Computer lab
- Photocopier and fax
- Telephone to make calls
- Resource Library

Partners

- Kern County Network for Children
- Kern County Departments of Human Services, Probation, Public Health and Behavioral and Recovery Services
- Kern County Superintendent of Schools Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

