

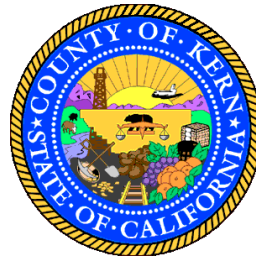


The Emergency Response Public Health Nurses, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services Social Workers, strive to:

- Strengthen Families
- Protect vulnerable children and adults
- Promote preventative health education and awareness
- Empower families to advocate on their own behalf.

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Emergency Response Public Health Nursing



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here to help.**

Emergency Response Public Health Nursing Program

This program is designed to provide public health nursing services to assist the ER Social Workers at the Department of Human Services (DHS). The Public Health Nurse collaborates with the Social Workers in assessment, prioritization and coordination of the health care needs of children who may have suffered from medical neglect or abuse.



The Emergency Response Public Health Nurse works in two roles: health educator and case manager.

Case Manager

As a case manager, the Public Health Nurse assists in obtaining, reviewing, and interpreting medical records. He/she links families and children to needed medical services and works with other professionals involved in the care of the child.

Health Educator

Within this role, the Public Health Nurse provides education to parents and children of families within the emergency response network. He/she provides health education and consultation to social workers and other child welfare services staff.



Emergency Response Public Health Nursing Services

- Assesses and evaluates health needs of children in the Emergency Response program.
- Coordinates with social workers and other professionals in case managing a child's health care.
- Links families to needed medical services.
- Provides education to families and social workers.
- Participates in team meetings and other community meetings as they relate to Emergency Response Families.