



# Caregivers of Kern County

Foster a Child's Journey Home



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## Luau Surf's Up

**AUG/SEPT 2014 Edition**



### President's msg. cont...

Kathryn manned the food table and kept everything nice and neat. Gayla held down the cashier booth and Alice Meyer displayed all the raffle items beautifully. There was a share (50/50) too. We had a lot of Eagle members and the outside public in attendance. Everyone got to eat sub sandwiches, chips, fresh fruit, tea, and lemonade. Some had 2nds and even a little went home with those that didn't. Thank you sponsors Frito-Lay and Pepsico for donating the chips.

Family tickets were the big hit. At \$20 for the entire family allowed many more to attend. We want to thank all our vendors as well. There decorated booths added spice to our room. Esperanza Guzman did the stage decorating for us again this year. Her designs are always beautiful and fitting to the occasion. A very special thank you to all our sponsors,

Please everyone give kudos to Lori Murphy for making and donating the centerpieces. She did an outstanding job! Many thanks to everyone who donated melons, grapes, sandwiches and more.

Thank you everyone for all the fun and activities. A wonderful end to a great summer. *Opal*, CKC Pres.

### The Goals of CKC

- Support all caregivers
- Safeguard children in our homes
- Network with Child Welfare Agencies
- Socialize events for families
- Education and information on current policies and regulations.
- Share ideas in a friendly atmosphere
- And fund raise, fund raise, fund raise!

### Meeting Spot – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month 6pm

The Community Partnership Building  
Department of Human Services  
100 E. California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

### Dear Caregivers,

What a fun event! Thank you membership for your participation. I saw many CKC and Aspiranet families enjoying this afternoon of fun. We had nail painting, tattoos, dancing, singing, Auti the autistic turtle, Lilo & Stitch and not to forget the BPD K9 dogs. Our DJ/MC Joey 'Zaza' Chavira kept the show running and exciting. He was a wonderful addition this day.

This annual event raised enough to purchase backpack and supplies helping out the DHS sibling event. Many of our families attend this special occasion so the kids can see each other. We also raised enough for our Farm Day Adventure with The Goen Family scheduled for September 13, 2014. Can't wait to see the new little piggies.

I am so proud of all the volunteers. Dahlia and

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL.**

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to assist all caregivers of foster/adopt/kinship children by offering our experience, support, training, understanding and love. Our goal is to work closely with agencies, each other, and community partners to meet the needs of caregivers and to assist in better outcomes for these children and families.

## Bakersfield College Thursday Evening Trainings

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month immediately following the CKC meeting. You must pre-register by 6:15 p.m. You will then receive 1.5 hours of training.

**Bakersfield College**

**Foster & Kinship Care Education and Training Schedule  
Caregivers of Kern County (CKC) Training  
2014-2015**

### Address:

- Kern County Department of Human Services
- Prevention & Community Partnership Building (Corner of Tulare and Butte Streets)
- 100 E California Avenue
- Bakersfield, CA 93307

**Child Care?** Child care is available at \$5 per family

**Pre-Register:** Mary Halberg, Program Manager BC Family and Consumer Education Division

Telephone: Registration Line 661-319-1836 or Mary @ 661-395-4737

### FREE TRAINING

Date	Time	Topic	Facilitator
9/4/14	6:30-8:00 pm	Asthma & Respiratory	American Lung Assn.
10/2/14	6:30-8:00 pm	ADHD Training	DianSchneider, ResourceSpecialist H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection
11/6/14	6:30-8:00 pm	Adoption/Guardianship	GailAchuff, KCDHS Social Worker
12/4/14		NO TRAINING Holiday Cottage	N/A
1/1/15		NO TRAINING New Year	N/A
2/5/15	6:30-8:00 pm	Nutrition & Obesity - Cultural	Rochelle Anzaldo, RD
3/5/15	6:30-8:00 pm	Working with Bio Parents	MelissaBradex, Educator and Former Foster Youth
4/2/15	6:30-8:00 pm	Mental Health Schizophrenic	Via Turjanis, MFT
5/7/15	6:30-8:00 pm	M.A.R.E. Volunteer Program	DebbykateKroeger, M.A.R.E. Program
6/4/15	6:30-8:00 pm	Kern Regional Services	KRC Representative

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*Don't forget to pay your dues! Thank you*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 13** – Farm Day BBQ

**Oct. 23** – Halloween Party TBA

**Oct. 31** – Harvest Party TBA

**Dec.** – Christmas Party TBA

FUN IN THE SUN! AND IN THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES... SEE YA AT FARM DAY!