Resource Caregiver Family Guide to Services

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www.KCDHS.org

Kern County Department of Human Services is an equal opportunity employer.
Vision:
Every child, individual, and family in Kern County is safe, healthy, and self-sufficient.

Mission:
The Department of Human Services partners with children, individuals, families and the community to provide customer-centered services. We work to ensure safe, protected and permanent homes for children and we actively assist individuals as they prepare for employment.

Values:
- Service excellence
- Proactive leadership
- Continuous learning
- Diversity
- Creative solutions
- Clear goals
- Measurable results
- Effective communication
- Constructive feedback
- Honesty
- Personal/Professional integrity
- Accountability
- Adherence to policy and regulation
- Responsible stewardship
- Respect for the individual

Resource Caregiver Family Guide Services also available on-line:
County of Kern web-site
Department of Human Services
www.KCDHS.org

Be sure to click on the information link under Foster Family Resources and select Caregiver Resource Guide.

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

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**To ALL Resource Families:**

Whether you are a county licensed foster family, a relative/kinship caregiver, a non-related extended family member (NREFM) or a certified foster family home caregiver, YOU ARE a Resource Family Caregiver. 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 the Foster Care Resources tab and select “Resource Family Guide” for your copy.

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**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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**Child Care**

State Preschool Program…………………………..631-4936
Administrative Office
1111-10th 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/

Community Connection for Child Care…………861-5200
2000 K St. 93301
Resource Referral Line: 861-5271. For a listing of child care licensed providers.
http://kern.org/cccc/

Darlyn’s Darlings…………………………………631-2273
4801 Truxtun Ave
Daycare and Respite for Medically Fragile Children
http://darlynsdarlings.com/

Kern County Superintendent of Schools..........636-4000
1300 17th 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/

Beale Memorial Library ……………………..868-0700
701 Truxtun Ave. 93301
Toddler and Preschool reading time. Call for schedules and special events. 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
130017th St.City Centre
Volunteers go to designated school and read to children in 2nd grade. Work with school. School staff has to refer class. Call for details & requirements.
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. Cost is $299 for 5 sessions

Kern Literary Council……………………….324-3213
331 18th St. 93301
Kern Literary council offers Family Literary, tutoring for young children and one-on-one tutoring free of charge to families requesting these services.
www.kernliteracy.org

Panama-Buena Vista Union School Dist……..831-8313
PBVUSD also utilizes Read 180 and STAR reading intervention to help with reading for students in 4th to 12th grade.

Sylvan Learning……………………………..1-800-338-2283
2720 Calloway Dr. Ste A 93312
PBVUSD also utilizes Read 180 and STAR reading intervention to help with reading for students in 4th to 12th grade.

**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

Alcoholics Anonymous.............................322-4025
925 17 St. 93301
www.kernaa.org

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

Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery
Services...........................................868-6453
1401 “L” St.
https://www.kernbhrs.org/

EDUCATION

Early Childhood Programs

Claude W. Richardson Child Development Center,336-5405
Downtown Child Development Center.............636-4550
Fairgrounds Child Development Center..........837-1582
GARDEN Pathways Downtown Education
Center.............................................633-2302
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
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., Glenville 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., Maricopa, 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

School District Offices, Continued

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

Rosendale 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**

American Red Cross........................................324-6427
Services for those affected by natural disasters and single family fires. [http://www.redcross.org/](http://www.redcross.org/)

Amber Alert..................................................864-4400

Childhood Lead Poisoning..............................868-0360

CAPK Kern County 211....................................211
Call Center. Information and Referral services that links residents to community health and human services and support. [http://www.capk.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Pages/Page/id/535](http://www.capk.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Pages/Page/id/535)

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

KCDHS-Kern County Department of Human Services
[www.KCDHS.org](http://www.KCDHS.org)

Adoptions.....................................................631-6000

Information..................................................631-6000

Adoptions.....................................................631-6000

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

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

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

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. [http://e-warmline.org/](http://e-warmline.org/)
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

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

Bakersfield Pregnancy Center.........................326-1907
1801-21st St.
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.fpwomenshealth.com

Kern Medical (formally KMC).........................326-2000
1700 Mt Vernon Ave.
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

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 29th St.
Family to Family Mentoring helping to grow healthy families through mentoring and encouragement.
www.gardenpathways.com

Henrietta Weil 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

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 for an updated list of dates, times and locations.
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
1326-30th 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

Hope Center.................................................................399-2119
3311 Manor St.
Clothing — ten items bi-monthly per household member; food by referral. Mon.- Fri. 9am-2 pm.
www.hopecenter.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

Salvation Army.................................................................836-8487
4417 Wilson Rd.
www.salvationarmysisa.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/

Bakersfield College Foster Kinship Care Education & Training.
Pre-register at.................................................................661-395-4737
The training schedule is available at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/fkce (click on Foster and Kinship Care Program)

Bakersfield College
Foster & Kinship Care Education Program........395-4737
Assists foster and kinship care providers with essential education and skills needed for parenting youth.
http://www2.bc.cc.ca.us/cdt/Foster_Kinship/foster_kin.html

Kern County Department of Human Services
Resource Family Recruitment Line....................631-6204
100 E. California Ave
www.co.kern.ca.us/dlhs/

The Caring Closet Hotline..............................889-3142
2216 17th Street
www.thecaringclosetkerncounty.webstart.com
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 third Monday of each month, 5:30-7:00 pm. Dinner and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to 323-1233
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.cupk.org

Ebony Counseling Center…………………………324-4756
1301 California Ave

Faith In Action Kern County………………..631-9200
2005 Eye St. #3
www.fiakerncounty.org

Garden Pathways……………………………………633-9133
1616 29th St.
www.gardenpathways.org

Kern County Department of Human Services…631-6000
100 E. California Ave.
www.co.kern.ca.us/dhs

Kern County Superintendent of Schools………..852-5806
1300 17th 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

Stay Focused Ministries……………………….322-HOPE(4673)
1225 California Ave.
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

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
Comfort Dental/Smileland
3990 Ming Ave……………………………..821-5437
2631 A Fashion……………………………..871-2223
Dedicated Dental……………………………..390-9453
3400 Wible Rd.
Dedicated Dental/Rosedale…………………360-1207
9600 Rosedale Hwy.
Just For Kids Dentistry…………………327-7668
4000 Stockdale Hwy., Ste. H

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

CALIFORNIA CITY
Glenn Dental……………………………..1-760-373-1950
21007 Nemophila, Ste., B
**DELANO**  
**Health Unit**  
**Kern County Department of Human Services**  
**Clinica Sierra Vista Clinics**  
**Health Care**  
www.co.kern.ca.us/health/CHDP_Provider_Directory.pdf  
For complete listing see WASCO, TEHACHAPI, TAFT, ROSAMOND, McLAMONT, DELAN, HAFTER, FARLAND.

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Hometown Dental Care | 725-9430 | 1406 Jefferson St. |  
LAMONT | Clinica Sierra Vista (Dental) | 845-3688 | 8787 Hall Rd. |  
http://www.clinicasierravista.org/ |  
LOST HILLS | Lost Hills Dental Center | 797-2677 | 21138 Paso Robles Rd. |  
McFARLAND | Felicia Do Dentistry | 792-3028 | 501 West Kern Ave. |  
RIDGECREST | Ridgecrest Family Dentistry | 1-760-446-9011 | 704 Martin Luther King Blvd |  
http://www.ridgecrestdentistry.com/ |  
ROSAMOND | Mardirosian, Hovik, D.D.S. | 256-2560 | 1431 Rosamond Blvd., Ste. #1 |  
SHAFER | 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 7th St., Bldg. C |  
| | | | |  
For complete listing see:  
www.co.kern.ca.us/health/CHDP_Provider_Directory.pdf  

**Medical Services**

 Clinica Sierra Vista Clinics  
1305 Bear Mountain Blvd., Arvin ........854-3131  
2000 Physicians Blvd. Ste. F.............324-1455  
1611 1st 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

For 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)  
100-4th St, Taft.........................800-300-OMNI (6664)  
2101-7th St., Wasco......................800-300-OMNI (6664)  
1001 Main St., Delano.....................800-300-OMNI (6664)  
1133 N. Chelsea St., Ridgecrest...........800-300-OMNI (6664)  

Call for dates & locations.  

“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  
For complete listing see:  
http://www.kernpublichealth.com/  

**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  
San Joaquin Community Hospital...........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

### 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.csu.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 6th 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.hwmcg.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.kernbhrs.org]

- Mosaic Counseling 665-6077
  1430 Truxtun Ave., 5th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301
- Offering Individual, Family, Couples, Groups Therapy and Classes.

### NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN RESOURCES

- American Indian Health Project Bakersfield 327-4030
- 1617 30th 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.bakersfieldpol.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.csu.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 Ctr., 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.

**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 9th Ave., San Francisco, CA.
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

**Tule Elk State Reserve**

......765-5004
8653 Station Rd. Buttonwillow Ca 93206
www.parks.ca.gov

**JUST FOR FUN**

**AMC Bakersfield 6**

......869-0119
4200 California Ave.
https://www.amctheatres.com/movie-theatres/bakersfield/amc-bakersfield-6

**Bakersfield Ice Sports Center**

......852-7400
1325 “Q” St. #100
Figure skating and hockey classes offered.
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/

**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 offerred. Call for hours of operation.
http://www.bakersfieldswim.us/

**Murray Family Farms**

......330-0100
6700 General Beale Rd.
https://murrayfamilyfarms.com/
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

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 12-5 pm.
http://www.kcmuseum.org/
SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES

**Autism Society**………………………………...489-3335
“Autism society chapter Kern autism network provides support,
awareness, information and education to families and the public
throughout Kern County” [www.kernautism.org](http://www.kernautism.org)

**B-GLAD**.........................................................TTY 831-2884
4949 Buckley Way Ste 203…………………………….Videophone 369-8858
Serving the needsof deaf and hard of hearing residents of Kern
County. Free Family Communication Resource Kit – teaches ASL.

**California Children Services**......................358-5401
California Children Services (CCS) is a state wide program that
arranges, directs and pays for medical care, equipment, and
rehabilitation when these services are authorized by the program for
medically eligible conditions.

**Children’s Wish Foundation**...................1-800-323-9474
For children under 18 years, diagnosed with life threatening illness
Provides interagency referrals, assessment and intervention services
for infants and toddlers with special needs from birth until 36 months

**Society for Disabled Children**………………322-5595
1819 Brundage Ln. [www.societyfde.com](http://www.societyfde.com)

**Special Education Referral Agencies**

**Kern County Search and Serve**………………635-2800
A referring agency for special education services for all eligible
children/youth 0-21yrs

**Kern County Superintendent of School**………636-4817

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

**Kern Early Start/Offices for Kern County focus age 0-3yrs**

**Kern Regional Center**...............................327-8531

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

**Sierra Sands District (Ridgecrest)**.............1-760 446-8073

**Respite Care providers**

**Caring Corner**……………………………………847-7342
492 Wible Rd.
Day care for medically fragile children.
**Support Groups**

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 students 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

Kinship Support
Services……………………………………………………………..322-1021
Henrietta Weill Memorial Child guidance Clinic
3628 Stockdale Hwy
Serving families with children of relatives or close friends in their home.
Support Groups
Counseling for adults, youth, and children
Parenting education for Kin
Respite care
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/](http://www.gardenpathways.org/)

Aspiranet......................................................323-1233
1001 Tower way Suite 250
Monthly support groups for adoptive families.
[www.aspiranet.org](http://www.aspiranet.org)

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**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://chvi.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/

National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Kern...........321-9512
http://www.nationalmssociety.org/

Cerebral Palsy Association..............................861-6040
http://www.fcsrespite.com/

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation..............................1-800-344-4823
https://wwwcff.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 19th 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.hwmecg.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. Thursday 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

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**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 18th 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

**Kern Medical Center**
1700 Mount Vernon Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93306
(661) 326-2200
http://www.kernmedicalcenter.com

**Loma Linda University Medical Center**
11234 Anderson St.
Loma Linda, CA 92354
(909) 558-6641
http://lomalindahahealth.org

**Ronald Regan UCLA Hospital**
757 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-9111

**Santa Monica UCLA Healthcare**
1245 16th St.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(425) 259-6000
http://www.ucla.edu/

**WIC**
2400 Wible Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93304
(661) 835-1240
www.clinicasierravista.org

**Shriner’s Hospital for Children**
2425 Stockton Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95817
(916) 453-2000
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

**Hearts Connection**
3101 Sillect Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-328-9055
http://www.heartsfrc.org/

**Pharmacies**

**Kern Medical Center**
1700 Mount Vernon Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93306
(661) 326-2506
http://www.kernmedicalcenter.com

**Mercy Plaza Pharmacy**
2323 16th St.
Bakersfield, CA 93303
(661) 324-2545
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

**Aspiranet**
1001 Tower Way Ste 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 323-1302
www.aspiranet.org
Aspiranet offers a monthly support group for adoptive families, which is held on the 3rd Monday of each month, 5:30-7:30pm. 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

**Hearts Connection**
3101 Sillect Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-328-9055
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 4th St. Rm. 35
Bakersfield, CA 93304
(661) 868-7270

**34th St. Medical Therapy Unit**
820 34th 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

**Rafer Johnson Center**
1100 9th St.
Bakersfield, CA 93304
(661) 631-5850 /
(661) 631-5445

**Richardson Center**
1515 Felix Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 336-5400

**Sagebrush Clinic**
1111 Columbus St.
Bakersfield, CA 93305
661 326-6500
www.kernmedicalcenter.com

**Search and Serve**
1300 17th St.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661 636-4817
www.searchandserve.kern.org

**Terrio Kids**
4101 Easton Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93304
(661) 322-1005
www.vipoinc.com

**V.I.P.O.**
1524 21st ST.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 322-1005
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 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’s 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
- Transportation expenses
- School 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 Files

**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 DHS 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.

**Kid’s Connection Team (KCT):**

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 KCT 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**

(Formerly MTFC) is looking for foster 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 specialize 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 foster parents, and will receive the highest 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 reuniting them with either their parents or someone else important in their lives and KCFCO is typically a 6 to 12 months program. If you are interested or would like more information about the program, please contact Cindi Lane-Pompa at 661-868-8322 or Vija Turjanis at 661-868-8343

**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
- Replace glasses/retainers
- 4-H-project livestock
- Medical equipment (not covered by: Medi-cal)
• 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 SCIAF coordinator)

**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 (CFT):**
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

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Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 631-6000

ADOPTIONS Receptionist........................................... 661-873-2400

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES Receptionist............ 661-631-6422

CPS HOTLINES
Bakersfield...................... 661-631-6011
Ridgecrest...................... 760-375-6049
Toll Free......................... 877-233-0073

CHILDREN’S VISITATION CENTER................................. 661-633-7054

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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 Licensing Worker
2. Social Worker Supervisor or Licensing Supervisor
3. Foster Care Ombudsman
4. Program Director
5. Assistant Director
6. Director

III. PHONE NUMBERS:

1. Ombudsman
   Monique Hawkins 661-631-6188

2. Resource Family Specialist
   Melissa Bodirsky 661-873-2382

3. Caregivers of Kern County President
   Lori Murphy 661-703-7693