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**- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -
JobFest Series Resumes for 2018**

(Bakersfield, CA) – The Kern County Department of Human Services is pleased to announce the **2018 JobFest Series**, bringing employment opportunities to every region of Kern County. With Kern County’s overall unemployment rate at **8.6** the **JobFest** series is just one way DHS is working to improve the lives of children and families in our communities.

The **Lamont JobFest** took place on **Thursday, February 8th** from 9:00am - Noon at the David Head Center, 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont. Lamont’s unemployment rate is **7.2%**. Over 40 Employers offered more than 500 open positions in Lamont.

Mojave JobFest will take place on **Thursday, March 8th** at the Mojave Air & Space Port in the Stuart O. Witt Event Center, 1247 Poole St. in Mojave from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mojave’s unemployment rate is **14.3%**.

Bakersfield JobFest will take place earlier in the series this year on **Wednesday, March 14th** at The Rabobank Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Bakersfield’s unemployment rate is **7.7%**.

Lake Isabella JobFest will take place on **Thursday, March 29th** from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at The Kern River Valley Veterans Hall, 6405 Lake Isabella Blvd. The unemployment rate in the Kern River Valley is **7.7%**.

Taft JobFest takes place on **Thursday, April 19th** from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at The Historic Fort, 915 N. 10th Street, Taft. Taft’s unemployment rate is **5.6%**.

Ridgecrest JobFest will take place on **Thursday, April 26th** at the Kerr McGee Center, 100 W. California Ave in Ridgecrest from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Ridgecrest’s unemployment rate is **5.7%**.

Shafter JobFest will take place **Thursday, May 17th** from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at the Shafter Veterans Hall, 309 California Avenue, Shafter. Shafter’s unemployment rate is **7.3%**.

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Delano JobFest will take place on **Thursday, June 14th** at Cesar Chavez High School, 800 Browning Road, in Delano, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Delano's unemployment rate is **10.3%**.

Employers with current job openings can participate at no cost. Contact Shanda Evett at (661) 635-2637 to receive an Employer Participation Commitment Form for your local job fair.

Job seekers should come to **JobFest** dressed for success with at least 20 copies of their resume or Master Application. Job leads and resume assistance are available everyday to the public at all of our DHS locations. Visit www.KCDHS.org for location information and follow us on Facebook at @jobfestkern.

Every year, the **JobFest** series brings rave reviews from employers and job seekers alike. We look forward to another successful year helping Kern County residents connect with employers ready to hire them!

For additional information, or to make media arrangements, please contact Heidi Carter-Escudero at (661) 633-7104.

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