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District Attorney Lisa S. Green announced today that the Kern County Family Justice Center will be opening its doors on January 17, 2018. The District Attorney's Office would like to extend an invitation to the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **January 16, 2018 at 3:00pm** at 2101 Oak Street, Bakersfield, California. The ceremony will include an Open House and the unveiling of the Kern County Family Justice Center Awareness and Prevention Poster Campaign featuring Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr and former NFL quarterback David Carr.

The Family Justice Center concept began in San Diego, California in 2002. It was envisioned that a Family Justice Center would be a one-stop-shop for victims of domestic violence. It sought to be a place where representatives from various agencies were housed under one roof in order to provide services for victims of domestic violence and their children. This provided an avenue for victims and their children to seek help without having to travel to multiple locations, a task that is often difficult due to transportation issues. To date, there are over 130 Family Justice Centers across the nation.

The Kern County Family Justice Center will house representatives from agencies including the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Kern County District Attorney's Office, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Kern County Department of Human Services, and Child Support Services. Other offsite partners include the Bakersfield Police Department, Kern County Sheriff's Office, Dress for Success Bakersfield, and Aging and Adult Services.