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On January 17, 2018 the Kern County Family Justice Center opened its doors to show the community that having a one-stop shop for victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault was needed. Although there were already various agencies that provided different services to victims here in Kern County, the Family Justice Center concept would bring those agencies together in one place, making it less burdensome on victims having to navigate the system and travel from one location to another.

This concept has grown rapidly throughout the years as the need for efficient co-located service delivery models have been recognized as a best practice model by the Department of Justice. The Family Justice Center framework has now spread to 40 states and 25 countries with a survivor-centered model for comprehensive services provided under one roof in a trauma-informed, hope centered approach.

As of today, the Kern County Family Justice Center has had 873 new clients come to receive services and approximately 1400 visits. Most are victims of Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault. However, the center has also assisted victims of Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, and Human Trafficking.

The Kern County Family Justice Center houses 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.

If you or someone you know is a victim, help is available. You are not alone.

The Kern County Family Justice Center is located at 2101 Oak Street. Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information.

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