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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 website

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.)

To report any additions or edits to the contents of this directory contact:

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To ALL Resource Families:

Whether you are a relative/kinship caregiver, a non-related extended family member (NREFM) or a resource family approved caregiver, YOU ARE IMPORTANT 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** Be sure to click on the Foster Care Resources tab and select "Resource Family Guide" for your copy.

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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CHILDREN'S SERVICES & TRAININGS

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/
Head Start Preschool Programs for children (0-5). Child care and migrant education assistance. Greater Bakersfield, Delano, Shafter, Wasco communities served.

Community Connection for Child Care.....861-5200
2000 K St. 93301
Resource Referral Line: 861-5271. For a listing of childcare 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 Literacy 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 encourages the use of Moby Max, which is a free online program for Reading and Math. An assessment is done then a tailored program is created.
www.mobymax.com

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
Programs based on the individual needs and goals of each child. Sylvan staff are dedicated to working with each family to find the best fit.
www.bakersfieldsylvan.com

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 dependancy 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
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., Maricopca, 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

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

Rosedale 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/

Amber Alert.....864-4400
California Highway Patrol: Bakersfield. America's missing: Broadcast Emergency Response, Traffic Condition, and General Information about Highway Patrol. https://www.amberalert.gov/

Childhood Lead Poisoning.....868-0360
Public Health. Offers home visitation, environmental home inspections and nutritional assessments to families of severely lead-poisoned children. Kids Services up to age 21. Education information about lead poisoning in the community.
http://kernpublichealth.com/

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

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

Family Urgent Response System (FURS)..1-833-939-3877
A free 24/7/365 hotline for current or former foster youth and caregivers to call and get immediate help for any big or small issues.

KCDHS-Kern County Department of Human Services
www.KCDHS.org
Information.....631-6000
Adoptions..... 873-2400
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
Mentoring program. Work with at risk children and teenagers.
http://stayfocused.org/

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/

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.
No fee. Christian pro-life. Pregnancy testing and options/post-abortion counseling, health care/social service referrals, baby clothes/furniture.
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.fpawomenshealth.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.plannedparentohood.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 Weill 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.

FOOD, CLOTHING, AND FURNITURE

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 individiuals 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.salvationarmyusa.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/

FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SERVICES

Bakersfield COLLEGE

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 FOUNDATION FOUNDED 1975

Bakersfield College
Foster & Kinship Care Education Program.....395-4737
Assists foster and kinship care providers with essential education and skills needed for parenting foster 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/dhs/

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 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:30 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.capk.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
Dedicated Dental/Rosedale……. 360-1207
9600 Rosedale Hwy.
Gentle Dental…….....390-9453
3400 Wible Rd.
Just For Kids Dentistry.....327-7668
4000 Stockdale Hwy., Ste. H
Smileland
3990 Ming Ave **.....821-5437**

BUTTONWILLOW

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

CALIFORNIA CITY

Glenn Dental…….....1-760-373-1950
21007 Nemophilia, Ste., B

DELANO

Delano Family Dental Center.....721-7080
1215 Jefferson St.
http://www.delanofamilydentistry.com/
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

McFARLAND

Felicia Do Dentistry…….....792-3028
501 West Kern Ave.

RIDGECREST

Ridgecrest Family Dentistry.....1-760-446-9011
Jong-Gill AHN., D.D.S.
133 East California Ave
http://www.ridgecrestdentistry.com/

ROSAMOND

Mardirosian, Hovik, D.D.S.....256-2560
1431 Rosamond Blvd., Ste., #1

SHAFTER

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

Health Care Services Continued:

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
100 E. California Ave., Rm. 220
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)
"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

Arvin-Bear Mt. Blvd.....862-5422
Bakersfield-Baker St.....322-3907
Bakersfield E. California.....327-3074
Bakersfield- Benton Park.....326-2798
Bakersfield-Family Health Clinic.....336-5306
Lamont-Clinica Sierra Vista.....845-3717
Taft.....763-1844

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
Adventist Health Bakersfield…….....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.csub.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.hwmcgc.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 Avenue, 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.bakersfieldpal.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.csub.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 Ct., 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

Bakersfield Ice Sports Center.....852-7400
1325 "Q" St. #100
Figure skating and hockey classes offerred.
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 Aquautic 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/

Rollerama Skate
1004-34th St.....**327-7589**
7850 Brimhall Rd.....**589-7555**
http://www.rollerama.com/west_info.html

Rotary Storyland Playland Amusement.....559-486-2124
890 W Belmont Avenue Fresno, CA 93728
http://savestoryland.com/Non-Profit Amusement Park

Fresno Chaffee Zoo……1-559-498-5910
894 W. Belmont Ave. Fresno CA 93728
www.fresnozoo.org

Rush Air Sports……...679-4502
3200 Buck Owens Blvd. Ste. 100
Indoor trampoline Park, kid's activities, venues.
www.rushairsports.com

The Wild Fun Center…….663-3753
8500 Harris Rd.
Indoor playground, a party and event planning kids activities.

Bravo Farms……...559-738-9190
400 N. Willis St. Visalia Ca 93291
Family friendly environment, dine, shop, and play.
www.bravofams.com

Bakersfield Batting Range……324-7053
4001 Chester Ave

Mighty Kicks……489-8143
Mighty kicks **ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** (ages 3-5) for Preschools and Day Cares, allows parents to enroll their child in a quality extracurricular activity without an additional time investment. Mighty Kicks partners with the school (adding great value) and adapts the program to accommodate each center's needs.
www.mightykicks.net

MUSEUMS/CENTERS

Bakersfield Museum of Art.....323-7219
1930 "R" St.
Increase awareness and understanding of the visual arts.
http://www.bmoa.org/

Buena Vista Museum of Natural History.....324-6350
2018 Chester Ave.
The Museum promotes the scientific and educational aspects of earth history, particularly paleontology, biology, geology and anthropology. Open Thurs. through Sat., 10-5 pm., and by appointment. http://www.sharktoothhill.org/

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 12-5pm.
http://www.kcmuseum.org/

RESOURCE LIBRARIES

California State University Bakersfield.....654-2782
9001 Stockdale Hwy. http://www.calstate.edu/

Community Connection for Child Care.....861-5200
2000 K St., Ste.110
The Resource Lending Library is open to parents, child care professionals and anyone who works with young children. Access provided to laminating services; binding and copy machines; library books and other resource materials. Hours are Mon.-Fri. from 8:00-5:00 pm., except for the third Thurs. Closed last Friday of the month.

H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection of Kern County.....328-9055
3101 N Sillect Ave.Ste., 115
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Resource Center library is open to the community. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The library includes books, videos, cassette tapes, packets, etc. Information on rare syndromes can be ordered. Monthly Autism Support Group Meeting to be held 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. at 3101 N. Sillect Ave. Suite 115. For further info contact Susan at the listed number. This is a monthly meeting for those wanting information.
http://www.heartsfrc.org/

Kern County Library.....868-0701
Main Branch-Beale Memorial-701 Truxtun Ave.
Dial –A-Story (English).....868-0794
Dial-A-Story (Spanish).....868-0798
The Kern County Library has numerous resources that would benefit a child that is learning to read, struggling to read or having difficulty with homework. The library website has a calendar that can be searched by month or branch.
www.kerncountylibrary.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

B-GLAD.....TTY 831-2884
4949 Buckley Way Ste.203.....Videophone 369-8858
Serving the needs of deaf and hard of hearing residents of Kern County. Free Family Communication Resource Kit – teaches ASL.
http://b-glad.org/

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 age. http://childrenswish.org/

Society for Disabled Children……322-5595
1819 Brundage Ln. www.societyfdc.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**.**

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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. Incolves in children's charities.
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 student 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

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/

Aspiranet…….323-1233
1001 Tower way Suite 250
Monthly support groups for adoptive families.
www.aspiranet.org

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://cbvi.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://www.cff.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 probems. Services include, individual, family, and group therapy and crisis intervention.
www.hwmcgc.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 tehm 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

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

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
1700 Mount Vernon Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93306
(661) 326-2000
http://www.kernmedicalcenter.com

Loma Linda University Medical Center
11234 Anderson St.
Loma Linda, CA 92354
(909) 558-6641
http://lomalindahealth.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 933
(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 93309
(661) 323-1233
www.aspiranet.org
Aspiranet offers a monthly support group for adoptive families, which is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:00-7:30pm. 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 Feliz 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
661 377-1701
www.myterrio.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 is 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 reunifying 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 Heather Garcia at 661-868-8358 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
- Orthodontia
- Respite Care
- 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 SCIAP 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

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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A.MIRIAM JAMISON CHILDREN'S CENTER……. **661-334-3500**

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. Ombudsperson
   Monique Hawkins 661-631-6188

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

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

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