

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY



Housing Services Team

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[AEGIS A Pinnacle Treatment Center Network \(MAT\)](#)

Aegis Treatment Centers | Bakersfield 21st St.

Welcome to Aegis. Our #1 priorities are your recovery and providing you with excellent customer service. We use evidence-based therapy techniques, medication-assisted treatment such as methadone and Suboxone, and support groups tailored to the needs of our patients. We understand this is a difficult time for you and we will work with you on stabilizing and getting your life back on track. We are ready to answer any questions you might have and welcome you to call or tour our center anytime.

Levels of Care:

General Outpatient Treatment (OP)

Medication - Assisted Treatment (MAT):

Buprenorphine (Suboxone)

Methadone

Core Treatment Services:

Medical and Functional Assessment

Education about Substance Use Disorders

Individualized Treatment Plans

Patient-Centered Individual Counseling

Group Counseling

Psychoeducational Programming

Peer-Based Support Integration

Telehealth Intakes available (Suboxone patients only)

Tele-Counseling Sessions

Treatment Methods:

Specific Services for Pregnant Patients

Gender-Specific Groups

Culture-Specific Groups

Specialized Programming:

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)

Motivational Interviewing (MI)

Relapse Prevention

Life Skills

Contingency Management

Evidence-Based Curriculum

Case Management

Coordination with Specialist Services

Holistic Offerings:

Mindfulness

Stress and Relaxation Techniques

Support Meetings:

Keys 2 Recovery Group

1018 21ST Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

(661) 861-9967

Aegis Treatment Centers | Bakersfield Columbus St.

The Aegis Bakersfield Columbus St. clinic is a small, yet mighty team. We provide addiction treatment for people struggling with Opioid use disorder using Suboxone or methadone. We offer group counseling services as well as individual counseling. Our counselors are well-educated in the field of mental health, with many of them currently in graduate school working towards becoming therapists in the community. In addition to our counselors, we also have an excellent medical staff that helps make the admission process smoother, and creates a safe, supportive environment for all of our patients. Our clinic looks forward to helping serve our community to make Kern County a happier, healthier place.

501 W. Columbus Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

(661) 328-0245

Aegis Treatment Centers | Bakersfield Truxtun

Aegis Treatment Centers Bakersfield – Truxtun outpatient treatment program provides Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), which involves the prescription of a longer-acting opioid, such as methadone or buprenorphine (Suboxone), in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders such as opioid use disorder.

Our philosophy is that where there is treatment, there is hope. Where there is a desire to heal, recovery is possible. No matter where you are in your recovery journey, we can help.

6001 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 100 & 110
Bakersfield, CA 93309

(661) 218-2108

Alliance Against Family Violence

Also known as: The Open Door network

1921 19th Street.
Bakersfield, California 93301

Phone: (661) 322-273-7713
Outside Bakersfield: (800) 273-7713
24-hour hotline: (661) 327-1091

No Cost for victims
Spanish Services also available.

Individual counseling available for women and children of domestic assault/sexual assault, emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, self-defense classes, assistance with restraining orders. DV certification also available. Alliance offers Domestic Violence (awareness) classes for victims of DV and Learning to Protect counseling for parents who failed to protect their children against abuse.

Locations

Homeless Services Campus and Donation Center:

1600 E Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93305
661-322-9199
Donation Hours: Weekdays from 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Administration, Victim Services and Therapy Services provided at:

1921 19th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-322-0931
Outreach Center Hours: Weekdays from 8:30am-5:30pm. Counseling Groups may meet outside of these times.

Walk-in and Case Management for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Survivors provided at:

The Family Justice Center building
2101 Oak Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-868-8410
Walk-in Hours: Weekdays 8:30am-3:00pm

Job Development and Housing Campus, for employment or housing assistance:

1420 Union Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93305
Walk-ins welcome: Weekdays 9:00am-5:00pm

[Alpha House](#)

207 7th Street

Taft, California 93307

Phone: (661) 763-4357

Fax: (661) 763-4370

No Cost


Spanish Service also available

Other services include Homeless Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assault. Approval for court mandated services on case-by-case basis ONLY

Alpha House is a safe haven for women and children in western Kern County, California, because domestic violence can occur anywhere.

Website: [Alpha House](#)

America's Job Center of California

Southeast Bakersfield 
1600 E. Belle Terrace
Bakersfield, CA 93307
Phone: (661) 325-HIRE
FAX: (661) 635-2768
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

America's Job Center of California (AJCC) is the local One-Stop Center within the County of Kern which serves as the recruitment and training center for local employers and job seekers. AJCC provides basic training courses and also partners with Employers' Training Resource (ETR) for more in-depth training courses. Our many services include:

Assisting job seekers: providing no-cost training, job placement services and other job-hunting resources.

Assisting employers: providing applicant recruitment and screening as well as a variety of other services.

Assisting youth: providing no-cost training as well as other resources.

Vision Statement: *"We will achieve recognition as the leading One-Stop provider of professional employment services in California."*

"To provide quality, integrated, seamless, accessible and professional employment services for

Mission Statement: *employers and job seekers."*

Online Orientation

All individuals wishing to receive staff-assisted services at Employers' Training Resource must be registered in CalJOBS (California's Workforce Services online system) and have completed your Profile prior to viewing the Kern, Inyo & Mono Counties Workforce Orientation.

If you are not registered in CalJOBS please visit www.caljobs.ca.gov to register your account and complete your profile.

Upon completing your CalJOBS registration, download or print the [CalJOBS Eligibility Explorer User Guide here](#) and follow the instructions to complete your CalJOBS Eligibility Explorer Application. This will begin your enrollment process.

Training for Job Seekers

On-the-Job Training (PDF) (Connecting your Company to Hiring Incentives)

On-the-Job Training (OJT) offers personalized services designed to assist employers who are not able to fill their labor force needs with currently skilled workers.

Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), employers may use OJT to hire new employees with skill levels ranging from entry level to experienced professionals. Additionally, the program will reimburse the employer for a portion of the initial training costs.

[OJT Employer Guidelines](#) (PDF)

[Assurances, Policies, and Regulations for On-the-Job Training \(OJT\) Program](#) (PDF)

Information for Training Providers

Resources for current and potential/new training providers who wish to contract with ETR to provide employment training for dislocated workers and other adults.

Farm Worker Training and Other Resources

Youth Programs *(PDF)*

Arvin Navigation Center Flood Ministries

204 Hill Street

Arvin, California 93241

(661) 323-5663

The Arvin Navigation Center (ANC) is a structured, low barrier day-time drop in program for people experiencing homelessness that can welcome up to 30 to 40 guests every day. The goal of the ANC is to meet guest's immediate needs while providing case management and other support. The Program is designed to support men and women on their journey through homelessness to a stable housing situation.

ANC serves guests (Monday through Friday) from 8:15 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. ANC

LOCATION: 204 S. Hill Street Arvin, CA.

Transportation: (Transportation will be provided by the Arvin Transit to clients who are experiencing homelessness in the Arvin/Lamont communities and are in the ANC program.) Volunteer and Service

Opportunities: Food Service – Provide Meals and Meal Prep Pet Care – Pet Food Laundry Care Program Set-up/Take down Shower Service Donation Collection Community Outreach Cleaning Assistance Supplies

For more information, please contact: Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Inc.

(661) 323-5663 Jim Wheeler at ext. 1002 or jim@floodbako.com

Charlie Van De Voorde at ext. 1036 or charles@floodbako.com

Assisted Living Waiver DHCS

Assisted Living Waiver

The Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) is a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver that was created by [legislation](#) that directed the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to develop and implement the project to test the efficacy of assisted living as a Medi-Cal benefit. The pilot program was determined to be successful during the first three years in a limited trial in three counties. In March 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a waiver renewal for an additional five years and expansion of the program into additional counties. The current five-year waiver term is approved for March 1, 2019 – February 28, 2024.

To be eligible to receive services as an ALW Participant, an individual must meet the following ALW eligibility criteria:

- Age 21 or older;
- Have full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility with zero share of cost;
- Have care needs equal to those of Medi-Cal-funded residents living and receiving care in nursing facilities;
- Willing to live in an assisted living setting as an alternative to a nursing facility;
- Able to reside safely in an assisted living facility or public subsidized housing;
- Willing to live in an assisted living setting located in one of the following counties providing ALW services: **Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties.**

ALW is limited to individuals eligible for Medi-Cal, without a Medi-Cal share of cost, who require a nursing facility level of care and wish to live in a residential care setting or in publicly funded senior and/or disabled housing. ALW participants must have sufficient funds to pay for their room and board, with some funds remaining to meet personal and incidental needs. In determining Medi-Cal eligibility for individuals who are applying for enrollment into ALW, institutional and spousal impoverishment prevention rules are applied.

The goals of the ALW are to:

1. facilitate a safe and timely transition of Medi-Cal-eligible seniors and persons with disabilities from a nursing facility to a community home-like setting in a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE), an Adult Residential Care Facility (ARF), or subsidized public housing, utilizing ALW services; and
2. offer eligible seniors and persons with disabilities, who reside in the community, but are at risk of being institutionalized, the option of utilizing ALW services to develop a program that will safely meet his/her care needs while continuing to reside in a RCF, ARF, or public subsidized housing.

ALW Amendment for Participant Slot Expansion

On January 7, 2022, CMS approved DHCS' amendment to the ALW to add 7,000 slots to eliminate the current waitlist and expand waiver capacity. This amendment is retroactive to July 1, 2021.

[0431.R03.09 Approval Letter ALW Amendment](#)

On July 12, 2021, DHCS [submitted](#) Medi-Cal's HCBS Spending Plan authorized by Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA includes an additional 10 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) on certain HCBS services, which can then be reinvested to expand and improve HCBS. CMS [conditionally approved](#) California's Spending Plan on January 4, 2022. DHCS is funding the ALW slot expansion with the enhanced FMAP available through ARPA.

[ALW Policy Letter #21-001: Waitlist Policies and Procedures](#)

COVID-19 Hotspot Enrollment

On September 17, 2020, CMS authorized California's request to temporarily modify 1915(c) Waiver enrollment policy for ALW to prioritize intake processing of waiver applicants residing in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities in areas of the state identified as "hotspots." The temporary enrollment flexibility is available waiver-wide and applied to all 15 ALW counties by December 2020. For more information on the Appendix K temporary authorization of prioritized enrollment of applicants in COVID-19 "hotspots," please visit DHCS' [COVID-19 Information for Providers & Partners](#) webpage.

Assisted Living Waiver Current Enrollment

Current enrollment and waitlist information for the Assisted Living Waiver can be found on the enrollment dashboard, which is updated monthly. New applicants to the ALW should be aware the number of available slots is limited and there is a waitlist. Open waiver slots are release to Care Coordination Agencies on a regular basis. Please contact the Care Coordination Agency of your choice for the information. A current listing of Care Coordination Agencies can be found [here](#).

Additional Program Resources:

- [Assisted Living Waiver Fact Sheet](#)
- [List of RCFE & ARF Facilities](#)
- [List of Care Coordination Agencies](#)
- [Description of Public Subsidized Housing](#)
- [List of Public Subsidized House Agencies](#)
- [Assisted Living Waiver Renewal Approval Letter](#)
- [Assisted Living Waiver - Approved 3/1/19 to 2/29/24](#)
- [ALW Enrollment and Waitlist - January 2019 through June 2023](#)
- [Reimbursement Rates](#)
- [Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [Provider Resources, Forms, and Memorandums](#)

Please submit your ALW comments and questions to: ALWP.IR@dhcs.ca.gov

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[A-Biz Health Systems Kern County ALW Care Coordination Agency](#)

A-Biz Health Systems (Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego Counties)
14431 Hamlin Street, Suite 201
Van Nuys, CA 91401
PHONE (818) 654-6874 / FAX (818) 922-8602
Email: CCA@Abizhealth.com
Contact Persons: Mary Ann or Edward

Get In Touch

Contact us today to learn more about our services and how we can support you on your journey to better health. We look forward to hearing from you.

CALL US

(818) 654-6874

EMAIL US

info@abizhealth.com

HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm

Sat & Sun: Closed

About A-BIZ Health System

The Alternate Living Waiver Program (ALWP) is a California Medi-Cal program that provides financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries who prefer to live in a licensed board and care, Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE), or Adult Residential Facility (ARF) rather than in a nursing home. The facilities must be approved by Medi-Cal and meet the program's standards for quality care.

Medi-Cal covers the cost of daily living activities such as bathing, grooming, dressing, medication management, meals, transportation to medical appointments, and other essential needs. However, residents are still responsible for paying their own room and board fees. The ALWP allows eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries to receive the support they need to live comfortably in a less restrictive and more home-like environment.

To be eligible to receive services as an ALW Participant, an individual must meet all of the following ALW eligibility criteria:

Assisted Living Waiver Program Requirements

- Have full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility with zero share of cost
- If you do not have Medi-Cal, please visit the Department of Health Care Services website for more information: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/ApplyforMedi-Cal.aspx>
- Have care needs equal to those of Medi-Cal-funded residents living and receiving care in Nursing Facilities
- Willing to live in an assisted living setting as an alternative to a Nursing Facility

[All Hours Adult Care, SPC - Kern County ALW Care Coordination Agency](#)

All Hours Adult Care, SPC (Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego Counties, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma Counties)

[All Hours Adult Care SPC](#)

3641 Adams St Riverside, CA 92504

PHONE (844) 657-4748

FAX (844) 746-7646

CELL (951) 898-5733 Marie Vernon, Program Director: info@allhoursadultcare.com

An Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) Care Coordinating Agency

Advocacy with Acceptance, Honor & Compassion

“YOU ARE TO RISE UP IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GRAY-HAIRED AND HONOR THE PRESENCE OF THE ELDERLY. SO YOU WILL FEAR YOUR GOD. -LEV 19:32”

AHAC is dedicated to helping individuals improve or maintain choice, independence and quality of life, through outreach and relationships built on trust and respect inclusive of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.

ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER

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WHO WE ARE

Assisted Living Waiver Program (ALWP)

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[ALW FORMS](#)

[Rental Assistance for ALW](#)

Need to Apply for Medi-Cal?

Visit the [DHCS Website](#) or contact [MSNH Global](#) to begin the process.

[Apply for the Assisted Living Waiver](#)

[Libertana Home Health Care - Kern County ALW Care Coordination Agency](#)

Libertana Home Health Care (Fresno, Kern, San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties)
5805 Sepulveda Blvd, Suite 605
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411
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ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER

California's ALW Program is designed to create affordable housing options for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The program was created to provide an alternative to long-term care facility placement, such as a nursing home.

An individual can be an eligible as an ALW Participant if they meet all of these criteria:

- Age 21 or older
- Have full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility with zero share of cost;
- Have care needs equal to those of Medi-Cal-funded residents living and receiving care in Nursing Facilities;
- Willing to live in an assisted living setting as an alternative to a Nursing Facility;
- Able to reside safely in an assisted living facility or public subsidized housing;
- Willing to live in an assisted living setting located in one of the following counties providing ALW services: **Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties.**

Libertana's Role as an ALW Provider:

- Accessing the Program – Libertana assists applicants with the application process and conducts the required Care Assessment which must be performed by a Registered Nurse. We ensure the application is complete before submitting to the State for approval.
- Libertana can help clients find an Assisted Living Facility (Board and Care, Retirement Community, Residential Care Facility for the Elderly) that is approved by the state to accept ALW Participants.
- Care Coordination – Libertana monitors the ongoing care and service delivered by the ALW to the resident. Additionally, we identify and coordinate additional services as needed to support the resident.
- ALW Services are funded through the participants Medi-Cal. There are no out-of-pocket expenses due and payable to Libertana from clients or family members.

[Click here to start the process now](#)

[Star Nursing, Inc - Kern County ALW Care Coordination Agency](#)

Star Nursing, Inc. (Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, Sonoma, Kern, Orange, Santa Clara, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties)

Star Nursing, Inc
2795 E Bidwell St, Suite 100-102
Folsom, CA 95630
PHONE (916) 542-1445
FAX (877) 687-7400
Nancy, Debi, Lisa, and Ana, Program Directors: care@starnursing.com

Assisted Living Waiver Program (ALWP)

Introduction

Assisted living bridges the gap between independent living and nursing home. It provides personal support and services to provide more intensive care than is available through home care services or in-home support services. Assisted living typically offers assistance with the activities of daily living and ensures residents have access to staff 24 hours a day. It also is less expensive and less restrictive than a nursing home. The Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program is one long-term care option for Medi-Cal recipients and offers an alternative to nursing facility placement. The program is a combination federal/state-funded program that allows eligible individuals to reside in and receive services from a California-licensed Residential Care Facility.

The goal of the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program is to enable low-income, Medi-Cal-eligible seniors and persons with disabilities who would otherwise require Skilled Nursing Facility services to remain in or relocate to a community setting in a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) or Assisted Living Facilities (ALF). This program is in partnership with the California State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and is funded with Medi-Cal funds. Residents pay monthly for room and board from their income to reside in an assisted living facility participating in the program. (Monthly room and board fee ranges from \$1,324.82 to \$1,344.82/monthly. Rates subject to change per SSI rates)

For further information on the Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver Program, [please click here](#).

Star Nursing is an approved Care Coordination Agency (CCA) providing an alternative to long-term placement in Skilled Nursing Facilities serving all approved counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Sonoma

** Star Nursing can assist if you do not see your county listed and are interested in relocating to one of the approved counties above.

** 2024 plans to have the ALWP State-Wide

Who is eligible for ALWP?

- Must be enrolled or have applied for Medi-Cal
- Eligible for Medi-Cal with no share of cost
- 21 years of age or older with a disability
- Eligible for nursing home level of care
- Requires some assistants with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

Care Coordination & Nursing Facility Transition Community Living

Star Nursing Case Management team is ready to assist with transitioning participants from Nursing homes, hospitals, homes, or another Assisted Living Facility that is not on our approved list.

Our Care Coordination Services include:

- Identifying
- Assessing
- Organizing
- Coordinating
- Monthly monitoring
- We offer a personal approach
- Person/Patient-centered
- Individualized plan of care (ISP)
- Education provided to facility and caregivers
- On-going relationships with family members and administrators
- Monthly assessments, re-evaluations, medication management
- Comprehensive re-assessment every six months by a Registered Nurse
- Special cases: Adult Protective Services (APS) or Homeless

Star Nursing Case Management Team of experienced Registered Nurses and License Social Workers assisting every step of the way!

Important notice:

There is no wait time if you are currently in a hospital or skilled nursing facility and would like to move to a more home-like environment.

If you have an open Adult Protected Services (APS) open case due to self-neglect, safety concerns, or unable to care for yourself at home, Star Nursing can help.

If you are currently at home or in an assisted living facility, we invite you to be added to the waitlist. Please note the waitlist is long; it may be 1+ years until your name reaches the top of the waitlist.

If you believe you meet all of the requirements and would like to be added to the ALW State-wide waitlist, please complete the Waitlist Request Form and email to: care@starnursing.com
Tell us about yourself; please complete the [pre-screening form here](#).

Contact Us

Star Nursing Inc.

[Tel]: 916-542-1445

[Fax]: 877-687-7400

[Email]: care@starnursing.com

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Vigilans Home Health Services - Kern County ALW Care Coordination Agency

Vigilans Home Health Services (Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma Counties)

Vigilans Home Health Services
256 Cajon St #B
Redlands, CA 92373
PHONE (909) 748-7980
FAX (909) 781-2496



Contact Persons: Joel Zamora, Adalbert Zamora, Galen Jay Espelita

Email: vigilanscca@gmail.com



Mission

Our mission is to provide professional and paraprofessional services to clients in their homes, assisting them to achieve the highest level of potential in their day-to-day self-care activities.

Vision

Our vision is to strive to be one of the leading providers of a wide range of quality health care services and to be recognized for enduring dedication to providing innovative, professional, and compassionate care to the communities

we serve.

Serving San Bernardino County

Our team provides on-demand medical care for patients in all areas of San Bernardino County.

Redlands

Rancho Cucamonga

Rialto

San Bernardino

and surrounding areas

ABOUT US

Vigilant patient care in the comfort of your home.

Vigilans Home Health Services, Inc. was founded in 2010 by a husband-and-wife team of critical care nurses from Loma Linda, California who are passionate about patient care and about positive outcomes of bringing healthcare to patients in their homes.

Services

Vigilans Home Health provides same and next day visits to thousands of personal residences throughout Southern California.

- Home Health Care Services
- Regular follow up and same-day urgent care visits
- Complete physical exams
- Blood Tests
- X-rays, EKG's and Holter Monitors

- Minor surgical procedures, including Cryosurgery
- Wound Care & Diabetic Care
- Pre-surgical evaluations
- Vaccinations
- Prescription evaluations / refills
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Social Workers
- Hospice Care
- Palliative Care
- Medicare and Private Pay

Assisted Living Waiver (ALW)

Vigilans Home Health participates in the ALW (Assisted Living Waiver) Program.

A program designed to help patients transition from the hospital and skilled-nursing facility setting and into a more appropriate long-term setting.

Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) in Redlands, CA

As A CCA (Care Coordination Agency), Vigilans Home Health has the experience to help placement for you, your loved one, or your resident.

What is Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) for?

Facilitate a safe and timely transition of Medi-Cal eligible seniors and persons with disabilities from a nursing facility to a community home-like setting in a Residential Care Facility (RCF), an Adult Residential Care Facility (ARF), or public subsidized housing, utilizing ALW services.

Offer eligible seniors and persons with disabilities, who reside in the community, but are at risk of being institutionalized, the option of utilizing ALW services to develop a program that will safely meet his/her care needs while continuing to reside in a RCF, ARF, or public subsidized housing.

Assisted Living Waiver (ALW)

Per the DHCS website: The Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) is a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver that was created by legislation that directed the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to develop and implement the project to test the efficacy of assisted living as a Medi-Cal benefit (please see link below to navigate to DHCS website).

Offer eligible seniors and persons with disabilities, who reside in the community, but are at risk of being institutionalized, the option of utilizing ALW services to develop a program that will safely meet his/her care needs while continuing to reside in an RCF, ARF, or public subsidized housing.

Additional Program Resources:

- [Assisted Living Waiver Fact Sheet](#)
- [List of RCFE & ARF Facilities](#)
- [List of Care Coordination Agencies](#)
- [Description of Public Subsidized Housing](#)
- [List of Public Subsidized House Agencies](#)
- [Assisted Living Waiver Renewal Approval Letter](#)
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B-GLAD

1523 10th Street
Bakersfield, California 93304
(661) 369-8858

[Directions](#)

Services

Here's what B-GLAD can do for you.

The mission of B-GLAD's Human Services Department is to provide support and to advance the life of deaf and hard of hearing individuals by empowering them with information, training and opportunities. Human Services also provides training and technical assistance to hearing service providers, employers and community organizations & agencies. B-GLAD's Community Advocates and Specialists work with consumers, businesses and service providers to resolve issues or problems concerning communication barriers and other challenges in seven categories:

Communication Assistance

Free use of videophones during working hours, document translation, and equipment demonstrations

Peer Counseling

Referrals to appropriate mental health providers, counselors and support groups.

Advocacy

Legal, education, and civil rights, consumer related issues and dispute resolution, IEPs, tip sheets on variety of topics, work with employers, doctors, lawyers and businesses to obtain communication access, attorney referrals.

Independent Living Skills

Develop skills for money management, banking, housing, cooking, shopping, computers, and transportation.

Employment Assistance

Vocational planning and job counseling, sensitivity and communication access trainings for employers and referrals to Employment Development Department (EDD), Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and others.

Information & Referral

Where to find services, flyers for community events, lists of accessible businesses and deaf/hard of hearing owned businesses.

Community Education & Outreach

Free workshops on Social Security, Jobs, Disaster Preparedness, Domestic Violence and Identity Theft, free training for employers service providers on working effectively with people who are deaf and hard of hearing and community events.

Ask an Advocate

Want referrals to local businesses and agencies? Need to schedule interpreters for your communication needs? Facing discrimination issues? Want information about the ADA and other laws? Interested in learning sign language? Are you the parent of a deaf child and need resources? Want to work in the deaf and hard of hearing community? Ask an advocate!

[LIFESIGNS](#)

Our Mission

Our mission is to promote self-determination and self-sufficiency of deaf and hard of hearing people within the mainstream of life through the provision of comprehensive, dependable, and effective communication services.

Quick Links

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[Request Interpreter – For Existing Customers](#)

[Interpreter Login](#)

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We are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Pacific Standard Time.

lifesigns@lifesignsinc.org (888) 227-5021

For immediate medical, law enforcement emergencies weekdays after 5pm, weekends, and holidays please call our On-Call after hours line. **(800) 633-8883**

Address:

LIFESIGNS, Inc.

2222 Laverna Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90041

"The clients were extremely impressed with how smoothly everything came together. Your hard work and support was invaluable in making the conference a memorable week. We truly appreciated your flexibility and quick reaction to our last-minute changes and additions! Your entire team was friendly, helpful and very professional."

"Sending this e-mail in regard to LIFESIGNS, Inc. staff who continually worked on this case for me to get an additional interrupter at the last minute when the member wasn't discharged. They did an outstanding job in my opinion is an asset to the company who gave theirs all and went above and beyond to make this happen. Great job, you are truly an example of what customer satisfaction is all about. Thank you again."

Bakersfield Adult School

501 South Mount Vernon Avenue

Bakersfield, California 93307

Phone: (661) 835-1855

Fax: (661) 835-9612

Our Mission: To enrich the lives of each of our students by providing them with the tools for personal and professional success through high-quality instruction and relevant technical training while meeting the diverse needs of our community.

At Bakersfield Adult School (BAS), we understand the importance of education in shaping a brighter future for adults ready to unlock new opportunities. Our institution has been serving the community since 1917, and we take great pride in the impact we've had on the lives of over **500,000 adult students who have walked through our doors**. When adults choose to return to school, they come to BAS for various reasons. Some seek to improve their English language skills; others wish to delve into the rich history and culture of the United States. Many come to strengthen their employability skills, while some are determined to complete their high school education. Whatever the goal, our students recognize that education is the key to their personal and professional success.

Classes are offered at our main campus located at 501 South Mount Vernon Avenue, as well as at our F Street campus situated at 2727 F Street. Additionally, we have established 21 community sites in the greater Bakersfield area, ensuring accessibility and convenience for our students. We are passionate about our mission to enrich the lives of our students and provide them with opportunities for personal and professional growth. At Bakersfield Adult School, we believe that every adult deserves a chance to fulfill their potential through education.

Today, BAS serves nearly 30,000 students that attend both day and evening classes at over 20 locations. BAS is the 8th largest adult school in California, providing classes for students in:

- Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Health Support Occupations
- High School Diploma
- GED
- Pre GED, Adult Basic Education
- Independent Study High School Diploma
- ESL/ELD/EL Civics
- Certified Nurse Assistant, Medical Assistant
- Recycling Lives: Job Readiness Training
- Teacher Assistant: Paraprofessional Preparation
- Culinary Arts: Cafe' 1600
- Information Technology Specialist: Network Cabling, Cybersecurity
- Business Certification: Office Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper/Account Technician, Medical Receptionist
- Computer Certification: Intro to Computers, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, MS Access, MS Publisher, MS PowerPoint, MS Word, MS Excel

Bakersfield – Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative

1900 E. Brundage Lane Suite 3
Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 526-0111

Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative is an Independent 501(C)3 nonprofit organization that works to reduce the impacts of homelessness in Kern County.

We believe that through collaborative action and planning we can reduce the impacts of homelessness, expand access to permanent affordable housing and supportive services, and work towards a future where every person in Kern County has a permanent place to call home.

The Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC) exists to reduce the impacts of homelessness in the Bakersfield-Kern region through collaborative planning and action that expands access to permanent affordable housing and supportive services.

BKRHC does not provide any direct services for individuals and families currently experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness.

If you or a friend or family member are currently or at-risk of experiencing homelessness, please consider the following resources:

Call 2-1-1

2-1-1 is our local public resource directory. It also serves as one of the primary ways of engaging the Coordinated Entry System (CES). CES is a program designed to connect individuals and families currently or at-risk of experiencing homelessness with service providers able to assist them.

Service Providers

The Plan

The Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative is responsible for preparing a 10-year plan for ending homelessness. The current plan, “Home at Last! Kern County’s Plan to End Homelessness by 2028” was adopted by the Governing Board in 2018. The previous plan, “Home First: the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness” was adopted in 2008.

Our plan contains 6 objectives that collaborative members believe incorporate the best, evidenced-based approaches to ending homelessness by helping people currently experiencing homelessness or at-risk of experiencing homelessness maintain permanent housing and access supportive services:

1. Establish a Coordinated Entry, Assessment and Referral System to streamline and prioritize access to housing and services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
2. Prevent homelessness and repeated homelessness whenever possible.
3. Improve the economic security, health and stability of homeless and at-risk people.
4. Ensure that emergency shelter, transitional housing and interim housing beds are adequate to meet current and future demands.

5. Increase the affordable housing inventory for homeless individuals and families by 10,470 new beds.
6. Broaden and strengthen community support for ending homelessness.
7. You can download and review the full plan document [here](#).

[Who we are](#)

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Bike Bakersfield

1708 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93301
(661) 321-9247
info@bikebakersfield.org

PART OF OUR LOCAL BAKERSFIELD COMMUNITY

Since 2005, Biking For Fun Inc. has done business as Bike Bakersfield, and has grown from a group of activists sitting around an office cooler to an organization with over 150 members, a full staff, and hundreds of community supporters.

Our activities span a broad spectrum of advocacy, multi-modal consulting and education. We make citizen voices heard on behalf of bicycling, and work to give cyclists the tools, confidence and knowledge they need to be safe and accepted on the road.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO TEACH SAFE CYCLING PRACTICES.

Creating a strong sense of community identity among people who ride bikes and people who simply understand that a community where people can ride bikes is a safer, healthier, more vital place. This is evident in our Safe Routes to School Program, a state and federal program aimed at connecting kids to active transportation, by educating parents, teachers, and children, with a focus on safety and predictability.

Bike Bakersfield's work is powered by our staff, board members, members and volunteers. Members provide steady financial support and act as the Bike Bakersfield's eyes and ears in the community, helping to monitor advocacy needs. Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the organization, from office help to event coordination, to testifying at public hearings

WHAT WE DO

We believe that education is key, which is why we offer a variety of programs and resources to encourage bicycling as a safe, fun and environmentally friendly means of everyday transportation.

We start with children in community centers and elementary schools where we hold bike rodeos, teach the children about starting, stopping, scanning and how to properly wear their helmet. We love seeing the joy on a child's face when they are riding for the first time or finally received their first helmet that is all their own. Many children do not have working bikes, so we are often host maintenance days prior to the rodeo, where all we do is repair, patch and fill tubes.

CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

We have certified bicycle instructors who teach everything from maintenance workshops in our community bike kitchen to League Cycling Instructor Training Seminars to Smart Cycling Courses. The goal of these programs is to help people feel more secure about getting on a bike, to create a mindset that bikes are treated as a vehicle, and to ensure that people on bikes know how to ride safely and legally. We teach teens and adults covering where to ride and how to manage traffic safety. During most of the programs, students are taken on the streets of downtown Bakersfield to put their new skills to the test. Corporations often consult with us regarding how to gain compliance with Rule 9410 and reduce the number of cars on the road (and increase the number of bicycles). We also work with individuals in our bike



kitchen and through our Earn-A-Bike program which gets unused bikes out of the garage and into the hands of those who need them.

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDES

Community bike rides are our way to bring everyone together to engage and excite us all around cycling!

Our rides include the popular monthly Full Moon Ride, Holiday Lights, Ride, Halloween Costume Ride, Small Business Saturday rides and more! These are only a few of our programs and resources.



Explore the links on below to learn even more.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

- Bike Kitchen
- Earn-A-Bike Program
- Volunteer
- Corporate Consulting
- Bike Buddy Program
- Wind Wolves overnight Trip
- Support Foster Youth
- Camping at Kern River Campground
- Valet Bike Parking
- Report A Road Hazard
- Stolen Bike

PROGRAMS

- Bike Rodeo
- Earn A Bike
- Valet Bike Parking
- Central Valley Project

RESOURCES

- Bike Kitchen
- Street Stories
- Report Hazard

SUPPORT

- Membership
- Volunteer

[PROGRAMS](#)

ABOUT THE KITCHEN

Our friendly and professional mechanics can help you learn how to get on your bicycle and do all the basic repairs to keep your bicycle riding efficiently. We offer bicycles to fit any budget and an assortment of new accessories so you can feel safe and comfortable while you are pedaling around. We have the best selection of refurbished bicycles, as-is bikes, and used parts in town.

Interested in working on your own bicycle? We lend out tools for use on-site, free of charge to members of Bike Bakersfield; all you need is proof of membership.

If you are not a member we ask for a \$2/hr donation. We offer bike stands, air pumps, tools, and a helping hand to help get you going again.

Earn-A-Bike is a program that is aimed to get you on one of our used or donated bicycles in exchange for 12 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers will be asked to help with day-to-day tasks from sweeping to tearing apart and rebuilding bicycles.

Drop-in volunteers can stop by and help out at any time during business hours.

As a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, the proceeds from the sale of our new and used parts, bicycles, and professional repair services benefit our year-round bicycle education and outreach programs.

Feel free to contact us with any questions at 661-321-9248 or [email us](#).

BIKE KITCHEN HOURS AND LOCATION

BIKE BAKERSFIELD

1708 Chester Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301

(661) 321-9247

Info@BikeBakersfield.org

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10-2PM

For students wanting to volunteer during after school hours, we need your parent/guardian to let us know when you are coming to volunteer.

Putting Bikes Back On The Streets

EARN A BIKE

Since January 2006, Bike Bakersfield has refurbished over 1,000 bicycles and provided them to residents all over Kern County. The goal of the program is to lower the financial barriers often associated with owning and maintaining a bicycle.

HOW IT WORKS

Recipients put in 12 hours of volunteer work before receiving their bicycle. On the last day of your volunteer hours you get to put together your own bike. During your volunteer time you will learn the ins and outs of a bike which will help you keep your bike rolling.

Earn a Bike Hours are Monday – Wednesday 10-2PM. Adult volunteers must check-in at 10AM, if you are coming in after school DM us on Instagram so we can schedule you to come in.

Tasks range from cleaning the shop, sorting and organizing parts and tools, sweeping and cleaning, bike repair (depending on experience level), and possible office work.

At 10 hours you may begin putting your bike together, with the mechanic's assistance. Our bicycles were generously donated by members of the community; you may also use parts you have acquired outside of our program.

If you need any more information call our Bakersfield Bike Kitchen at (661) 321-9248 or Arvin Bike Kitchen at (661) 854-3577. You may also contact us by email.

BIKE RODEOS

These events provide hands-on training regarding the basics of bicycle handling, repair, navigating driveways, pedestrian and bicycle safety and proper helmet use.

Bike Bakersfield has been providing Bike Rodeo fun for kids since 2005. Bicycle rodeos are one of the most effective ways to teach students bicycle safety. Using Bike Bakersfield staff's certified instructors, experience teaching kids these skills, and passion for safety, the multi-stage obstacle courses engage the youth in a fun, interactive environment.

At these bike rodeo and maintenance events the youth will have their helmet fit to them correctly, instructions on how to wear it properly, and go over the ABC quick check of bicycle safety developed by the [League of American Bicyclists](#)

A-AIR • B-BRAKES • C-CRANKS AND CHAINS

On bike maintenance days there will be tubes and repair equipment to fix participants bikes. On bike rodeo day, participants can use their own bike or borrow one of ours. Often they will head to the parking lot to learn drills, glide, play games and avoid hazards.

Kids love avoiding the "hazards" which often are tennis balls and cones. Participants may also learn hand signals they can use when they ride.

"The kids that have participated had a blast while learning the rules of the road," said Jack Becker, previous Bike Bakersfield executive director.



"We are able to create a safe space where we can teach them bike safety that can be used when they are riding in their neighborhood, on city streets, and beyond. There are many benefits that come with more people on bikes such as lower collision rates for bicyclists, better air quality, less pollution, healthier people, and less traffic." Local police departments may be in attendance to speak, help and giveaway helmets. We primarily host rodeos at youth groups and schools.

Let us come to your school or youth group and teach participants the basics of biking and walking safety!

Contact us at 661-321-9247 or [email](#) us for more information.

Call Us, Write Us, Or STOP By

We Would Be Happy To Meet And Share A Few Rides Together.

Monday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday - Sunday: Closed

CALL US

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About Us

Bakersfield Heart Hospital

Bakersfield Heart Hospital is a specialized hospital with an amazing team of health care professionals whose mission is to enhance the quality and health of our patients and their families by providing the highest personal service and delivering technologically advanced healthcare care through a compassionate, patient centered approach. This mission is the very foundation for every decision we make.

Bakersfield Heart Hospital is a 47 bed, partially physician owned, acute care hospital offering a full range of services including cardiovascular and orthopedic services, a wound care center, 24-hour emergency care and general/outpatient surgical services. Bakersfield Heart Hospital is home to the only Women's Heart Center in Kern County where women (and now men) can sit with a cardiac nurse and assess their risk factors for heart disease.

Bakersfield Heart Hospital's culture is one of compassion and excellence in patient care. I am especially proud to work with our staff of over 300 clinical professionals and physicians who collaborate to promote the best in technologically advanced and evidence-based treatments.

On our website, you will find testimonials by patients who have experienced this care and hear about the difference we have made in their quality of life. Our mission is our roadmap and we continually strive to make the difference in the lives of our patients and their families.

We will strive to not only meet but also exceed your expectations. We know you have options for your health care needs and we will consider your choosing Bakersfield Heart Hospital for your care as a true privilege. We sincerely look forward to serving you and your loved ones.

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GENERAL SURGERY

General surgeons are specially trained to diagnose and treat a variety of diseases and disorders throughout most of the body, especially in the abdominal area. Some of the specific problems treated at Bakersfield Heart Hospital include:

- Digestive issues involving the esophagus, stomach, intestines and colon
- Gall stones
- Hernia repairs
- Appendicitis
- Kidney stones
- Skin lesions and lumps

Many surgeries are minimally invasive, requiring only small incisions, resulting in less pain and faster recovery.

[Find A Physician](#)

Choose a leader in Heart & Vascular Care

Caregivers from the Miller Family Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute's three departments: Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Vascular Surgery and Cardiovascular Medicine collaborate with other medical and surgical specialties to provide the highest level of patient care, research and education to patients with cardiovascular, thoracic and vascular disease.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

First California Accredited Heart Failure Center and Certified Chest Pain Center, Bakersfield Heart Hospital Emergency Department patients can expect very rapid assessment, diagnosis and treatment for their cardiovascular complaints from physicians and nurses highly trained in emergency medicine. In addition, the staff is trained to provide emergency care to all patients with a wide variety of illnesses or injuries no matter how critical. Registered nurses in the department are highly trained in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support. They are assisted by trained Patient Care Partners who receive continual training in the use of life saving equipment and techniques. Along with 24-hour access to laboratory, radiology, respiratory and other support services, physicians are also available 24 hours a day.

[Whatever it is, we'll treat it fast.](#)

It doesn't matter what kind of emergency you have, it's your emergency and you want it treated fast. Strains, sprains, breaks, bites, cuts — you name it, and we'll treat it. Our experienced physicians and highly skilled staff will get you in and out fast. We're rated number one in Kern County for medical excellence. And since we're experts at treating heart emergencies, you know we can handle yours. So no matter what your emergency is, think of the Bakersfield Heart Hospital. Get in. Get out. Get well. In an emergency, choose Bakersfield Heart Hospital.

[Emergency Services Insurance Coverage](#)

[Heart and Vascular Care](#)

Accredited Chest Pain Center. Bakersfield Heart Hospital is proud that our chest pain center has been accredited by the Society of Chest Pain Centers. This mark of distinction signifies our commitment to exceeding quality-of-care measures in acute cardiac medicine. The accreditation also recognizes the expertise of our physicians, nurses and other dedicated professionals and the excellence of our treatment protocols.

Accredited Heart Failure Center. Hospitals receiving Heart Failure Accreditation from the American College of Cardiology achieve accreditation by meeting or exceeding an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education, improved patient outcomes, and more effective and efficient disease control.

It's your choice. Choose Bakersfield Heart Hospital.

If you are having a heart attack, tell Emergency Medical Services to take you to Bakersfield Heart Hospital. The physician specialists on our medical staff are experienced in quickly and appropriately diagnosing and treating heart emergencies, which generally result in better outcomes for our patients. And, because of the large number of heart surgeries and procedures performed by our physicians, the greater the likelihood that our patients will experience the best outcomes possible.

[Know the warning signs of a heart attack. Act immediately – call 911.](#)

Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.

Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. They are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

California Veterans Assistance Foundation

731 Decatur St. Suite D
Bakersfield, CA 93308
(661) 695-3626.

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve veterans and other individuals and their families who are homeless, at risk, and low income. To restore and improve lives by alleviating homelessness through information, advocacy, and service.

CVAF's staff and volunteers work to help veterans find resources and services such as shelter, counseling, job assistance, and more. We also work to constantly find other groups and resources we can connect veterans to for help that we are not able to provide – our goal is to help veterans overcome the obstacles preventing them from integrating into our communities successfully.

Please note that we cannot provide emergency shelter services; we do maintain an online list of community resources and phone numbers for programs we are aware of that do provide these kinds of services.

These are some of the services CVAF provides:

- Health Care Assessment
- Wellness Education
- Referrals for Psychological Assessment
- Veterans Benefits Counseling
- Vocational Assessment and Training
- Sobriety Maintenance through AA, NA, CA individual and group counseling
- Referrals for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Job Service, referrals and placement
- Psychosocial Assessment
- Case Management
- Housing Assistance upon completing program
- Life Skills Computer Classes
- Time Management
- AODA Classes
- Anger Management
- Assertiveness Training
- Family Issues



and

Am I Eligible For Help From CVAF?

Contact our staff at the Resource and Referral Center for a comprehensive overview of eligibility requirements. They can be reached at: (661) 695-3626.

Eligibility

Donations and grants help CVAF provide an ever-growing number of veterans with much-needed services. Sadly we are not able to help every veteran that applies for help at this time. Donations of all kinds help us to widen the pool of resources we can provide and increase the number of people we can help directly.

Currently, eligibility for assistance from CVAF is based upon the following criteria:

- Veteran (male or female) served on active duty in the US Military at any time. (Service dates will be confirmed.)
- Veteran is currently homeless, at-risk or low-income at the time of application.

- Veteran is ready to seek employment, apply for disability/pension, or enroll in an educational training program.
- Veteran's medical and mental condition must be stable.
- Veteran must be willing to work with a case manager and clinical staff to establish an individualized case plan. Veteran must be willing to comply with program policy and procedures.
- Veteran must be able to manage his/her own medication protocol.
- Veteran must commit to alcohol and drug-free living.
- Veterans accepted into housing programs agree to pay a program fee equaling 30% of his/her adjusted net income earned while enrolled in the program.
- To evaluate eligibility, CVAF staff will assess a veteran over a period of seven days to determine program admission and appropriate referral(s).

Grant and Per Diem – Service Intensive Transitional Housing

The goals of the program are to assist the veteran with residential stability, increase their skills levels and or income, and obtain greater self-determination. By definition, this is not an emergency shelter.

Maximum number of beds available: 25

Eligibility:

Veterans must be homeless or at-risk to qualify,

Veterans must have served on active military duty with other than dishonorable discharge,

A referral will be completed and medical, mental health, substance abuse and criminal history will be reviewed for appropriate placement,

Veteran does not have to have an income at time of intake.

Veteran Commitment:

Case management,

Weekly one-on-one meetings,

Participate in daily living skill classes,

Participate in Employment and Training Program and/or apply for state or federal benefits,

Attend bi-monthly Town Hall meetings,

Agree to follow program policies and procedures,

Must participate in volunteer activities.

Who to contact for more information: Referrals start with our Case Manager at the Resource and Referral Center at (661) 829-5908

Program Director: Vanessa Williams

Funding Source: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Grant and Per Diem Program

Grant and Per Diem – Bridge Housing

Bridge is a short-term transitional housing program for veterans that have a permanent housing intervention and need short term housing until their unit is secured. Veterans will reside in CVAF leased properties and are provided case management services to help them identify and treat the issues that caused their homelessness. The goals of the program are to assist the veteran with residential stability, increase their skills levels and or income, and obtain greater self determination. By definition, this is not an emergency shelter.

Maximum number of beds available: 26

Eligibility:

- Veterans must be homeless or at-risk to qualify,
- Veterans must have served on active military duty with other than dishonorable discharge,
- A referral will be completed and medical, mental health, substance abuse and criminal history will be reviewed for appropriate placement,
- Veteran does not have to have an income at time of intake.

Veteran Commitment:

- Case management,
- Weekly one-on-one meetings,
- Participate in daily living skill classes,
- Participate in Employment and Training Program and/or apply for state or federal benefits,
- Attend bi-monthly Town Hall meetings,
- Agree to follow program policies and procedures,
- Must participate in volunteer activities.

Who to contact for more information: Referrals start with our Case Manager at the Resource and Referral Center at (661) 829-5908

Program Director: Vanessa Williams

Funding Source: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Grant and Per Diem Program

Transition In Place (TIP)

Description: Transition In Place is a scattered site, transitional to permanent housing program. Veterans (and their families) can move into a one or two bedroom apartment that CVAF leases from local landlords. The veteran will receive case management and supportive services until they obtain income that will allow them to take over the lease within 3 to 6 months, but no longer than 24 months.

Maximum # of apartments available: 5

Eligibility:

Veteran must be homeless or at risk to qualify,

This program can serve single male or female veterans and those with dependents and/or children,

Veterans must have served on active military duty with other than a dishonorable discharge,

No income is needed at the time intake and program fees are assessed on household income and on a sliding fee scale,

A referral will be completed and medical, mental health, substance abuse and criminal history will be reviewed for appropriate placement.

Veteran Commitment:

- Case management,
- Weekly one-on-one meetings,
- Participate in Daily Living Skills classes,
- Participate in Employment and Training Program and/or apply for local, state or federal benefits,
- Bi-monthly Town Hall meetings,
- Agree to follow policies and procedures,
- Pay Program Rent,
- Participate in volunteer activities.

Who to contact for more information: Referrals start with our Case Manager at the Resource and Referral Center at (661) 829-5908.

Program Director: Vanessa Williams

Funding Source: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Grant and Per Diem Program

Resource and Referral Center (R & R Center)

Description: The Resource and Referral Center is located at 729 Decatur St. CVAF has one Case Manager who can meet with veterans by appointment or they can drop in for services. The Case Manager will conduct an assessment on each veteran to determine the type of service the veteran needs, and refer them to agencies in the community or to CVAF operated programs.

Eligibility: All veterans (military service will be verified) can receive services through this office but referrals will only be made based on each programs eligibility requirements.

Type of Referrals:

- Transitional housing
- Permanent housing
- Other housing assistance
- Employment and Training
- Medical, dental and substance abuse treatment and/or counseling
- Other services that are identified during the referral process

Who to contact for more information: CVAF Case Manager at (661) 829-5908

Program Director: Ashley Reyes

Funding source: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Grant and Per Diem Program

Supportive Services For Veterans Families (SSVF)

Description: The primary aim of this program is to help veteran families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness quickly regain stability and permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. SSVF provides a range of supportive services designed to resolve the immediate crisis and promote housing stability. Intervention is short-term and temporary. Homeless prevention is intended to prevent first time and repeated homelessness or a recurrence of a housing crisis. Rapid Re-Housing is intended to end homelessness, reduce the time spent homeless, increase job and income growth and prevent recurrences of homelessness.

Types of Funding Available:

Rental Assistance
Utility – Fee Payment Assistance
Security Deposits
Emergency Supplies
Transportation

Eligibility:

- Veteran must be head of household,
- Veteran must live in or want to live in Kern County,
- The household would be homeless “but for” this assistance,

- Active military service with a discharge other than dishonorable,
- Veteran household must meet threshold requirements.

Veteran Commitment:

- Case management,
- Follow program policies and procedures.

Who to contact for more information: Referrals start with our Case Manager at the Resource and Referral Center at (661) 829-5908.

Program Director(s): Ashley Reyes

Funding source: US Department of Veterans Affairs

Kern County Veterans Stand Down

Usually in October at STRAMLER PARK

The Kern County Veterans Stand Down traditionally takes place on the second Thursday in October. It is a day set aside for veterans to relax and enjoy quick linkage to the many services available to them in one convenient outdoor location.

Admission is free and available to veterans and their dependents only—that means homeless veterans, too!

The California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF) has been hosting the annual Stand Down since 2011. Dozens of exhibitors and service agencies partner with CVAF to deliver such services as:

- Health screenings;
- Assistance with Veterans and Social Security benefits applications;
- Career services;
- Free pet food;
- Free hair cuts;
- Free clothing;
- Housing information and assistance;
- Free transportation to and from the event from select locations;
- The ever-popular Veterans Court, which helps vets get misdemeanors cleared from their record (You must pre-register for Veterans Court, so be sure to follow the instructions on the flyer to pre-register); and
- Much, much more!

Please feel free to print our flyer and distribute this information to veterans you know who might want to attend. For more information call CVAF at 661-873-4768.

Contact Us

Phone: 661-873-4600

Grant & Per Diem Program/Bridge Housing Program

729 Decatur Street

Bakersfield, CA 93308



Grant & Per Diem Program/Service Intensive Transitional Housing Program
2215 Buena Vista Street
Bakersfield, CA 93304

Resource And Referral Center
731 Decatur St. Suite D
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Clothing Donations
1400 Easton, Suite 102
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Supportive Services for Veteran Families
1400 Easton Dr., Suite 102
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women & Children

P.O. Box 13104

Bakersfield, California 93389-7197

(661) 343-5785

info@esperanzabakersfield.org

Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women and Children in Bakersfield

Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women and Children—a beacon of hope and empowerment. Since our opening in December of 2022, we have been passionately dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty, one local woman and her children at a time.

Our mission is to provide homeless women and children in the Bakersfield area with an innovative and holistic program, supporting their transition to permanent housing and stable employment. We believe in nurturing their potential, restoring their sense of dignity, and helping them rewrite their life stories.

At Casa Esperanza, we understand that true transformation goes beyond shelter. That’s why we offer a comprehensive range of services designed to address the unique needs of our residents. From life planning and job readiness training to parenting support and skill development, we create a safe and nurturing environment for women and their children to rebuild their lives.

Our beautifully renovated home stands as a testament to the incredible generosity and support we have received from individuals and companies in the construction industry in the greater Bakersfield area. We are grateful for their commitment to creating a sustainable model that will serve generations to come.

By investing in Casa Esperanza, you are investing in the future of our community. The intergenerational impact of removing children from homelessness is immeasurable. Together, we can create a brighter tomorrow for vulnerable families, empowering them to achieve stability, independence, and lasting success.

We invite you to join us on this transformative journey. Whether through financial contributions, volunteering your time and skills, or advocating for our cause, your support makes a tangible difference in the lives of homeless women and children. Together, we can make a lasting impact and rewrite the narratives of those who deserve a second chance.

Thank you for visiting Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women and Children. Together, we can build a better future—one family, one dream at a time.

Casa Esperanza Mission of Helping Homeless Women & Children

To provide homeless women and children in the Bakersfield area with an innovative and holistic program in a sustainable model that supports their transition to permanent housing and stable employment.

Our purpose is to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty one family at a time

- We are out to make inter-generational change; the children will have different futures available to them
- We are first and foremost a “home”, not a shelter, not a substance abuse recovery facility.
- We have no religious affiliation
- We are a place where women and their children can pick up the pieces, heal, and begin anew
- We help women get the toolkit they need to reintegrate into the job market and to live sustainably in permanent housing

- We are modeled after Alexandria House in L.A., which has a 22-year track record of successfully transitioning women from homelessness to independence
- We couple rights with responsibilities; and true hand-up versus a hand-out
- The women will receive counseling, integrated case management, job training, personal financial coaching, childcare when at work, and take their turn cooking and cleaning
- The women will contribute a small portion of their income to the household budget, and save between 30% and 60% for when they transition into permanent housing
- We are a sustainable alternative to the government sponsored housing-first model
- With the permanent endowment in place, we will be sustainable over decades; the endowment is a one-and-forever investment
- Over a 20-year period, one home will avoid over \$60 Million in social cost, or over \$25 Million in today's dollars, a compounded return of over 14% per year
- We are seeking to partner with social investors who want to create a legacy of empowerment and responsibility in Bakersfield
- We will collaborate with and be complementary to other, existing programs
- We will take referrals from agencies and other homeless service providers, the courts and clergy
- We will select candidates based upon both commitment and need

Casa Esperanza Impact in Bakersfield and Kern County

- 2019 Homeless Point-in-Time Count reflects a 50% increase over the prior year.
- Countywide, families with children accounted for 16% of the homeless population.
- Children constituted almost 11% of homeless people counted.
- One home saves \$60 million in societal cost over 20 years.
- One home saves \$25 million when discounted at 5% cost of money.
- 14% compounded annual return on social investment.
- Over 60 years, we save \$200 million and transform over 1,000 lives.
- Make inter-generational impact; solution vs band-aid.

About Casa Esperanza Bakersfield Our Brief History & Purpose

In 2014, several Bakersfield women entertained the possibility of establishing a home for women transitioning from homelessness to economic stability and permanent housing. They did so recognizing that the population of homeless women is the largest growing segment of our society.

After several visits to Alexandria House, a highly successful transitional home in Los Angeles, efforts went forward to establish Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women, modeling its program after that of Alexandria House. Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women was Incorporated in December 2014, and is a 501(c)3 tax exempt public benefit corporation.

With five founding members, efforts were made to identify individuals who, together, would become a robust Board of Directors capable of “standing in the future-fulfilled” and committed to moving that vision forward into reality. Casa Esperanza is blessed with a Board whose members exemplify that same vision, passion and commitment.

Casa Esperanza is in the process of raising funds not only for the purchase of a suitable dwelling for prospective residents, but also to establish an endowment in order to ensure its ongoing mission.

In every aspect of its operation, Casa Esperanza will honor the inherent dignity and personal worth of the home's resident women and children. A positive self-image and sense of worth are operative factors toward one's success in dealing with adversity, hence, the physical dwelling itself will reflect the dignity of its residents.

Innovative and holistic in nature, the program at Casa Esperanza will enable in residents an awareness of their own abilities and assist them in acquiring the relational and job skills necessary for employment with a sustainable wage and accompanying benefits, all of which contributes highly to a healthy self-concept as a person of dignity and individual worth.

Casa Esperanza is out to make inter-generational impact, breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty in Bakersfield, one family at a time. While the immediate need and focus of Casa Esperanza's efforts is on homeless women, it is lives of their children that will become the living legacy of the transformative and sustainable impact made by Casa Esperanza.

Executive Director & Board Casa Esperanza Bakersfield

Diane Contreras, Executive Director



Welcome to Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women and Children in Bakersfield, California. We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Diane Contreras as our new Executive Director. With her extensive leadership experience and proven track record of success, Contreras is poised to drive positive change and lead Casa Esperanza to new heights of innovation and impact.

Contreras comes to Casa Esperanza after serving as the Director of Operations for Flood Bakersfield Ministries, where she showcased exceptional leadership skills and a deep understanding of the homeless service provider system. As the Chair of the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative's Lived Experience Advisory Board, Contreras has consistently demonstrated her dedication to creating meaningful change within our community.

With a remarkable 29-year career in the nonprofit sector, including over 20 years in nonprofit management, Contreras has played a pivotal role in developing and designing programs and services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Her expertise and unwavering commitment have transformed the lives of countless individuals and families.

In expressing her excitement for the new role, Contreras stated, "I am humbled to be welcomed into such an exceptional organization. I look forward to building upon the great work that the Casa Esperanza Board has strategically led, creating an environment of bold innovation that will inspire women and children to transition from insecurity to stabilization and success."

Contreras, a Kern County native hailing from Arvin, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fresno Pacific University. Her profound understanding of the local community and deep-rooted connections will undoubtedly enable her to navigate the unique challenges faced by our beneficiaries at Casa Esperanza.

Diane Contreras will assume her position as Executive Director in early July 2023, bringing her passion for service and exceptional leadership skills to Casa Esperanza. We have full confidence that her appointment will further strengthen our commitment to transforming lives and creating lasting change in the fight against homelessness.



Advisory Council

Gayle Batey
Antonio Beccari
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Beckie Diltz
Shannon Grove
Msgr. Perry Kavookjian
Jim Mosher
Beth Pandol
Barbara Patrick

We welcome you to Casa Esperanza, where together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of homeless women and children in our community.

Julie Cesare, Chairperson



Julie Cesare is dedicated to bringing to scale innovative solutions for women and children in Kern County who are experiencing homelessness. Ms. Cesare currently serves as the Board President of Casa Esperanza, Transitional Home for Women and Children. Her work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate(CASA) for many years leads her to believe that Casa Esperanza is much needed in this community.

Ms. Cesare contributes experience in fundraising, marketing, organizing, real estate, and business, leading the multi-pronged approach to funding and launching of Casa Esperanza. Ms. Cesare earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California, and has lived in Bakersfield for most of her life.

Sr. Marie Francis Schroepfer, CSJ, Founding Member



Marie Schroepfer was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Over the years she has served as an elementary and high school teacher, a high school business manager and staff to the treasurer of her religious congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In 1998, she moved to Bakersfield after being hired by *Catholic Charities* as a Community Building Facilitator for Kern County. She currently ministers as the *Associate Director of the Fresno Diocesan Social Justice Ministry* specifically for the South San Joaquin Valley.

She became involved with the founding of *Casa Esperanza Transitional Home for Women* after being approached by two Bakersfield women who recognized the need for such a program.

She enjoys spectator sports and loves the outdoors. Riding horses is one of her most pleasurable activities. She enjoys the company of her playful beagle mix that she found fourteen years ago and named Keeper.

Lauraine Cook



Lauraine (Fanucchi) Cook was born and raised in Bakersfield, the granddaughter of immigrant Italian farmers and skilled carpenters. She attended local elementary and high schools; and received degrees from Bakersfield College, Cal State University Bakersfield (Bachelor of Arts in Psychology) and University of LaVerne (Master of Science in Counseling).

With over thirty-three years of experience in high school and community college services, Lauraine’s varied administrative competencies include: research; staffing analyses; district-wide comprehensive planning; liaison between the district and other educational institutions at the local, state and national levels; chairing district-wide instructional and student services committees; child development programs and services; development and approval of district board policies and procedures; vocational education act application and reporting; personnel services for management staff, including recruitment, salary administration, evaluation and staff development; employer-employee relations/collective bargaining; and implementation of the district-wide student software programs.

Lauraine and her husband Jerry have one daughter and two grandchildren. They are committed to giving back to their community and serving underserved children and adults. Lauraine's passions are her family, her faith and offering charitable services to local organizations. She is especially devoted to championing and supporting women and children. With her family and friends, she can often be seen enjoying camping and traveling to new environs.

Active in community activities and volunteer services for almost all of her adult life, Lauraine has provided services/support to the following organizations: American Cancer Society (local, regional and state) including chair of the Bakersfield Relay for Life; Community Connection for Child Care Chair and Advisory Council member; Italian Catholic Federation Branch #33 officer; Italian Heritage Dante Association; Bakersfield Homemakers officer; Saint Philips Catholic Church; Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and the Mission of Kern County. She has co-chaired Casa Esperanza's Hearts of Hope fundraiser for two years.

Gregory DeWitt



Greg DeWitt is a Bakersfield native who has been the Marketing Manager for a family-owned forage export company since 2008. With a background that includes various management roles in both government and private sectors, as well as service in the U.S. Navy, Greg brings a wealth of experience to his work.

In 2017, Greg began working with Sister Marie Schroepfer to create an online presence for Casa Esperanza in Bakersfield. He also contributed to the marketing and promotional requirements for Casa Esperanza's First Annual Hearts of Hope Fundraiser.

More recently, Greg and his wife Gail founded a digital marketing company that specializes in a wide range of disciplines, including online, inbound, growth, B2B, B2C, brand, and event marketing. Greg's extensive background encompasses marketing, markets, logistics, supply chain, and information technology. He is a multi-talented individual with skills in project management, online development, programming, integrations, graphics, writing, and music.

Greg holds degrees in Marketing Management and Health Administration and is passionate about using his diverse skillset and expertise to make a positive impact in his community.

Kathy Fenn



Kathy Fenn has lived in Bakersfield since 2010. Prior to moving to Bakersfield, she and her family lived in Egypt. She and her husband have four adult children. She is a Marriage and Family Therapist. "Being involved in this project of Casa Esperanza is of special interest to me because of the work that I do. I have come across many women who, for a variety of reasons, suddenly find themselves being a single parent having to find a way to make ends meet and are not prepared for the tough road." The vision of Casa Esperanza is to help these women transition into a productive, independent life.

Lisa King



Lisa King is a native of Bakersfield and has lived most of her life in this community. She is a graduate of CSU Bakersfield with a degree in Business and has worked in accounting for most of her career. She and her husband Geoff have been involved with numerous community organizations including Garces Memorial High School, Friends of Mercy Foundation and CSU Bakersfield. She served 12 years on the Rosedale Union School District Board of Education. Lisa was first drawn to Casa Esperanza by its commitment to providing women a way out of homelessness through education, job training and support. She assisted with the Hearts of Hope Fundraiser before joining the Board last year.

Gianna Lutje



Gianna Lutje has lived in Bakersfield since 2015. She recently changed her career from working in the medical device industry and now works for Johnson and Johnson's neuroscience division. Her role supports behavioral health departments for hospitals, outpatient clinics and private practices throughout the Central Valley. Gianna holds a BS in Biology with a minor in Psychology from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Gianna currently works with care teams that deals with patients that are either homeless or in unstable living conditions. Working with Casa Esperanza she sees the need first hand to be able to offer an alternative approach to transitions of care within the Bakersfield community for women and children.

Lucinda Macias



Lucinda Macias was born and raised in Houston Texas. Her employer, Chevron, relocated her to Bakersfield in the summer of 2018 as a Training Advisor for the San Joaquin Valley business unit. She is a bilingual HR professional with over 20 years of experience in recruiting, domestic and international HR, organizational capability, learning and development, intern program management, diversity and inclusion, and facilitation.

She has served on leadership teams within Chevron's employee resource groups (ERG's) more specifically, Somos, the LatinX/Hispanic employee network and the Women's employee network. For 15 years while serving in these ERG's, she planned and led community service events and volunteer opportunities throughout the city. This is how she became very involved with homeless shelters across Houston. One of her favorite volunteer roles was as an instructor, coaching groups on key topics to get back into the workforce.

She has always had a passion to help women become the best versions of themselves and strives to be a role model for the younger female generations. This is the legacy she wants to leave. She has a God-sized dream to start her own ministry, a shelter for homeless women and children, and working with Casa Esperanza is making her dream a reality. Lucinda also serves as a board member for the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Packer



Dave Packer is a native of Bakersfield and has been a local custom home builder since 1990. He is graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Real Estate. Before starting his home building business with his wife, Marilyn, he was a financial analyst for Getty Oil Company and the Secretary-Treasurer for the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District.

Dave is a firm believer of giving back to the local community and being able to share his home building knowledge and passion. He currently serves on the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House Board of Trustees and was the Board's liaison for the recent expansion of the Bakersfield house. He has also volunteered his company's services for the construction of specially adapted homes for two local military heroes through the Gary Sinise Foundation and Homes for Our Troops, each of which were given to the veterans' and their families at no cost. He has also built one-of-a-kind playhouses as fundraisers for the U.S. Marine Corp. Toys for Tots program, Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House. Dave also serves on the Kern Home Building Association Board of Directors and is an Industry Advisor/Partner for the Kern High School District Construction Traded program.

Coleen Peters



Coleen Peters is a full time Realtor with Coldwell Banker, Preferred Realtors for over 35 years. She manages her own rental properties. She is a graduate of Cal Poly, SLO in Business Administration. Coleen was on the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) State Board of Directors from 2005 -2010. She was instrumental in initiating and establishing the STAR Mental Health court here in Kern County. She has a desire to help women who are willing to do the work necessary to change their life and impact and their children and their children's lives. She wants to help create a system that can be duplicated by others so our success is multiplied by many houses many times over.

Diana Prather



Dianna Prather is a long-time resident of Bakersfield, California. She has extensive experience in advertising, having worked for Buck Owens Production company for over 30 years. In 2012, she became a co-owner of D&E Oil Well Tools, and she currently assists with commercial contracts and financing at Prather Drywall & Plastering Inc.

Dianna is an active member of her community, having served on the Seven Oaks Membership Committee since 2018 and the Seven Oak Country Club Board of Directors since 2020. She has also been involved with various charitable organizations, including Bikes for Bakersfield, BCHS Key Event, and Heart for Hope.

Dianna and her husband, Brett, have a strong commitment to philanthropy. For the past 14 years, they have been involved in remodeling the Ronald McDonald House and building Saint Jude dream homes. Dianna is excited to work with Casa Esperanza and help make a positive impact on the population of homeless women and their children in Bakersfield.

Lisa Elzy Watson



The CEO and Founder of Lightwave Education, Ms. Watson, established a non-profit dedicated to education, mentoring, and community outreach. A speaker, author, dynamic growth counselor, and human potential activator, Lisa shares her personal experiences and humorous insights gathered from more than 20 years of studying human development to assist others with their transformation.

In 2016, Lisa began working as the Managing Director for a local transportation company. She embraced all aspects of the business: Marketing, restructuring the back office, implementing an online reservation system, and launching the company's first website. Customer Satisfaction was increased to 95% by reducing customer wait time, increasing scheduling efficiencies, and restructuring the driver's work schedule.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, she chose the sunny climate of California to build her life. Traveling extensively around the world, studying culture, and comparative religions, it is her firm desire to give back to her community by positively impacting the lives of women and children.

Church Without Walls

Demonstrating the Love of Christ
Through Encouraging Relationships

Directions

114 Beardsley Avenue
Oildale, California 93308
(661) 747-1251
Email: churchwithoutwallsoildale@outlook.com

Church Without Walls has been spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and ministering to the people of Oildale since 2006. Initially established by Pastor Ben Hanna & his wife Margie, the church has now been handed over to new leadership under Pastors David & Tonya Holt as well as their team to continue the Lord's work that was started in this impoverished community. Our team is dedicated to evangelizing & ministering to the physical, emotional, mental, & spiritual needs of the broken people in our local community experiencing homelessness & poverty. We believe that establishing genuine authentic relationships with these individuals and demonstrating the love of Christ through compassionately ministering to their needs is the only way to make a true difference in their lives. We have an open sanctuary with literally no walls so that the community can hear our sermons and praise and worship every Sunday evening. Everyone that comes to our church is welcome and considered part of our family regardless of any circumstances they may find themselves in. We teach straight from God's Word and deliver Christ centered sermons and teachings every week via our bible studies and services.

We also minister to the community throughout the week, please check out our Schedule Of Services page. We have a current construction project and future visions the Lord has put on our hearts, please check out the Project Section below.

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you." Isaiah 43:2

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Jesus Christ / Matthew 25:39-41

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to build encouraging relationships and bring awareness to the broken and lacking by tending to their spiritual, emotional, mental, & physical needs so that Christ will begin to transform their lives.

We believe that true ministry is bringing to others the good news of Jesus Christ along with the healing and reconciliation that only His Spirit can provide.

We have the honor and responsibility of being His hands and feet in this world.

We may be the only scripture that others come in contact with therefore, we must live them out in our lives by demonstrating the love of Christ in our actions and compassion towards others.

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are non-denominational Church with the following beliefs. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us for further clarification and information.

Leadership

DAVID HOLT

Pastor

A passionate and energetic speaker dedicated to proclaiming & teaching God's word and ministering to the needs of the broken in our community with a heart for helping people struggling with addiction & mental illness.

- Summit Bible College Graduate
- Bachelor's degree in theology
- Master's degree in theology with emphasis in Pastoral Leadership

TONYA HOLT

Pastoral Counselor

- A passionate guidance counselor with a heart for helping the broken walk through their
- trauma into a transforming new beginning.
- Summit Bible College Graduate:
- Bachelor's degree in theology with emphasis in Christian Counseling
- Master's Degree in Christian Counseling
- Credentialed Life & Recovery Coach
- CSEC trained by Million Kids.org
- CSAM trained by Million Kids.org
- Stewards of Children trained by Darkness2light.org
- Treasures trained for sexual exploitation Outreach and Care
- ACES trained by The Acadami
- Trauma Care trained by The Acadami
- Current student of Dr. Minwalla's deceptive sexuality trauma treatment training
- Level 4 of the Minwalla Model (DST) & the
- Abusive Injured Relationship

Our Team

CWW Family of Dedicated Servants:

Penny Whittington, Thomas Wroe

Tina Rimmer, Krystal Welch, Brandon Cunningham,

Mike Arms, Dawn Arms, Ben Hanna, Margie Hanna, Carolyn Holt

Crossfire Band

Pam & Her Bluegrass Band

CWW Worship Team:

Karnel Grimes: Drummer & Worship Coordinator

Tonya Holt: Vocals

David Holt: Guitar / Vocals

Churches & Organizations that provide our dinners each month:

Mark & Deanna San Diego w/ San Diego Consulting, Inc. from

Life Point Church
Crossroads Church
The Bridge Bible Church
Dove Creek Bible Church
Cowboy Church

Board Members:

Daniel Holt

Penny Whittington

David & Tonya Holt

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Resources

Summit Bible College

2525 M Street

Bakersfield, CA 93301

[Christian Accredited College | Summit Bible College | United States](#)

661-328-1151

Flood Bakersfield Ministries

Street outreach services-Linkages to community resources-Housing navigation & Case management.

www.floodbako.com

Clinica Sierra Vista

www.clinicas ierravista.org/programs-services/healthcare-support-services-for-the-homeless/

661-635-3050

Garden pathways Bakersfield Mentoring Services & Programs

www.gardenpathways.org

661 633-9133

Bakersfield Homeless Center:

www.bakhc.org

661-322-9199

The Mission of Kern County:

www.thebrm.org

661-325-0863

Kern County Public Health:

www.kernpublichealth.com

661- 321-3000

211 Kern County

Bakersfield Resource guide for all community needs

661-395-2495

www.211kerncounty.org

Bakersfield Salvation Army:

www.bakersfield.salvationarmy.org

800-728-7825

The Hope Center

3311 Manor Street | Bakersfield, CA 93308 | 661.399.2119

www.hopecenters.net

The Walk

"Building bridges to overcome" Youth empowerment and programs for adults in need of help with anger management and or parenting classes for families at a risk to lose or have lost their children to cps. The walk will help you to achieve the trainings you need to begin anew with your children.

www.followthewalk.org

Bakersfield recovery Services

You can find info on Jason's retreat and other recovery programs & Sober living available through this organization for both men and women

www.bakersfieldrecoveryervices.com

Be Finally Free, Bakersfield

Those who have been impacted by family members or self through prison can find hope, growth and education to rebuild their lives.

www.befinallyfree.org

Feeling alone in the midst of a crisis can become terrifying. If you are experiencing any form of Sexual Abuse/ Exploitation/Human Trafficking, Physical Abuse, Verbal Abuse, Psychological Abuse, Mental Abuse, Gaslighting, Betrayal Trauma via Pornography Use by Partner, Child Abuse, Elder Abuse or Drug Abuse PLEASE don't do this alone reach out these are trained individuals and organizations ready to walk by your side:

The Walk Youth Empowerment, Bakersfield

bringing awareness and aid in the prevention of child abuse within Kern County. It is the mission of The Walk to create an atmosphere in which our youth will be protected from abuse, empowered, and educated to speak up for themselves and others. Help for parents with anger management classes or classes needed to help restore families from children taken from CPS.

661-742-0790

www.followthewalk.org/the-project

Bakersfield Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Bakersfield

www.kernalliance.org/

661-322-0931

Magdalene Hope, Bakersfield

Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons or modern-day slavery, is a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological. Exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether any form of force, fraud, or coercion was used.

www.magdalenehope.org

661-808-4673

Text: 4357 "HELP" TO 233733 "BEFREE"

Herman Law

Unfortunately, child sexual abuse is not uncommon. If you find out a child has been sexually abused, it's important to ensure the child feels safe before determining how to help them. You can call a helpline, utilize helpful resources, or contact an attorney for legal advice.

www.hermanlaw.com/child-sex-abuse/

Lanier Law

An extensive guide on understanding and how to recognize the signs of human trafficking among truck drivers and truck stops plus any legal help you may need for yourself or a child.

www.lanierlawfirm.com

Wellspring Personal Development, Bakersfield
Counseling, Marital Counseling needs and other programs available

www.wellspring-journey.com

661-489-5953

Betrayal Trauma Recovery for victims of emotional & psychological abuse and sexual coercion via partners addicted to pornography listen to their Podcast Here:

podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/betrayal-trauma-recovery/id1118969643

www.btr.org

Columbus Family Law

Excellent overview and understanding for Domestic Violence

<https://www.columbusfamilylaw.org/news/understanding-the-signs-of-domestic-violence/>

For Education & Awareness

[Exodus Cry - Every Person Should Be Free](#)

"Protecting children not porn" Important info on the destructive effects of pornography & human trafficking as well as documentaries that they are so gifted in creating to help the public understand and shine a bright light on all of this darkness attacking our youth today.

www.bark.us/blog/drug-slang-emojis/

Print this list of drug slang emojis kids are using today to hide their interest or use of drugs while conversing with their friends or sending messages.

www.covenanteyes.com

Accountability Software to Keep Yourself & Family Free from Pornography

www.endsexualexploitation.org

A great organization fighting hard to keep kids & adults safe from all forms of sexual exploitation with many opportunities to join and get involved

www.defendyoungminds.org

Help your child to stay protected while on the internet

www.padv.org

Partnership Against Domestic Violence

www.d2l.org

Darkness 2 Light End Child Sexual Abuse receive free cert trainings on how to recognize the signs and how to help our children in great need.

www.focusministries1.org

Faith Based Domestic Violence Hope

www.ftnd.org

Fight The New Drug an amazing organization geared mostly to children through young adults offering Education, Awareness, & Resources for the fight against Pornography

www.millionkids.org

Learn more about what might be going on with our children online

www.polarisproject.org

Stay up to date with the latest data and research on human trafficking

City Serve Network

3201 F Street.

Bakersfield, California 93301

(661) 558-4441

Website: [Cityserve Bakersfield | Cityserve Get Connected In Bakersfield \(cityservenetwork.com\)](#)

CityServe is a collaborative network designed to help local churches create greater impact and offer hope in the name of Jesus. We mobilize the church to fulfill its purpose locally and globally.

Programs:

Eviction Prevention

Built2Last teachers youth relationship life skills designed to create healthy foundations for a bright future.

Elevate Apartments

Clinica Sierra Vista Healthcare & Support Services for the Homeless

234 Baker Street, Suite 1
Bakersfield, CA 93305
Phone: 661-322-7580
Fax: 661-843-8615

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

Our Coordinator Margarita Rosson can be reached at (661) 322-7580.

We Provide Health Services for All, No Matter Their Ability to Pay

Clinical Services provides primary and preventative health care, dental care, pharmacy, behavioral health, and lab services.

Clinica also participates in intensive street outreach and case management services to homeless individuals in our community. Should you come across a homeless individual in need of care please contact one of our outreach specialist at 661-322-7580.

Services Details

- Substance abuse counseling: Intensive outpatient substance abuse counseling for adults and referrals to inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities, behavioral health, and primary care based on assessment.
- SAMHSA: provides services to individuals, youth, families, and veterans who experience homelessness or who may be at risk of homelessness, experience substance use disorder, serious mental illnesses or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders.
- Homeless Most Vulnerable Project: provides housing to Chronically Homeless individuals with a disability utilizing the Home First method.
- HUD/HIV permanent support housing: Sebastian Housing project focuses on services for individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS or chronically homeless individuals with disabilities into permanent housing.
- Housing Opportunities for persons living with AIDS (HOPWA): The program HOPWA offers one-on-one case management services to low-income HIV/AIDS clients to coordinate housing, healthcare, and social services needs for improved overall health. Short-term stabilizing support with rent or mortgage help, and utility assistance are given to clients to help reduce the risk of homelessness. Other supports include hotel/motel vouchers, permanent housing placement services, meals, nutrition, and transportation.
- AA Group Classes: Alcoholic Anonymous group classes are held every Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 p.m. at OTK – 234 Baker Street

HIV & Related Medical Services

34th Street Community Health Center

2000 Physicians Boulevard, 2nd Floor

Bakersfield, CA 93301

CSV Ryan White Program/Kern Lifeline

661-324-3262

Ask for the ID clinic for PrEP/HIV/STI testing

661-324-1455

How We Can Help

Come in, call, or schedule an appointment to speak with one of our case managers to find out more about the comprehensive services we offer to provide a means to enhance your quality of life. In a comfortable, caring setting, a Case Manager will meet with you for an assessment that will help determine how you can obtain access to HIV/AIDS healthcare and related supportive services and community resources. We also offer non-medical case management services extending to eligible clients' families and social support systems.

Based on an individual's assessment, medical case managers may arrange, coordinate, monitor, evaluate, and advocate for a variety of services to meet the clients' needs. Enhancing client self-care, independence, and self-determination are some of the goals of this program. Clients are involved and supported in the aspects of their care, including problem-solving functions to the maximum extent possible.

Proactive, coordinated efforts by our integrated HIV medical and case management team provide our clients with strong support in navigating and addressing healthcare needs. Ask how our case managers can assist you in obtaining optimum wellness, as well as making the best use of available resources.

The CSV Ryan White Program/Kern Lifeline receives federal and state funding to assist eligible program clients living with HIV/AIDS, residing in Kern County, who are underserved by healthcare due to low income, little or no health insurance to bridge gaps in healthcare services, when no other support is available to the individual.

Services are contingent on funding availability and include but are not limited to, Medical/Non-Medical Case Management, such as:

- HIV/primary Care services
- Dental care services
- Mental health and psychosocial services
- Vision
- Substance and alcohol abuse counseling
- Nutrition therapy counseling
- ADAP medication support and other medication assistance
- Housing
- Food
- Medical transportation
- Group/individual health education support meetings
- Community resource linkages
- HIV/STI testing linkage
- Partner/HIV prevention services/PrEP Navigation and medication assistance

Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) Food Bank

1807 Feliz Drive
Bakersfield, California 93307

*Googling or Map Questing this address will get you lost. Please use [this map](#) instead.

Phone: (661) 398-4520
Fax: (661) 398-4524

In 2016, The Food Research Action Center (FRAC) ranked Bakersfield, the largest city in Kern County, as the number one food hardship area in America.

Community Action Partnership of Kern Food Bank was established in 1983 to acquire food and other resources to help alleviate hunger, provide food, and meet the nutritional needs of these economically disadvantaged in Kern County. The Food Bank distributes millions of pounds of food annually to hungry individuals, families, non-profits, churches, community centers, homeless shelters, and poverty-fighting agencies throughout Kern County. Fifty-four percent of those served by the Food Bank are children.

- [Senior Food Program](#)
- [Programs & Services](#)
- [Food Drive Sign-up](#)
- [Partner Resources](#)
- [Contact](#)

CAPK Food Distributions Calendar

For information on locations, dates, and times please call 211 or 1-800-273-2275.

Consumer Family Learning Center

KernBHRS Consumer Family Learning Center

2001 28th Street, South Tower
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 868-7550

As of March 1, 2023. The CFLC is now open to the public!

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recovery is something you shouldn't go through alone.

The **Consumer Family Learning Center (CFLC)** is here to offer support for people 18-years-old and older whose lives have been affected by mental illness and/or substance use. Support is provided by others who have their own recovery experiences.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY

This is not another treatment plan. The CFLC is a community. With its countless classes, support groups and activities, it gives its members a safe space to learn more about their illnesses, build lasting friendships and explore their passion.

The CFLC offers a wide selection of activities, including:

- Anonymous support groups
- Classes
- Social activities
- Arts and crafts
- And much more!

Located in Bakersfield, Tehachapi and Ridgecrest, the centers are funded by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS) through Mental Health Services Act funds.

KernBHRS Consumer Family Learning Center

2001 28th Street, South Tower
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-868-7550

College Community Services HOPE Center

1400 N. Norma St. Suite 137
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
760-446-1597

College Community Services Family Learning Center

107 S. Mill, Ste. B
Tehachapi, CA 93561
661-822-4639

Delano Navigation Center (Flood Ministries)

531 High Street

Delano, California 93215

please contact: Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Inc. 661-859-9127

Destinie Aguirre destinie@floodbako.com or Diane Contreras or diane@floodbako.com

The Delano Navigation Center (DNC) is a structured, low barrier to entry drop-in center program that can welcome up to 30 unique guests each day. The goal of the DNC is to meet guest's immediate needs while providing case management and other support. The Program is designed to support men and women on their journey through homelessness to a stable housing situation. DATES: The DNC opened on July 6, 2021. Each day (Monday through Friday) from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM, guests are provided a friendly face and a safe place to rest and access services. Services include food, clothing, hygiene kits, laundry services, showers and linkages to mental health and substance use disorder services, as well as assessment for housing.

DNC LOCATION: 531 High Street, Delano CA. 93215

Transportation: Shuttle bus transportation is being provided by Flood and walkups are currently allowed if there is no loitering before and after the drop-in center opens and closes.

Volunteer and Service Opportunities: Food Service – Provide Meals and Meal Prep Pet Care – Pet Food Laundry Care Program Set-up/Take down Shower Service Donation Collection Community Outreach Cleaning Assistance Supplies For more information,

please contact: Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Inc. 661-859-9127

Destinie Aguirre destinie@floodbako.com or Diane Contreras or diane@floodbako.com

Dream Center Bakersfield

Address: 520 Union Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93307

Phone: (661) 368-1477 #2400

Clarence@dreamcenterbakersfield.com

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to connect broken people to a community of support by offering free resources and services that address immediate and long-term needs in the areas of poverty, addiction, abuse, as well as kids and youth mentorship. The Dream Center serves as a resource center focused on finding solutions to homelessness, hunger, and the lack of education through outreach programs.

THREE CAUSES

Hunger, Homeless, Fatherless

Our desire is to share the love of Christ and build relationships that will act as a bridge to end chronic homelessness, feed the hungry, mentor the at risk youth, and help clean up neighborhoods in impoverished areas in our city.

HUNGER

Many families become reliant on outside care and provisions to feed their children in season of difficulty.

Grocery Day: we give out groceries to families on the second Saturday of every month.

Reaching by Recycling: our recycling ministry goes 100% toward feeding families in need.

Get Involved

HUNGER

HOMELESSNESS

Jesus came for the least, the last, and the lost. The homeless community is close to the Father's heart. Our desire is to share the love of Christ and build relationships that will act as a bridge to ending chronic homelessness.

Homeless Street Teams: going out to provide food and build relationships

Saturday: the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month we mobilize teams at various parks to provide food and ministry to the homeless.

Get Involved

HOMELESSNESS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

There are endless opportunities to reach out communities. The Dream Center Community Outreach team is all about creating those opportunities by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people in our community. Some of our programs we'll be launching at the Dream Center are:

Dream Center Kids: a mobile team that goes into communities and attracts kids with fun, games, worship, and the gospel.

Adopt-a-Block: building relationships and serving the community.

Door-to-Door Neighborhood Ministry

School Connect: assisting in enrichment, academics and athletics

Youth Mentorship: Mentoring youth to end the chronic problems of our society. From abuse and addiction, to homelessness.

Get Involved
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

RECOVERY

Dream Center Recovery is more than just an addiction ministry. We help everyone who has hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

Get Involved
DREAM CENTER RECOVERY

YOUTH MENTORSHIP

Mentoring youth is the way to end the chronic problems of our society. From abuse and addiction, to homelessness, mentoring at-risk kids will help them have a different future than the one they currently see.

Our programs include:
YOUTH MENTORSHIP

Dignity Health Bakersfield Memorial Hospital

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital
420 34th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 846-2972

[Get Directions](#)

Emergency Room
Bakersfield Memorial Hospital
420 34TH STREET
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Open 24/7
3:45 PM4:00 PM

Emergency Room
Bakersfield Memorial- Children's Pavilion for Emergency Services
420 34TH STREET
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Open 24/7
3:45 PM4:00 PM

Services

When you choose Dignity Health Memorial Hospital, you are choosing excellent, compassionate health care. Our hospital incorporates advanced technology, and our teams have the ability to perform procedures using the latest techniques. We believe that you—your health, safety and patient experience—should be our entire focus. From the moment you walk through our doors, caring for you is our number one priority.

About Us

Dignity Health operates three hospitals in the Bakersfield area - Memorial Hospital, Mercy Hospital Downtown and Mercy Hospital Southwest.

In addition to our acute care hospitals, Dignity Health provides a growing number of health care facilities to meet the needs of our community including the Millennium Surgery Center, the Dignity Health Infusion Center at CBCC, Ortho Clinic at Mercy's Southwest campus, and the Dignity Health Medical Group Bakersfield.

Dignity Health Mercy Hospital Downtown and Southwest (Bakersfield)

Mercy Hospital Downtown
2215 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 843-5001

Emergency Room at Dignity Health - Mercy Hospital Downtown
Phone
(661) 885-0420

Open 24 Hours

Get directions **Link Opens in New Tab**

Mercy Hospital Southwest
400 Old River Road
Bakersfield, CA 93311
(661) 663-6000

Emergency Room at Dignity Health - Mercy Hospital Southwest
Phone
(661) 663-6000

Address
400 Old River Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93311

Open 24 Hours

Get directions **Link Opens in New Tab**

Employers Training Resource (ETR)

Training and Employment Services: (661) 325-HIRE (325-4473)

Administration: (661) 336-6893

Toll Free: (800) 203-2623

FAX: (661) 635-2768

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

TDD: (661) 635-2629

Locations

[Administrative Offices](#)

1600 East Belle Terrace
Bakersfield, CA 93307
661-325-HIRE
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Olive Drive](#)

1129 Olive Drive, Suite H
Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-336-6700
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Southeast Bakersfield](#)

1600 East Belle Terrace
Bakersfield, CA 93307
661-325-HIRE
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Delano](#)

707 Main Street, Suite #5
Delano, CA 93215
Phone: 661-721-5800
FAX: 661-721-5850
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Veterans Service Department](#)

1120 Golden State Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-868-7300
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm
(Closed 12pm - 1pm)

[Inyo County - Bishop](#)

1360 N Main St
Bishop, CA 93514
760-872-1394
FAX: 760-872-4950
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Mono County - Mammoth Lakes](#)

1290 Tavern Road, Suite 229
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
760-924-1788
FAX: 760-924-5431
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Mono County - Walker](#)

107384 Highway 395
Walker, CA 96107
530-495-1262
FAX: 530-495-1483
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

Employers Training Resource (ETR) is a department within the County of Kern which serves as the administrative arm of the Kern/Inyo/Mono Counties Workforce Development Board. Our goals include training the workforce for the needs of our local economy and providing assistance to businesses in the hiring process.

About Us (Who We Are)

ETR is a department within the County of Kern which serves as the administrative arm of the Kern/Inyo/Mono Counties [Workforce Development Board](#). Working in partnership with America's Job Center, ETR provides services to local businesses and job seekers. Our goals include:

[Economic Development](#): promoting and supporting the economic development of our communities.

[Assisting employers](#): providing no-cost recruiting and screening, assistance with downsizing and other services

[Assisting job seekers](#): providing no-cost training, job placement services and other job-hunting resources.

[Assisting farm workers](#): providing no-cost training as well as other resources.

[Assisting training providers](#): facilitating state application process for potential/new training providers; announcing newly-opened RFPs for existing providers.

ETR has received awards for excellence in workforce development and training.

Vision Statement:

“To create the most effective and responsive workforce development system in the country.”

Mission Statement:

“To provide expertise and leadership to ensure that the workforce development system prepares people for current and future jobs that improve the economic conditions of the community.”

Resources



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Training for Job Seekers Menu

Overview

Employers' Training Resource (ETR) administers workforce training to individuals who qualify in Kern, Inyo, and Mono Counties and also partners with America's Job Center (AJCC) to provide basic training courses. We strive to coordinate training opportunities where jobs currently exist and to plan for future growth and changes in order to meet the needs of our local economy through the workforce.

To find out more about our training programs and other services we offer to job seekers, you must attend an orientation session.

[Orientation Locations and Schedule](#) *(PDF)*

[What to Bring to Orientation](#) *(PDF)*

[Orientation/Training FAQ](#)

ETR Training Programs *(Must be WIA-Enrolled)*

[Specialized Training Programs](#) *(PDF)*

These no-fee programs include Medical Billing/Coding, Licensed Vocational Nursing, Truck Driving, Emergency Medical Technician, Auto Mechanics and many more.

[Farm Worker Training and Education](#)

[Youth Programs](#) *(PDF)*

Courses Offered Through America's Job Center

America's Job Center offers a variety of courses and workshops to help job seekers.

[Job Squad Meetings - Southeast Center](#) *(Must be registered in CalJobs; WIOA enrollment not required)* *(PDF)*

[Résumé Workshops - Southeast Center](#) *(Must be registered in CalJobs; WIOA enrollment not required)* *(PDF)*

Other Training Resources and Programs

[Agencies Offering Typing Certificates](#) *(PDF)*

[Agencies Offering 10-Key Certificates](#) *(PDF)*

For all other types of available training programs, [search for training providers](#). If you find one that offers the program you want, talk to your ETR counselor to find out if ETR can coordinate sending you to that program.

[On the Job Training](#)

On-the-Job Training (OJT) offers personalized services designed to assist employers who are not able to fill their labor force needs with currently skilled workers.

Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), employers may use OJT to hire new employees with skill levels ranging from entry level to experienced professionals. Additionally, the program will reimburse the employer for a portion of the initial training costs.

[OJT Employer Guidelines](#) *(PDF)*

[Assurances, Policies, and Regulations for On-the-Job Training \(OJT\) Program](#) *(PDF)*

[Information for Training Providers](#)

Resources for current and potential/new training providers who wish to contract with ETR to provide employment training for dislocated workers and other adults.

[Farm Worker Training and Other Resources](#)

Contact Us / Locations

Phone/FAX

Phone: (661) 325-HIRE (325-4473)

Toll Free: (800) 203-2623

FAX: (661) 635-2768

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

TDD: (661) 635-2629

Comprehensive One Stops

[Southeast Bakersfield](#)

1600 E. Belle Terrace
Bakersfield, CA 93307
Phone: (661) 325-HIRE
FAX: (661) 635-2768
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Delano](#)

707 Main Street, Suite #5
Delano, CA 93215
Phone: (661) 721-5800
FAX: (661) 721-5850
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Ridgecrest](#)

540 Perdue Avenue, Suite B-2
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Phone: (760) 384-5995
FAX: (760) 446-0732
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

Affiliate Sites

[The Business Center](#)

1129 Olive Drive, Suite C
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Phone: (661) 336-6650
Fax: (661) 392-3611
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

[EPIC \(Youth Center\)](#)

(Ages 18-24)
2211 H Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Phone: (661) 336-6460
Text: (661) 742-2812
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Olive Drive](#)

1129 Olive Drive, Suite H
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Phone: (661) 336-6700
FAX: (661) 393-8724
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Lake Isabella](#)

5540 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Suite E-3
Lake Isabella, CA 93240
Phone: (760) 379-2074
FAX: (760) 379-1545
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Veterans Service Department](#)

1120 Golden State Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(For Veterans Only)
Phone: (661) 868-7300
FAX: (661) 631-0519
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm
(Closed 12pm - 1pm)

[Lamont](#)

8300 Segreue Street
Lamont, CA 93241
Phone: (661) 635-4029
FAX: (661) 635-4002
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Mojave](#)

2300 State Highway 58
Mojave, CA 93501
Phone: (661) 824-7800

[Shafter](#)

115 N. Central Valley Highway
Shafter, CA 93263
Phone: (661) 746-8400

[Taft](#)

119 N. 10th Street
Taft, CA 93268
Phone: (661) 763-0214

FAX: (661) 824-7801
Mon-Fri 7:30am - 4:00pm

FAX: (661) 746-8402
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

FAX: (661) 763-0293
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Inyo County - Bishop](#)

1360 N. Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514
Phone: (760) 872-1394
FAX: (760) 872-4950
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Mono County - Mammoth Lakes](#)

1290 Tavern Road, Suite 229
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Phone: (760) 924-1770
FAX: (760) 924-5431
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Mono County - Walker](#)

107384 Highway 395
Walker, CA 96107
Phone: (530) 495-1262
FAX: (530) 495-1483
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

[Recruitment Center](#)

1215 Olive Drive, Suite C
Bakersfield, CA 93309



[Universal Access Workstations](#)

available in these locations

Flood Ministries

1830 Truxtun Avenue Suite 210
Bakersfield, California 93301
(661) 323-5663

Email: FrontDesk@FloodBako.com

Flood exists to reach out and engage those in our community struggling in homelessness, linking them to resources and services through the supportive housing process. We help people overcome their disadvantaged circumstance through the love of God.

Our MISSION

Flood exists to reach out and engage those in our community struggling in homelessness, linking them to resources and services through the supportive housing process. We help people overcome their disadvantaged circumstance through the love of God.

Our CULTURE

Our cultural identity is to heal and humanize homelessness. We believe that every human is of equal value in God's eyes and deserves our respect and the right to a life free from affliction. Society dehumanizes people experiencing homelessness. We create a culture that minimizes homelessness and maximizes humanity by humanizing adversity and empowering resilience through the stories of people that have experienced homelessness.

Our HISTORY

Flood was born from a community group at [The Bridge Bible Church](#). In 2006, the community group decided to go out to the park, hold a worship service, and offer food to those in need. The group wanted to form a relationship and to show Jesus' love to the many people experiencing homelessness in Kern County. They fed and served a few people and decided to go back the next week. The same people in need showed back up, and when asked why they came back, they said, "because you know our names."

Serving in outreach for the next two years and wanting to help homelessness, the group became Flood Bakersfield Ministries in 2008 as a non-profit organization. We realized the importance of building trust and relationships with those experiencing homelessness and witnessed that empathy could improve their trajectory. We then began providing outreach and supportive housing services, becoming a crucial part of the regional homeless collaborative.

Our GROWTH

Since 2011, Flood is the primary provider of street outreach in Kern County. In our street outreach efforts, we uniquely partner with law enforcement, city and county code enforcement, local businesses, and other service providers to respond to homelessness. We have also grown to be a primary partner with the [Housing Authority of the County of Kern](#) to provide supportive services for their housing programs targeted to the chronically homeless. We are a member of the [Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative](#) and serve on various committees, workgroups, advisory, governing, and executive boards. We have grown from a handful of staff to over 35 today.

Our FUTURE

Each year, the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative conducts a [Point-In-Time count](#), which involves hundreds of outreach workers and volunteers scanning Kern County to identify the number of people experiencing homelessness. Since 2017, Kern County's population of people experiencing homelessness has grown by 95%. The 2020 Point-In-Time count revealed a 19% increase in homelessness from the year prior. Despite a decrease in the influx of people documented as experiencing homelessness from 2018 to 2019, following economic casualties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, homelessness in America is predicted to increase by 45% in 2021. The reality is that there will always be

people experiencing a form of homelessness. The work we do today may not meet all of today's needs, but we plan for it to assist the needs of tomorrow.

STREET OUTREACH

Our Street Outreach teams seek to identify and engage people living in unsheltered locations, such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings, encampments, and the streets. The Street Outreach teams conduct an assessment of people experiencing homelessness, link them to immediate resources such as mental and physical health services, substance use care, shelters, and housing navigation. We ensure that people's basic needs are met while supporting them along pathways toward housing stability. These efforts play a critical role within the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative system of care designed to reduce and end homelessness.

HOUSING NAVIGATION

Housing is the answer to homelessness. Finding a way to get people off the streets and into safe and secure housing continues the process of bringing transformation for people suffering from homelessness. Housing navigation connects a homeless individual with a trained staff member to develop a housing plan, address the barriers, acquire documentation, and complete forms required for housing. It also involves a housing search, including attending property-owner meetings, setting appointments, and assisting with paperwork related to housing applications.

CASE MANAGEMENT

Once clients are placed into housing, our Case Managers provide guidance and support to address issues and help clients stay in their housing. Case Managers offer clients help with furnishing their new homes and ongoing support for the next steps of achieving stability in their lives. Resilience and life transformation include addressing physical, emotional, and medical needs and life skills training. Connecting people to a healthy community is also key to change and spiritual growth. Flood leans on the church community and other resources in Kern County to help restore and transform lives.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Through community engagement, our goal is to destigmatize homelessness by offering educational experiences that intend to heal and humanize trauma-based adversities that contribute to the human experience of homelessness. We lead volunteer activities that address factors contributing to poverty, homelessness, and litter in our community. We have a mobile community booth stationed at local businesses and churches to educate people on the reality of homelessness in Kern County and to provide opportunities for people to be a part of improving their environment.

Navigation Centers

Flood Ministries Navigation Centers are a low barrier drop-in center that welcomes up to 30 to 40 guests every day. The navigation centers aim to meet the immediate needs of the guests, to protect people living on the streets, or experiencing a crisis situation, and to provide resources and services to persons with no other options. The navigation centers provide "at risk of homelessness," "chronically homeless," "homeless," "women fleeing domestic violence," and "undocumented homeless" individuals with a safe place to rest, showers, laundry services, a meal, and supportive services, such as health and mental health services, dental care, job training and placement opportunities. The program is designed to support men and women on their way through homelessness to stable housing and better quality of life.

Garden Pathways

Phone: 661-633-9133

Fax: 661-633-9133

1616 29th Street

Bakersfield, CA 93301

BUILDING COMMUNITY FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Garden Pathways mentors children, youth, and adults to build productive lives. Diverse mentoring and education programs lead families to educational advancement, employment, family stability, self-sufficiency, healthy living, and improved quality of life.

ABOUT US

Our mission

Garden Pathways transforms lives from the inside out through loving, mentoring relationships.

Who We Are

We believe that diverse mentoring and education programs lead families to educational advancement, employment, family stability, self-sufficiency, healthy living, and improved quality of life.

Through collaborative efforts with community agencies, community service groups, and faith-based organizations, Garden Pathways offers mentoring, training, classes, and education in the arts and the art of living.

Garden Pathways mobilizes community transformation from the inside out — from the fundamental core values of each individual to the resulting impact on personal and community life.

Beginning with each individual's values perspective, clients receive the support they need to effectively build skills of learning and living and to make positive life-impacting choices that benefit themselves and others.

"They help you set goals and help you start achieving them. I saw myself having a good job, rebuilding relationships with my kids." -Billy

What We Do

Garden Pathways' programs provide a wide range of life-building services to the Kern County community such as through the following:

Comprehensive Mentoring Services connects people seeking a fresh start with caring mentors who guide and encourage. Participants include families transitioning from welfare and child protective services programs, families and youth impacted by gang violence and abuse, ex-offenders, emancipating/emancipated foster youth, pregnant/parenting youth, and other at-risk individuals.

Through the power of relationship, young people and adults find lasting freedom from poverty and at-risk conditions as they discover dignity and self-worth, take responsibility for their choices, and develop life skills.

Employment Strategies and Transformative Education teach clients life skills to get a job and keep it, while also learning to practice self-care, boundaries, anger management, and more.

Arts Mentoring guides youth to artistic and personal growth.

Downtown Education Center provides quality childcare, education, and enrichment for infants and preschool children.

Tattoo Removal gives our clients a sense of change and transformation in a very real and tangible way.

Breaking the Cycle is a class offered to clients and individuals court ordered to take a DV or anger management class which teaches them healthier coping mechanisms and tools to change their negative behaviors.

Medical Enrollment

Hospital Intervention

[VIEW CLIENT TESTIMONIALS](#)

More About Us

The non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization was founded in 1997 by local individuals seeking to translate their faith into effective community building. Garden Pathways offers its services without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, or any other classification protected by law.

Garden Pathways has been identified by the Kern County Department of Human Services as one of the major providers of first-line service to families who are in crisis. Our proven record of success generates ongoing referrals from key county agencies, including the Kern County Department of Human Services/CalWORKs, Child Protective Services, foster care divisions, Kern County Probation Department, Kern County Department of Child Support Services, and Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

Through strong collaborative partnerships with community agencies, community service groups, and faith-based organizations, Garden Pathways is activating life-building success in the lives of hundreds of children, young people, and families.

Golden Empire Gleaners

It starts with food

1326 30th Street, Unit A,

Bakersfield, CA 93301

661.324.2767

info@goldenempiregleaners.com

Our Story

In February 1985, a Bible study group of four men reflected on the goodness The Lord had brought to their lives and the debt of gratitude they felt. They were inspired to do something in return. Their vision was to glean from local farms and fields the estimated 300 million pounds of food that was going to waste annually and to establish a neighborhood food pantry from which food could be distributed to the needy. A site was found, and leaders stepped forward to purchase a warehouse. The Gleaners organization had quite miraculously become operational within six months of the group's humble idea.

By the end of 1985, over 75,000 pounds of food had been distributed.

The original Food Bank was located at 2030 14th Street, Bakersfield. In 2000, the Golden Empire Gleaners relocated to its current location at 1326 30th Street - off the Garces traffic circle in Bakersfield.

Throughout its 35 year history the, Golden Empire Gleaners has fed millions of Kern County residents. Last year alone, over 200,000 people were served by distributing two million pounds of food.

Currently, the Gleaners serves an average of 7,500 people per month.

All operating funding is received via donations and grants from generous community members and partners. We do not receive or accept any government funding or grants.

All Fund Raising goes directly to the Golden Empire Gleaners. 100% of all money raised starts here and stays here.

We are a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization.

Like us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/GoldenEmpireGleaners/

Our Mission

Our mission is to help alleviate hunger and provide food for those in need in the Kern County community. We accomplish this by collecting and distributing food and agricultural products that might otherwise go to waste. Through the help of our referring agencies, we are able to distribute food to needy children, senior citizens, families in crisis, people who are ill, disabled, homeless or unemployed, and others determined by the board of directors to be eligible.

Referrals

The Golden Empire Gleaners works with hundreds of agencies and organizations to provide food to families and individuals in need. Most of our clients are by referral from our partnering agencies.

REFERRING AGENCIES

COUNTY OF KERN: Contact your caseworker if you receive any service from the county such as Cash Aid, CalFresh, Mental Health, etc.

All other Kern County areas, please call: **(800) 273-2275**

SCHOOLS: Contact your child's school office - Bakersfield City School District and most Kern County high schools make referrals.

CHURCHES: If you are a member of a congregation, ask if your church is a partnering organization - the Golden Empire Gleaners partner with many local churches.

ORIENTATION/NEW AGENCIES

Orientation for new agencies or new authorized callers is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 11:00 am. Please show up on time and sign in. The orientation usually lasts for about 30 minutes and includes a tour of our facility.

SENIOR SACK

The Senior Sack Program has been operating continuously for over 29 years at 24 different sites throughout Kern County.

Eligible Seniors whose annual income is \$15,000 or below must register at a site in their local area.

The Golden Empire Gleaners delivers food to each site twice a month to be distributed to registered seniors. Each "Senior Sack" offers 10-12 items including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, boxed staples and canned food.

The Senior Sack program is designed to provide both a health benefit of providing fresh, nutritious food and a mental health benefit by providing social interaction and activities at each site as seniors pick up their food. By having seniors come in-person, they are introduced to information about other supportive services available to them.

[Find a Senior Sack Site](#)

Senior Sack Sites

BAKERSFIELD

Cain Memorial

AME Church

630 California Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93304

(661) 325-9224

2nd & 4th Thursday

9:00am

SITE COORDINATOR

Karyan Bostick

(661) 836-1253

BAKERSFIELD

First Church of the Nazarene

2801 Hughes Ln. Bakersfield, CA 93304

(661) 832-2145

2nd & 4th Thursday

10:00am - 11:30am

SITE COORDINATOR

Doris Elliot
(661) 589-8439

BAKERSFIELD
Rexland Acres
Baptist Church
113 E. Fairview Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 831-3085
1st & 3rd Monday
8:30am
SITE COORDINATOR
Sue Machado
(661) 831-3645

BUTTONWILLOW
Pioneer Senior Center
131 East 1st
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
(661) 764-5970
1st & 3rd Wednesday
10:30am
SITE COORDINATOR
Gladys Delfino
(661) 770-6770
Cindi Brannon
(661) 332-5498

MOJAVE
Mojave Elks Club
16200 K St.
Mojave, CA 93501
(661) 824-2240
2nd & 4th Monday
10:00am - 11:00am
SITE COORDINATOR
Cletus McKinney
(661) 824-0945

TAFT
Taft Seventh Day
Adventist Church
401 Harrison St.
Taft, CA 93268
(661) 763-4482
1st & 3rd Monday
10:00am - 11:30am
SITE COORDINATOR
Meghan Thompson
(661) 319-8130

BAKERSFIELD

Canyon Hills

Assembly of God

7001 Auburn St. Bakersfield, CA 93306

(661) 871-1150

1st & 3rd Wednesday

11:00am

SITE COORDINATOR

Sam Fajardo

(661) 283-0428

Lany (wife) Cell

(408) 691-8630

BAKERSFIELD

Garden Community Church

2010 O St.

Bakersfield, CA 93301

(661) 323-4162

2nd & 4th Friday

9:00am - 11:00am

SITE COORDINATOR

Rob Allison

(661) 323-4162 ext. 25

BAKERSFIELD

Salvation Army

4417 Wilson Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93309

(661) 836-8487

2nd & 4th Tuesday

9:45am

SITE COORDINATOR

Rose Greenwell

(661) 837-4243

[FRAZIER PARK](#)

Frazier park

Community Center

3800 Park Dr.

Frazier Park, CA 93225

(661) 242-2028

2nd & 4th Wednesday

10:00am - 12:00pm

SITE COORDINATOR

Anne Jones

(661) 245-3409

[ROSAMOND](#)

Church of Christ

1389 W. Rosamond Blvd

Rosamond, CA 93560

(661) 256-3245

2nd & 4th Monday

10:30am - 12:00pm
SITE COORDINATOR
Rod Seadam
(661) 751-2759
(661) 477-2657

TEHACHAPI

Tehachapi
Salvation Army
538 E. Tehachapi Blvd. Tehachapi, CA 93561
(661) 823-9508
(661) 823-9508
2nd & 4th Monday
9:00am - 11:00am
SITE COORDINATOR
Margaret Willer
(661) 823-9508

BAKERSFIELD

Fairview Baptist
Church
1800 Bedford Way Bakersfield, CA 93308
(661) 391-4640
2nd & 4th Tuesday
8:30am
SITE COORDINATOR
Clay Jett
(661) 331-2616

BAKERSFIELD

Mercy & Memorial Learning Center
631 E. California Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 325-2995
2nd & 4th Thursday
10:30am
SITE COORDINATOR
Freddy Hernandez
(661) 325-2995

BAKERSFIELD

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church
141 E. Brundage Ln. Bakersfield, CA 93307
(661) 324-6230
2nd & 4th Friday
10:30am - 11:30am
Willetter Miller
SITE COORDINATOR
(661) 324-5566

LAKE ISABELLA

Highland Chapel
United Methodist

56301 Lake Isabella Blvd. Lake Isabella, CA 93240
(760) 379-2120
1st & 3rd Friday
11:00am
SITE COORDINATOR
Winona Stevenson
(760) 378-3841

SHAFTER

W.C. Walker
Senior Center
505 Sunset Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
(661) 746-7838
1st & 3rd Thursday
9:00am - 12:30pm
SITE COORDINATOR
Lucy Ratzlaff
(661) 746-4256
Cell (661) 477-2657

WASCO

Griffith Avenue
Baptist Church
408 Griffith Ave. Wasco, CA 93280
(661) 758-2516
1st & 3rd Tuesday
12:30pm
SITE COORDINATOR
Marian Welch
(661) 758-2659

Golden Empire Gleaners
Helping alleviate hunger in
Kern County.
661.324.2767
1326 30th Street, Unit A
Bakersfield, California 93301

There are several ways to obtain food through the Gleaners

VOLUNTEER FOR FOOD

REFERRAL AGENCIES

There are many agencies in Kern County that can assist with food.

Many churches, schools, and other non-profit agencies provide referrals for food.
Many elementary and high schools have programs for their students and their families.
You can also contact one of our referral agencies:

KERN AGING & ADULT SERVICES

(661) 868-1000

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

(661) 631-6000

BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 6314754

KERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

(661) 868-2146

COUNTY OF KERN

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CHURCHES

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info@goldenempiregleaners.com

HOURS

The Golden Empire Gleaners Food Bank warehouse is open from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm Monday through Friday.

We close from 11:45 am - 12:30 pm for lunch.

We are closed on the first Friday of every month for inventory.

Please visit the [HOURS AND HOLIDAYS](#) page for more information on inventory and holiday closures.



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[Golden Empire Transit \(GET Bus\)](#)

1830 Golden State Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Administration

[661-324-9874](tel:661-324-9874)

Customer Service

[661-869-2GET](tel:661-869-2GET)

webcontact@getbus.org

About GET

We are operating on a SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE

The Golden Empire Transit District (GET) was formed in July 1973. It is the primary public transportation provider for the Bakersfield Urbanized Area. GET is the largest public transit system within a 110-mile radius. The District's legal boundary includes Bakersfield city limits as well as adjacent unincorporated areas. GET has a fleet of 90 compressed natural gas buses equipped with wheelchair lifts and bike racks.

GET services 16 routes, which operate 7 days a week and transport more than 6 million passengers each year with its fixed-route buses. In addition, GET operates 21 compressed natural gas On-Demand buses and 10 Hydrogen Fuel cell buses.

GET has an economic impact; every \$1.00 GET spends and invests creates \$5.80 in return. The International Standards Organization formally recognizes GET for its certified Environmental Management System. For more information, visit www.getbus.org or call 869.2GET (2438).

Call 661-869-2GET for customer service and bus schedule information,

Monday - Sunday
6:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Fixed Route

[Real Time Information](#)

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Customers are required to pay a cash fare or show a pass each time they board a bus.

Customers boarding more than two buses in one day will save money by using one of GET's Day Passes. Regular Fare and Senior/Special Rider Day Passes are good for unlimited rides during one day.

GET Fares

Golden Empire Transit District offers three fares: Regular Fare, Reduced Fare, and a Premium Express Fare Pass.

Regular Fares are good for all routes except express routes which have an X before the route number.

Reduced Fares are discounted fares for customers who meet any of the following criteria: seniors ages 65 and older, Medicare cardholders, and customers with disabilities. Customers must present one of the following

forms of identification in order to pay a Reduced Fare: GET's identification card, a Medicare card, or a California ID card as proof of age.

The **Premium Express Fare Pass** must be used on express routes which have an X before the route number. It is also good for all other routes. The Express Pass is sold in limited locations.

Children – Children 5 years old and younger ride free when accompanied by a fare paying passenger (maximum three children per passenger); customers 6 years and older pay regular fare.

Riders must have exact change. No pennies accepted in farebox.

Single Ride \$1.65*

Day Pass \$3.55

31 Day Pass \$57.00

15 Day Pass \$38.00

*Single ride is only good for one bus and no transfer.

Single Ride \$.80

Day Pass \$1.70**

31 Day Pass \$28.00

15 Day Pass \$19

*Please note: In order to use a Reduced Fare monthly pass, customers must obtain a GET issued Reduced Fare ID card. For additional information regarding Reduced Fare ID cards, please go to the Rider Info tab of the website and look under the section.

**The Day Pass allows unlimited rides for one day. A Day Pass is recommended for customers needing to board more than two buses in one day.

Download Reduced Fare Application

Order Passes by Mail Form

Premium Fares / X92 to Tejon Commercial Complex

Single Ride \$4.00

Day Pass \$8.00

Monthly Pass \$75.00

Senior/Disabled Premium – same as regular fare

A Monthly Pass is good for unlimited rides during one calendar month. The Monthly Pass is great for frequent riders.

Rider Information

Riding the bus just once a week helps clean our air.

GET buses are fueled with compressed natural gas (CNG). CNG is a fossil fuel substitute, which is environmentally cleaner than gasoline, diesel, and propane. Riding the GET bus once a week will make a difference!

Buses are safer than cars.

Taking the bus increases your chances of arriving at your destination safely. Studies report that riding the bus is safer than driving or riding in a car. Due to the size of a transit bus, it is one of the safest vehicles on the road.

Riding the bus means no parking spaces.

Going shopping? Tired of fighting for a parking spot? Take the GET bus to the Valley Plaza Mall, East Hills Mall, Northwest Promenade, Market Place, Mercado Latino, or Stockdale Village. GET serves the Bakersfield metropolitan area with 16 routes and one express route to Tejon Industrial Park. If the website does not answer all your questions, call 661-869-2GET (2438) for route information.

Using public transportation reduces stress.

Sit back and relax! Read a book, listen to music, or talk to other passengers and leave the driving to someone else! You'll have less stress, which will decrease your risk for future health problems.

Walking to and from the bus stop can make a difference to your health.

Research shows that people who use public transportation are healthier than people who don't, because walking to and from bus stops is a regular part of their daily exercise.

On-Demand is a flexible low-cost public transit service designed to improve connections to transit hubs and popular destinations like shopping centers, doctor appointments and grocery stores. Young riders +12 and older can ride on On-Demand without an adult. Children 11 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Services are provided 7 AM to 7 PM, 7 days a week. Transportation is provided for doctor appointments, activities, grocery shopping, and other trips. Users do not need to medically qualify as they do with **On-Demand Paratransit**. If you medically qualify for Paratransit, we encourage you to apply for and use that service. If you are a senior 60 years of age and older, we encourage you to use **On-Demand Reduced Fare**.

Fares

Fare is due upon pick-up. Please bring exact change, as the driver does not carry change. You can use the transit app or our On-Demand app to pay for fare and schedule your ride. On January 1, 2023, our fare structure will be changed. Please see below for the new fare amounts. Our new fares only added on an increase in prices for 10+ mile trips.

- 0 to 3 miles - \$3
- 3+ to 7 miles - \$5
- 7+ to 10 miles - \$7
- 10+ to 12 miles - \$10
- 12+ miles - \$15

*Price structure effective January 1, 2023

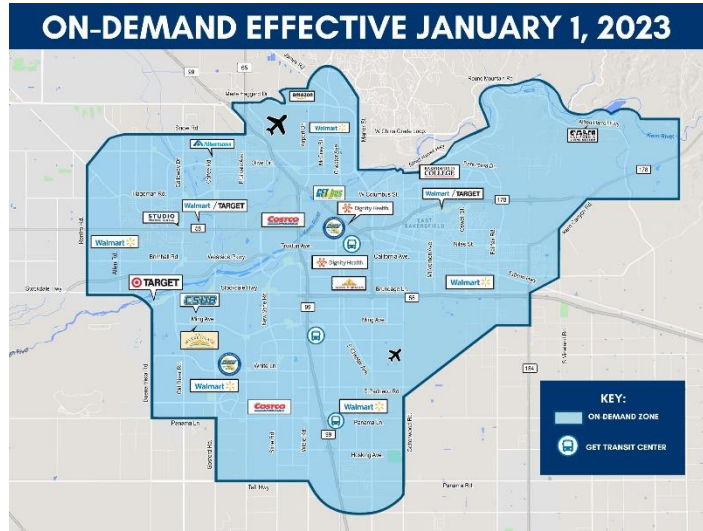


For more information please email ondemand@getbus.org or call [661-869-2GET \(2438\)](tel:661-869-2438)

Holidays

GET On-Demand Microtransit will not operate on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day and will have reduced operating hours on New Year's Day, King Day, President's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, and Labor Day. In addition, some operations may be limited or changed on certain days as needed. Calls can be made to the service number at **661-869-2438** for more information.

Drivers cannot assist with packages or carry-ons. Packages are limited to what a rider can carry in two trips. Except for service or guide dogs, pets are only allowed on the bus if they are placed and enclosed in an animal carrier.



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Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Detoxification

901 Olive Drive
Bakersfield, California 93308
(661) 215.75.00
info@goodsamhospital.com
Monday to Sunday
08:00 am to 8:00 pm



A safe environment.

The withdrawal from substances—drugs and alcohol—can be very difficult and even life-threatening. Good Samaritan Hospital provides a Medical Detox Program that is medically supervised. Patients are admitted to the Hospital and are cared for by highly trained and experienced clinical staff specializing in substance detoxification. This program provides a safe environment that allows withdrawal to be as comfortable as possible.

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc. (GBLA)

For more information or to apply for assistance, contact us today!

615 California Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93304

DIRECTIONS

Main Intake Line 661-325-5943 (Local)
888-292-GBLA (4252) (Toll Free)
Dial 7-1-1 for California Relay Service (CRS)

Fair Housing Complaint Line 661-334- 4679 (Local)
855-746-7958 (Toll Free)
Dial 7-1-1 for California Relay Service (CRS)

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc. is a nonprofit legal services agency located in Bakersfield, California. This website is not intended to provide nor does it provide legal advice. Transmission and receipt of the information in this site is not intended to solicit or create, and does not create, any attorney-client relationship between GBLA and any person or entity. GBLA provides legal services only in state of California for claims arising in our service area of Kern County, California.

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Law Offices of **GREATER BAKERSFIELD LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INC.** 615 California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93304 Phone **661.325.5943** Fax **661.325.4482**

NEED LEGAL HELP?

Providing high quality legal services to Kern County's low-income and elderly since 1968.

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Closed all major holidays

661-325-5943

Walk-in's Welcome

Additional Resources:

[Kern County Superior Courts](#)

[Kern County Superior Court: Self-Help for Tenant Eviction](#)

[California Courts Website](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[California Department of Public Health](#)

[Kern County Department of Public Health](#)

[California Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response](#)

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Incorporated (GBLA) is located in Bakersfield, California and offers free legal services in civil matters to eligible low-income persons residing within our service area in Kern County.

Questions? Please call our law office:

661.325.5943 (Local)

888.292.GBLA (4252) (Toll Free)

Dial 7-1-1 for California Relay Service (CRS)

[For directions to our office](#), please click [here](#).

MISSION

“To promote social change and justice by providing high quality legal services to the low-income community.”

VISION

GBLA strives to accomplish its mission by first providing legal services to meet the basic legal needs of its eligible clients. These basic legal problems generally involve preventing homelessness, access to health care, and securing financial resources to meet basic necessities of life. Secondly, GBLA tries to help those eligible clients who are able and willing to get out of poverty. In this regard, GBLA’s focus is on those legal needs that address issues of economic and family stability, physical security, and access to high quality education.

CORE VALUES

- Striving for equal justice for all
- Confronting and addressing the root causes of poverty through the legal process
- Prioritizing to be effective
- Advocating on behalf of clients in the forum which can most appropriately address their issues
- Encouraging education to support our mission
- Empowering those we serve

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Guardianship Caregiver Project

The Guardianship Caregiver Project assists caregivers with obtaining guardianship over children, prenatal to 5, (and their older siblings) to prevent further exposure to domestic violence, child abuse and neglect.

Project advocates represent prospective guardians by preparing and filing guardianship petitions, responding to objections, representing clients in mediation and guardianship hearings, and preparing post-hearing letters and orders.

For more information about Guardianship, please visit our [Guardianship Caregiver Project](#) page

Domestic Violence Reduction Project

The Domestic Violence Reduction Project provides legal assistance to protect children, prenatal to five, from further exposure to domestic violence, child abuse and/or neglect.

Project advocates represent clients by preparing and filing legal protective orders (commonly known as a Restraining Order), obtaining child custody and visitation orders where applicable, representing clients in court, making referrals to other services, and other legal assistance.

Immigrant Victims

GBLA assists VAWA eligible immigrants who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Services include assistance with VAWA and -Visa petitions, petitions to adjust Lawful Permanent Resident status, and advocacy with law enforcement agencies. These remedies provide a way for victims to work independent of the batterer to obtain lawful-permanent residency, employment authorization, or even naturalization.

Education Law Project

The Education Law Project ensures students have fair access to education in order to learn, grow, and prosper.

The project provides legal services related to school discipline, truancy, bullying, discrimination, and special education issues.

[CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT](#)

[Fair Housing Law Project](#)

Federal and California State laws prohibit housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, family status, marital status, sexual orientation, source of income, age, and other arbitrary characteristics.

The Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP) provides fair housing education and outreach, investigation, and enforcement services for Bakersfield and Kern County residents who believe they have been victims of illegal housing discrimination, regardless of income. When fair housing investigations yield evidence of illegal discrimination, FHLP can assist and represent victims in administrative agency complaints and/or lawsuits.

[HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION](#)

Community Homeless Court

The Community Homeless Law Center Project is to provide legal assistance to HUD eligible homeless persons to remove legal barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing and income. Services include a wrap-around approach to address the needs of homeless clients that involves both legal and social services. Legal services can address health, public benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), domestic violence, Homeless Court, consumer, education, child support, and other matters.

Equal Access Fund Homelessness Prevention Project

The Equal Access Fund Homelessness Prevention Project prevents homelessness by defending low-income tenants that are subject to the unlawful detainer (eviction) process. This project assists tenants throughout Kern County regardless of whether the landlord is represented by an attorney. Defense may include representation at various stages of litigation such as pleadings, discovery, trial, and settlement negotiation. This project also assists tenants throughout Kern County who have received a pre-eviction termination notice such as a 60 or 30 day termination notice.

Housing and Disability Advocacy Project

The Housing and Disability Advocacy Program assists HUD-eligible clients who are experiencing homelessness with obtaining disability benefits (such as SSI, SSDI, CAPI, and VA benefits) using the SOAR (SSDI/SSI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) method.

Mobilehome Advocacy Project

The Mobilehome Advocacy Project dedicates services to preventing homelessness by ensuring residents of mobile home parks are protected from common housing violations such as illegal grounds for eviction, improper notices of rent increases, and other common violations.

Services include counsel and advice, brief service, and/or direct representation to low-income mobile home residents in pre-eviction or eviction disputes. The project also presents workshops to increase awareness of residents' rights and

Mobilehome Residency Law (MRL) to mobile home residents and other stakeholders who provide services to the low-income community.

Sargent Shriver Housing Pilot Project

The Sargent Shriver Housing Project works to prevent homelessness by assisting low-income tenants with the unlawful detainer (eviction) process. The project assists tenants in an eviction lawsuit when the landlord is represented by an attorney by helping tenants understand the eviction (unlawful detainer) legal process and/or represent them in trial or aid in negotiating a mandatory settlement conference.

The Project can also make referrals to agencies that prevent homelessness, provide relocation assistance, or connect clients with services relating to employment, education, and family necessities.

Landlord-Tenant Assistance Center

Through a partnership between GBLA and the Kern County Superior Court, the Landlord-Tenant Assistance Center (LTAC) provides a variety of services to help resolve landlord-tenant disputes. LTAC assists low-income tenants with landlord disputes pre-eviction.

Services include legal counsel, mediation, educational workshops, case management, and referrals for housing and community resources. The goal of the Center is to help unrepresented parties understand and prepare for court or, whenever possible, help landlords and tenants reach out-of-court settlements through mediation.

The Center is located at the Kern County Superior Court, Metropolitan Division, 1415 Truxtun Ave., in Bakersfield on the Third Floor.

For Self-Help Assistance on Tenant Evictions, please visit the [Kern County Superior Court: Self-Help for Evictions](#)

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Additional Resources

Bakersfield Code Enforcement

(661)-326-3712
1715 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Kern County Code Enforcement

(661) 862-8603
2700 M St. #350,
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Kern County Superior Courts

<https://www.kern.courts.ca.gov/>

Self-Help Center

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/>

Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative

<https://bkrhc.org/>

LawHelp California

<https://www.lawhelpca.org/>

Contact Us

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Fax (661) 325-4482

www.gbla.org

Landlord Tenant Assistance Center

(661) 868-4660
1415 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
(Closed 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for lunch)
Walk-in appointments available



Please note that advocates may not be available to provide immediate assistance for walk-ins.

We recommend that you call GBLA to schedule an appointment when possible.



Housing and Homelessness Prevention

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[Hope Center](#)

3311 Manor Street

Bakersfield, CA 93308

661-399-2119

Fax: 661-399-2294

Hours of Operation

9:00am – 11:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (Except Holidays)

Wednesday is Kern County Food Bank Distribution Day, 9:30am – 12:00 Noon.

How to receive

As the Director of The Hope Center, I am pleased to announce that we are open every Wednesday for those who are experiencing food shortages.

Our hours of operation will be 9 am to approximately 12 noon or as long as supplies are available. The distribution will be done as a drive-through only. No clients will be allowed in the parking lot until 9 am.

Unfortunately, we cannot serve walk-ups due to covid-19 restrictions and safe distancing requirements.

The line will start at the North West corner of the parking lot on Manor Street at the large steel gate.

There will be an attendant there to direct you into the distribution line. It is very important to remain in your automobiles at all times. If there is rain or wind it may be necessary to cancel the distribution.

For those who are coming for clothing and other essentials, we are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday beginning at 9:00 am and closing at 11:30 am. The ideal time to come on those days is 9:00 am to 9:30 am to allow yourself time before closing at 11:30.

Clients need to bring an ID or document or something with their name on it. Limited is two (2) months between visits.

Please contact us if you have any questions about our services!

Our history

The Hope Center Incorporated is a non-profit 501 c.3 charitable organization that began in 1999 as a ministry of the Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene. Several Olive Knolls members recognized a growing need in the community and began putting together food baskets for the holidays and clothing packages for distribution to in-need individuals and families in the North Bakersfield Area. An appeal was made before the Olive Knolls congregation and the response was positive with donations of clothing, food and clothing being accumulated in a back room at the church. It was soon determined, because of the awesome response, that more room would be needed.

The Hope Center moved to a North Chester Avenue location and in 2007 to its present location at 3311 Manor Street. The Hope Center became a legal entity with its incorporation in 2007 as determined by the Secretary of State and the Federal IRS. The center's mission: to provide the basic needs of food, clothing, moral support, and spiritual support to those individuals in need. Although started by Olive Knolls Church, the Hope Center is now part of a network of helping services in Kern County, including local churches, social service organizations and private groups.

In March of 2011 The Hope Center was designated as a distribution site for the Kern County Food Bank and as a result the number of families and individuals increased in vast numbers. In 2017 The Hope Center served more than 70,700 individuals compared to only 12,169 in 2009.

In 2012 Hope Center hired Bill Richert as its Outreach Coordinator. Bill advanced to the Executive Director's position in July, 2015 following the retirement of Loron Hodge. Bill is a Licensed Pastor and Chaplain by way of Chaplains International Incorporated and a member of Canyon Hills Assembly of God Church.

The Hope Center has been a beacon of help and hope for hurting families not only in Oildale but to the entire county. The success of the Hope Center is due first of all to God who has directed our paths. With continued support of our Board of Directors, financial donors, materials donors, local churches and our loyal volunteers, The Hope Center Incorporated will continue to serve the needy in our community for many years to come.

VISION

Connecting People to Christ and the Community of Faith

MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Hope of Christ while assisting with Food, Clothing and Basic Needs

Director's Message

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Since that time The Hope Center has met the challenge of our local community by distributing more than 307 tons of food product in 2017.

The Hope Center also has people on staff to pray with those who need comfort, consolation and love.

Please join with us and others who love our hometown of Bakersfield and desire to see that all our residents are loved and cared for.

Bill Richert

Housing Authority of the County of Kern

601 24th Street,
Bakersfield, CA 93301
P: 661.631.8500
F: 661.631.9500

Section 8 Listings

Affordable Housing

In addition to Section 8 and Low-Income Public Housing, The Housing Authority of the County of Kern is an active developer of affordable housing, acquiring and building housing to help meet the affordable housing needs in Kern County. To understand qualifications for affordable housing programs or to see if affordable housing units are available, contact specific affordable housing developments directly. Once an applicant is determined to be qualified for an affordable housing unit, the exact rent amount to be paid by the tenant will be determined by guidelines set by the housing development's funding sources.

Locations Managed by Housing Authority

Kern County Affordable Housing Development Listing

Rent and Utility Assistance Program (RUP)

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern stopped accepting applications for the Rent and Utility Assistance Program (RUP) on Aug. 31st. Applications received on or before August 31st, will be processed and approved based on priority grouping, with the highest priority given to those categorized as "High Needs."

Housing for Homeless

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern is committed to providing quality housing with supportive services to homeless individuals and emancipated foster youth who are at immediate risk of becoming homeless, partnering with local community organizations to provide housing, rental assistance, and supportive services to qualifying individuals. The agency operates a number of residential sites as well as rental assistance programs specially-designed to serve the needs of local residents who are homeless, mentally ill, or disabled. **To access these services and housing resources, call 2-1-1.**

Shelter Plus Care Program

The Shelter Plus Care (S+C) program provides rental assistance to homeless disabled individuals and families who receive ongoing supportive services and case management from community organizations to help them remain in housing and increase their income. The Bakersfield Homeless Center, Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Independent Living Center, Clinica Sierra Vista and the California Veteran Assistance Foundation refer homeless persons to the Housing Authority to receive the S+C assistance.

Green Gardens

Green Gardens is a 104-unit single room occupancy facility that houses formerly homeless persons with disabilities referred to the site by the Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. Green Gardens offers a community room, a community dining area, a large courtyard, and on-site services provided by Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Flood Bakersfield Ministries.

Green Gardens is located at:
2300 South Union Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93307
Manager's Office: 661-397-2024; Fax 661-397-1958

[Plymouth Rock](#)

This program consists of eight (8) units providing temporary housing for homeless families returning from the [Bakersfield Homeless Center](#). Agency staff refers residents of the program to support services to help families stabilize and obtain permanent housing. The basic time limit for residents to remain in the program is one (1) year, though families may request a one-year extension.

Plymouth Rock is located at:

100 & 102 Plymouth Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308

Manager's Office: 661-392-7125

8 Units, 2 bedrooms

[Haven Cottages](#)

Haven Cottages offers 24 one-bedroom affordable rental homes for homeless individuals with mental illness. The property is located at 68 E. White Lane in Bakersfield. The Housing Authority manages the property with referrals and resident services provided by the [Kern County Mental Health Department](#). Haven Cottages opened in 2011.

Haven Cottages is located at:

68 E. White Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93307

Manager's Office: 661-397-2023; fax 661-397-2022

[Building Blocks: Transitioned Aged Youth](#)

Building Blocks is a Transitional Housing Program for emancipated foster youth (ages 18-21) who are homeless or at immediate risk of becoming homeless. Participating youth are required to work full or part-time and may also attend school. This Transitional Housing Program in collaboration with the County of Kern's Department of Human Services, provides motivated foster youth with apartment housing and offers them the opportunity to develop skills needed for successful transition into self-sufficiency. Maximum residency for each youth is 18 months.

Building Blocks is located at:

1801 Belle Terrace, Bakersfield, CA 93307

Manager Office: 661-829-6999

12 Units, Single Room Occupancy

[Milestone](#)

Milestone is a scattered-site development acquired in 2020 through one-time Homekey funding. Milestone sites houses persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. Milestone offers the total of 149 units throughout the scattered-sites.

Milestone is located at:

1622 Union Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305

Manager's Office: 661-546-6934; Fax:661-397-1958

[Family Self Sufficiency Program](#)

FSS Action Plan

What is the Family Self- Sufficiency (FSS) Program?

Family Self-Sufficiency is a voluntary program that helps persons become economically independent. The FSS program helps families and individuals (participants) learn to take control of their lives and achieve financial independence within 5 years.

[Who is Eligible for the FSS Program?](#)

Anyone currently participating in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program or living in the Low Income Public Housing is eligible to apply.

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern administers the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program to help our residents/participants achieve self-sufficiency. Maria benefited from the program and she became a homeowner thanks to the escrow savings that were generated through the program.

[What are the benefits for participating in FSS?](#)

Participants may obtain higher education, job training, and financial planning including credit counseling, homeownership counseling, and referrals to supportive agencies through the assistance of FSS Service Coordinators. Participants benefit from case management and services to successfully achieve their goals. As participant earnings increases a portion of the increase in rent may be deposited for the participant into an interest bearing Savings Account. Participants may use this for example towards a down payment on a house, to pay for their education, or to start a small business.

[Housing Counseling](#)

Our Housing Counseling program offers a wide variety of services including:

Pre-Purchase Home buying Counseling – held in one-on-one or group counseling sessions. The emphasis is on mortgage readiness, fair housing education, budgeting for a mortgage payment, credit education, money management, and identifying and avoiding predatory lending. Participant must complete 8 – 12 hours of counseling to receive a Homebuyers Certificate of Completion.

Rental Assistance – we counsel clients and assist them with obtaining the information needed to find rent subsidies, access to affordable housing, budgeting for rent payments, education on client and landlords rights, and also by explaining the eviction process.

Financial Literacy – We counsel clients in understanding and utilizing credit, asset building, debt management, budgeting, and understanding basic financial services.

Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Education – Our counseling education will assist clients in keeping the home they purchased by teaching them to make wise decisions when it comes to budgeting and understanding the new homeowner responsibilities, including taxes and insurance, renovations, managing repairs and being a good neighbor.

Services for the Homeless – We assist clients in obtaining information and referrals to an emergency shelter and /or transitional housing.

SERVICES

- Housing Counseling
- Pre-Purchase Home Buying
- Counseling Services
- Homeownership workshops
- One-on-One Counseling
- Financial Literacy Workshops

[Housing Counseling Brochure](#)

[Micro Lending Program](#)

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern is pleased to announce a new program funded by the Housing & Opportunity Foundation of Kern through a grant from Wells Fargo Bank- the Wise Investments Now (W.I.N.) Micro Lending Program. The program will serve low income individuals who are interested in starting or growing their micro

business. The program will offer low interest loans ranging from \$500-\$5,000 to individuals who submit a sound business plan proposal & have matching funds for their program idea. The W.I.N. Micro Lending program will provide outreach, support, and education to participants in order to ensure successful business start ups or growth opportunities. We are seeking to assist in diversifying opportunities in communities that have limited access to resources outside of traditional banking institutions & who may not qualify for traditional loans. This program seeks to educate entrepreneurs on the benefits & risks involved in managing your own business & the steps needed to successfully obtain credit. The program targets FSS participants as well as those Housing Authority residents with an entrepreneurial spirit. **Any questions about the W.I.N. Micro Lending Program should be directed to Angela Brown at Resident Services (661) 631-8500 ext. 1411 or via email at abrown@kernha.org**

[W.I.N Microlending Program](#)

[W.I.N Microlending program \(Spanish\)](#)

[Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency \(ROSS\) Program](#)

The Resident Opportunity Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Program is a voluntary program that is solely offered to residents of the Housing Authority of the County of Kern Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) only.

Residents will obtain ongoing case management, to support residents with financial management courses, workshops, quarterly job fairs, employment and economic independence through encouragement, support, motivation, and assistance throughout residents' participation in the ROSS program.

The Ross program provides a Service Coordinator that analyzes the needs of residents through an intake needs assessment application and establishes a case management plan that will link residents to financial management courses, community resources that will help residents with job training opportunities, job placement organizations, information on putting together a professional and effective resume, improvement with interviewing skills to make a better first impression, tips on preparing and dressing appropriately for interviews, and leads on job openings, events and upcoming recruitments that will benefit residents to become economically independent and self sufficient.

If you are a tenant in LIPH and would like additional information about the ROSS program please contact Felisa Gutierrez at fgutierrez@kernha.org.

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[Housing Authority of the County of Kern Senior Housing](#)

[Senior Housing Locator](#)

Senior Housing



Pinewood Glen Retirement Community

Pinewood Glen Retirement Community is committed to providing safe and affordable homes to seniors 55 years and older. This newly remodeled facility is composed of 99 units: 73 studio units, 16 one-bedroom units and 10 double units. Pinewood Glen offers: weekly housekeeping, three (3) meals a day, on-site beauty salon, paid utilities and programmed activities and transportation.

Pinewood Glen Retirement Community

2221 S. Real Rd.

Bakersfield, CA 93309

Manager's Office: (661) 834-4222

It is our goal to ensure that seniors live out their golden years with dignity and respect. All services are provided with respect and confidentiality. In order to provide satisfaction to all of its residents Pinewood Glen has a complete staff on duty: a manager, chef, cooks, resident services coordinator, housekeepers, maintenance, and food servers.

[More](#)



22nd Street Lofts

22nd Street Lofts is a three-story affordable housing development in downtown Bakersfield featuring 19 one-bedroom apartment units for seniors 62+ and 1 one-bedroom manager's unit. All 19 units are restricted to households with income levels at or below 30% of AMI. 22nd Street Lofts features: onsite manager, fitness room, community room, laundry room, and appliances are included.

22nd Street Lofts

811 22nd Street

Bakersfield, CA 93301

Manager's Office: (661) 636-0801



Village Congregational Community

Village Congregational Community consists of 60 apartments for seniors and the disabled. There are 24 studio apartments and 35 one-bedroom apartments.

Village Congregational Community

112 Richard St.

Arvin, CA 93203

Manager's Office: (661) 854-4413



Village Park Senior Apartments

Village Park Senior Apartments is located in downtown Bakersfield and consists of 60 units: 56 one- bedroom units and 4 two-bedroom units. This affordable housing development offers an interior courtyard, individual balconies, private patios, library, laundry facilities, gated parking and resident services including transportation.

Village Park Senior Apartments

2300 R Street

Bakersfield, CA 93301

Manager's Office: (661) 636-0801



Park Place Senior Apartments

Park Place Senior Apartments is 80-units of affordable, 1 and 2-bedroom rental apartments for residents 62 years of age or older. Located in downtown Bakersfield near Mill Creek park, the development has an on-site manager, security systems, elevators, library, recreational room, gym, and a courtyard.

Park Place Senior Apartments

2250 R Street

Bakersfield, CA 93301

Manager's Office: (661) 634-0931



Westchester Senior Village

Westchester Senior Village serves seniors 62 years and older. Composed of 21 micro units and 5 one bedrooms; all units are equipped with a microwave, refrigerator and utilities are included. There is an onsite laundry and community kitchen. There is no onsite parking available at this facility.

Westchester Senior Village

2027 19th Street

Bakersfield, CA 93301

Manager's Office: (661) 379-8525

Independent Living Center of Kern County

5251 Office Park Dr. Suite 200,
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Toll Free: 1-800-529-9541
Telephone: 661-325-1063
Video Phone: 661-369-8966
FAX: 661-325-6702
E-mail: info@ilcofkerncounty.org

Independent Living Center of Kern County (ILCKC) embodies the values of disability culture and Independent Living philosophy, which creates a new social paradigm and emphasizes that people with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs, they have crucial and valuable perspective to contribute to society, and are deserving of equal opportunity to decide how to live, work, and take part in their communities.

ILCKC continues to carry out the National Center of Independent Living's mission to promote social change, eliminate disability-based discrimination, and create opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the legislative process to affect change

Programs

Independent Living Skills: Training is provided in the areas of money management covering preparing a budget, spending wisely, opening a checking account; wellness covering nutrition, stress management, exercise, cultural enrichment, etc.; and transportation. IL Skills classes are offered twice each month.

Housing Services: ILCKC may be able to support consumers with locating accessible and affordable housing including referrals to housing agencies throughout the community. ILCKC assists with applying for subsidized housing, mediation, rental challenges, and home modifications.

ASL Interpreting Services: ILCKC's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Department provides quality ASL interpreting services that facilitate communication between the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and local businesses and organizations.

Assistive Technology (AT): AT program is available free of charge to qualified consumers from basic computer skills to assistive software specific to individual's needs. AT and/or computer classes can be scheduled on a one-on-one appointment. AT inventory is updated regularly as donated items come in – check for availability.

Repair and ReUse program provides equipment such as power/manual wheelchairs, shower benches, crutches, walkers to consumers at no cost.

Peer Support: Available for all consumers, this group meets regularly to promote self-help values and supports healthy interaction and social skills. The groups are defined by the needs and wants of the people participating. Discussion helpful tips regarding daily life adjustments, problem-solving, and goal setting are shared among peers.

Personal Assistance: Consumers may need a personal assistant with daily-living activities. Personal Assistance program develop skills and knowledge for interviewing, hiring and management of their personal assistant. ILCKC maintains a registry of personal assistants who specialize in working with people with disabilities.

Information and Referral: Consumers are provided with assistance to utilize all available resources in the community.

Systems Change Advocacy: The advocacy program focuses on efforts affecting change in our community and government, local and state, through partnerships with consumers and the community.

California Community Transitions (CCT): Transitions program focuses on those who have been in a healthcare facility, including but not limited to a nursing or a convalescent home, for at least three months, who are MediCal eligible and who want to live independently. ILCKC helps by: coordinating, locating affordable housing, home set-up, adaptive equipment, transportation options, self-care training, research, interview and hiring of a care provider, and creating an overall plan to return to community-living safely and out of an assisted-care facility.

Financial Benefits Assistance: Staff-provided assistance for people with disabilities to understand and apply for benefits through Social Security and other public-assistance programs.

Resources

Local Resources

[Kern County Homeless Collaborative](#)

[Kern Regional Center](#)

[Bakersfield ARC](#)

[New Advances for People with Disabilities](#)

[Goodwill Industries](#)

[National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Local Chapter](#)

[Bakersfield Drug Abuse Rehab Program](#)

[Community of Constituents in California for LTSS](#)

Kern County Long Term Services & Support (LTSS) Coalition – for Older Adults & People with Disabilities – Call 661.325.1063

[Kern Rx Return](#)

[Kern County Aging and Adult Services](#)

[Senior Living Help – Kern County](#)

California Resources

[Disability Rights California](#)

[Disability Rights California – Client Assistance Program \(CAP\)](#)

[CA Department of Rehabilitation](#)

[California Foundation for Independent Living Centers](#)

[AT Network](#)

[Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness](#)

[National Center on Deafness \(NCOD\)](#)

[Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center \(DHHSC\)](#)

[California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports \(CA LTSS\)](#)

[Agewell Fresno](#)

[We Stand with Seniors](#)

[Disability Organizing Network-DOnetwork](#)

National Resources

[Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals](#)

[American Association of People with Disabilities](#)

[American Foundation for the Blind](#)

[National Association of the Deaf](#)

[Parents Helping Parents](#)

[Americans with Disabilities Act](#)

[ADA Resources for Small Businesses](#)

[Disability.gov's Guide to Health Information and Resources](#)

Additional Resources

[American Wheelchair Bowling Association](#)

[Disability and Obesity](#)

[Chronic Pain Relief with Swimming Exercises](#)

[Physical Activity for People with Disabilities](#)

[A Safety Guide for Pedestrians with Disabilities](#)

[Business Resources for Entrepreneurs with a Disability](#)

[Resources for Job Seekers with Disabilities](#)

[American Society for Deaf Children \(ASDC\)](#)

Miscellaneous Online Resources for PWD

[Closed Captioning and Other Assistive Technologies](#)

[Social Security and Disability Resource Center](#)

[Sport Aid](#)

[Resources for Students with Disabilities](#)

[Cigarette Smoking Among Adults with Disabilities](#)

[Fire Safety and Disabilities Guide](#)

[Eating Healthy After 50](#)

[Fire Safety for People with Hearing Loss](#)

[PSPS \(Public Safety Power Shutoff\)](#)

[Aging and Disability Resource Center \(ADRC\)](#)

[Apply for PSPS Resources](#)

PG&E Resources

[Financial Assistance and Support for Customers](#)

[Medical Baseline Application Form](#)

[Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help \(REACH\)](#)

[Payment Arrangement Plans](#)

Joel's House LGBTQIA+ Transitional Living

Located in Bakersfield, CA

Please contact Joe's House for more information.

Zayne Fidler-Rodriguez

Assistant Director

661-735-3096

zayne@joes-house.com

Rachel Ferrenberg

Direct Service Staff

661-735-3096



OUR MISSION

Joe's House is a company that is active in providing support to reduce homelessness among the LGBTQIA+ Community. A place where inclusion matters and allows individuals who are among the LGBTQIA+ Community to live their authentic truth while aiding them in achieving their short-term goals leading to their long-term goals.

Joe's House is a 5-bedroom house that can house up to 10 people for 3 months and provide services to help individuals obtain stability.

SERVICE PROVIDED

Housing

Financial Education

Health Education

Dress for Success

Mock Interviewing

Resume Building

Linkage to Resources (i.e., assisting residents with Food Stamps, DMV, Kern Family Health Care Applications)

What are the eligibility requirements to become a resident?

Being:

- 18+ years of age
- LGBTQIA+
- At risk of homelessness or currently homeless
- Drug-Free or Sober for a minimum of 1 month prior to moving in
- Having a can-do attitude
- Actively seeking help in all areas of living

What services are provided at Joe's House?

- Housing
- Financial Education
- Health Education
- Dress For Success
- Mock Interviewing
- Resume Building
- Linkage to Resources

What is your service area?

- All of Kern County

Do I have to live in the house to receive services?

- Yes and No
- We serve up to 10 residents that are residing in the home (No pets allowed).
- We also aide up to 5 people who are not residing in the home.
- If a resident were to leave the house but still required. additional help, they are still eligible for services.
- Everyone is welcome to participate in workshops, classes, and lessons.

- **** This is not a replacement for outpatient services. ****

Kern County Aging & Adult Services

5357 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93309
(661) 868-1000

Phone: (661) 868-1000
Toll Free: (800) 510-2020
Fax: (661) 868-1001
TTD/TTY: (661) 868-0910 (How to Use)
Email: aginginfo@kerncounty.com

How Do I? – Aging and Adult Services

- Report Abuse
- Become a Paid (IHSS) Care Provider
- Find Out About Meals For Seniors
- Find answers to FAQs
- Contact Aging & Adult Services
- Apply for Medi-Cal, CalFresh, or CalWorks

Services – Aging and Adult Services

Care Programming

Provides a variety of in-home services that permit aged persons and persons with disabilities to live in their own homes safely and maintain their independence to the extent they are able.

Programs include:

The **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)** program provides services to assist eligible aged or blind persons or persons with disabilities who are unable to remain safely in their own homes without this assistance. Allows eligible seniors to stay in their homes by providing assistance with tasks such as housecleaning, grocery-shopping, bathing, and accompaniment to medical appointments.

The **Supported Individual Provider (SIP)** staff support care providers by processing paperwork for new providers and answering questions related to pay, hours, Workers' Compensation, and taxes.

Adult Protective Services

The Adult Protective Division investigates and takes referrals of suspected abuse of the Elderly (65 yrs +) or dependent adults (18 yrs - 64 yrs) that occur in the home or community. (Note: APS does not investigate suspected abuse in long-term care (LTC) settings. For suspected abuse in LTC settings, contact the LTC Ombudsman at (661) 323-7884.)

APS also provides services related to the safety of elder and dependent adults, including:

Investigation of suspected neglect and abuse of elder and dependent adults

Case management, emergency shelter, and in-home care protection,

[Conservatorship services](#)

Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) Conservatorship

- LPS Conservatorship provides a conservatorship for the person and/or estate of an individual determined by the court to be "gravely disabled" due to mental illness. The conservatorship is established to allow involuntary treatment that will either eliminate or reduce the grave disability to the point of accepting third-party assistance.
- Services provided by the LPS Conservatorship include:
 - Court-appointed decision maker
 - Assure needed treatment is provided
 - Protect the person and/or personal assets
 - Act on behalf of the individual
 - Determine the appropriate level of care
 - Monitor treatment plans
 - Work collaboratively with Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

Contact Information

Address:

Kern County Aging and Adult Services
5357 Truxtun Ave. (just east of Mohawk)
Bakersfield, CA 93309

ATTN: Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) Conservatorship

[Map/Directions](#)

Phone: (661) 868-1008

Toll Free: (800) 277-7866

Fax: (661) 247-8379

Email: lpinfo@kerncounty.com

Program Director

Colleen Philley: (661) 868-1094

Program Supervisor:

Tricia Boaz: (661) 868-1022

FAQS

- What is an LPS Conservatorship?
- What is LPS?
- Who initiates an LPS conservatorship?
- When is the Public Conservator appointed?
- What are the legal limitations of an LPS conservatorship?
- What rights are denied an LPS conservatee?
- Can an LPS conservatee request termination of the conservatorship?

Outreach services

Programs include:

Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) Conservatorship provides Conservatorship for the person and/or estate of an individual determined by the court to be "gravely disabled" due to mental illness.

Public Guardian Probate Conservatorship provides Probate Conservatorship services when a conservatorship or guardianship is required and there is no one else willing or qualified to serve as conservator.

Outreach programs provide socialization and stimulation to individuals that are isolated and alone. The programs utilize community volunteers to make regular contact with this specific population and act as advocates on their behalf.

Social Programs

This division serves as a gateway to services for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Programs include:

Healthy Living Program promotes health education by providing materials on disease prevention and health promotion.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides free assistance with Medicare problems and other health insurance issues for seniors and disabled adults.

Senior Information and Referral helps seniors and their families identify and access programs and services to meet their specific needs, such as meals on wheels, home-maker and home health-services, transportation, and legal services

Senior Nutrition

Senior Nutrition Division

The Healthy Living Program helps those age 60 + to establish healthier eating habits and a more physically-active lifestyle. Services include the following:

Provides daily noon meals, social activities and information clearinghouse services in a congregate setting for senior citizens aged 60 and over List of centers (URL: [Government/Departments/Aging & Adult Services/Services/Senior Nutrition/Senior Nutrition Sites](#)) Menus (URL: [Government/Departments/Aging & Adult Services/Services/Senior Nutrition/Senior Nutrition Sites](#)) Transportation (URL: [Government/Departments/Aging & Adult Services/Resources/Transportation](#))

Cooks and coordinates the delivery of meals to homebound seniors aged 60 and over, under the direction of a physician

Acts as liaison, as needed, to direct seniors to other emergency services/providers

Kern County Alcohol's Anonymous

Kern County Central Office

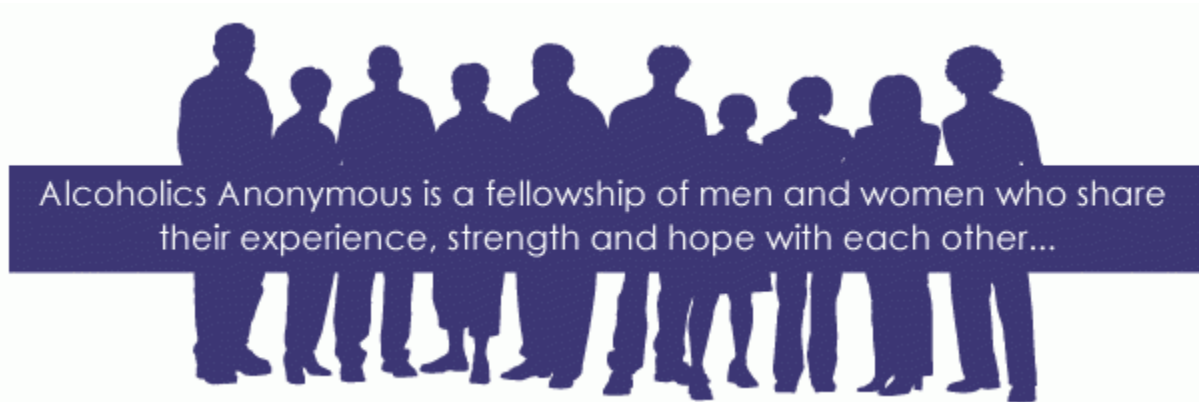
Address: 1234 Chester Ave #101, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Office is open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Closed on all federal holidays.

Phone: (661) 322-4025

Email: acentralofficebakersfield@yahoo.com



Welcome to our fellowship! Kern County Alcoholics Anonymous is a group of fun-loving individuals eager to help heal all willing to seek a new way of life.

What is Alcoholics Anonymous?

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a global, community-based program that was created to help those struggling with problematic drinking get sober with the support of their peers through daily meetings and discussions surrounding addiction.¹ AA gives men and women a place to come together and share their experiences, recover from alcoholism and maintain sobriety.¹ Its concept revolves around that premise that alcoholism is an illness that can be managed, but not controlled.

AA was founded by Bill Wilson and his physician, Doctor Bob Smith in 1935 and eventually grew to include two more groups by 1939.² That same year, Wilson published *Alcoholics Anonymous*, a text which explained its philosophy and methods.² We know it today as the 12 Steps of recovery. Over the years, the 12 Steps have been adapted by other self-help and addiction recovery groups, such as Gamblers Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, to those struggling with other forms of addiction. Additionally, many groups have changed the explicitly Christian overtones of the original 12 Steps to reflect more secular or agnostic philosophies.³

There are no other requirements to AA other than having a desire to quit drinking, and it is not associated with any organization, sect, politics, denomination, or institution. Those attending AA make a commitment to join either voluntarily, as a continuation of therapy or via court-mandated rehab.

Given the number of individuals struggling with or at risk for an AUD, it is understandable that AA has grown to what it is today—an organization with more than 115,000 groups worldwide.⁸

Meeting Information

Meetings – Kern County AA

[Kern County Department of Human Services](#)

100 East California Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93307

(661) 631-6000



Lobby Hours & Locations

Offices of the Department of Human Services are open for customer service Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Closed on [County Holidays](#)

Drop Boxes are located near the front entrance of Department offices, and may be used to leave documents.

Suspected child abuse or neglect can be reported 7 days per week, 24-hours per day by calling (661) 631-6011 in Bakersfield or (760) 375-6049 in Ridgecrest.

Information

- [DHS Jobs](#)
- [Fraud Prevention](#)
- [Hotline Numbers](#)
- [Office Hours and Locations](#)
- [Press Releases](#)

Purpose, Vision, Mission, and Value

Resource Directory: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) (Counseling, medical, shelters, hotlines, support, & more)

About Kern County

Kern County is the third largest county (in acreage) in California with a population of more than 884,000 residents. Kern County, "The Golden Empire," is in the heart of Central California with an economic base of agriculture and oil. The area ranges from scenic desert to snow-covered mountain landscapes, all surrounding the beautiful Kern River, which runs through the Kern Canyon. The County seat is Bakersfield which is about 110 miles north of Los Angeles.

For information about services, please view the following options:

- [Options to Apply for Benefits](#)
 - [Opciones para Solicitar Beneficios](#)
- [Online Benefits Application Information](#)
- [Information on Potential Flooding in Kern County due to Snowmelt](#)
- [Holiday Hours](#)
- [CalFresh Application Information](#)
- [Medi-Cal Application Services](#)
- [How to Report Suspected Child Abuse](#)



Services

Apply for Benefits

- CalWORKs
- CalFresh
- Medi-Cal
- General Assistance
- Cash Assistance for Immigrants (CAPI)
- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP)
- Employment & Financial Services Maps
- Fraud Prevention
- Mental Health Information
- DHS Resources

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Welcome to the CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work Program



The information contained below will help you understand how the Welfare-to-Work Program works for you.

Orientation

Prior to your appraisal appointment, please view the 30 minute Virtual Orientation video and complete the Acknowledgement Form.

[Orientation Video](#)

[Orientation Acknowledgement Form](#)

Forms

The following forms will be reviewed during your Welfare to Work Appraisal. You can review these forms and ask your Social Worker any questions you might have.

If you would like physical copies mailed to you, please ask your Social Worker.

- [Assistance for Domestic Abuse Victims](#)
- [Child Care Request](#)
- [OCAT Privacy Notice](#)
- [Exemption Request Form](#)
- [Rights & Responsibilities](#)
- [Program Notice](#)
- [Welfare-to-Work Handbook](#)

Learning Disability Forms

- [Learning Needs Screening](#)
- [Permission to Release Learning Disabilities Information](#)
- [Waiver of Learning Disabilities Screening and/or Evaluation](#)

Monthly Submissions

- Monthly CalWORKS Activity Timesheet (MCAT) and Monthly Mileage Request forms can now be downloaded and filled out electronically.
- Submission options for MCAT and Mileage forms
- Upload to BenefitsCal.com (to access BenefitsCal, click [here](#)).
- Social Worker can provide you with prepaid envelopes to mail the forms in.
- You can drop off the form at your local Department of Human Services office.

Mileage Request Form

Monthly CalWORKS Activity Timesheet (MCAT)

For instructions on how to complete the MCAT, click [here](#)

Program Overview

The Welfare-to-Work Program is designed to assist individuals receiving cash aid benefits through the CalWORKS Program. The primary benefit of the Welfare-to-Work Program is to provide you with the tools required to prepare for work and to be able to support your family. Our goal is to assist you in realizing your full potential so that you and your children can improve the quality of your life.

How Welfare-to-Work Can Change Your Life

As a participant in the Welfare-to-Work Program, you will have the opportunity to work directly with an assigned Social Service Worker who will provide ongoing support and accountability to encourage you to complete your activity plans and achieve your long-term goals. You are eligible to receive supportive services (child care, transportation, etc.) and resources that are exclusive to individuals who are actively participating in the Welfare-to-Work Program.

Welfare-to-Work Program Services

As a participant in the Welfare-to-Work Program, you have the opportunity to participate in activities that will help you get back into the workforce so that you can support your family without the assistance of cash aid.

Those activities include:

- Job Readiness Workshops
- Job Placement
- Life Skills Workshops
- Employment Preparation
- Paid Work Experience
- Counseling
- Job Retention Services
- Supportive Services

You may be eligible to receive supportive services if you are actively participating in the Welfare-to-Work Program. We can assist you with the following:

- **Child Care** - Assistance with child care costs and opportunity to select from a large number of qualified providers.
- **Transportation** - GET and Kern Regional Transit bus passes and/or mileage reimbursement.
- **Employment/Training Related Costs** - Such as uniforms, tools, textbooks, and clothing.
- Haga clic [aquí](#) para ver la versión en español

ADOPTION

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL

RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL (ESPAÑOL)

Child Protective Services

- Abuse Reporting
- Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM)
- Court Ordered Services
- Jamison Childrens Center
- ILP/After 18
- Pathway to Reunification
- Pathway to Reunification - Spanish
- Safely Surrender
- Statistics
- Visitation
- Family Finding
- Resources

Resource Family Approval

- Orientation/Training
- Orientation Online
- Orientation Online - Spanish
- Ombudsman
- **Resource Family Approval (Español)**

Kern County Law Library

1415 Truxtun Ave, Rm. 301
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 868-5320

Hours

Monday - Thursday:

8am-4pm

Friday:

8am-12pm

1-3:30 available by appointment only

Available Services

Including [library services & resources](#) available for use

Information and Guidance

For example, which [forms](#) to complete and how to file them.

Our purpose is to provide the legal community and residents of Kern County with access to legal information services.

Our goal is to provide current legal materials in a timely manner, so everyone may have equal access to justice.

Assistance in using the collection shall be provided by the staff. Staff may provide procedural information but is not permitted to give legal advice.

County Law Libraries in California are established and governed pursuant to the provisions of the California Business and Professions Code, Section 6300 et seq. Section 6360 states that "...A law library established under this chapter shall be free to the judiciary, to state and county officials, to members of the State Bar and to all residents of the county, for the examination of books and other publications at the library or its branches."

The law library is funded strictly by civil filing fees. \$27.00 from each civil filing is attributed to the law library fund. The law library is not funded by tax dollars and is not part of the State or County Budget.

The History of Kern County Law Library

On December 14, 1891, the Kern County Law Library Association organized the Kern County Law Library under the County Law Library Act of that same year. The Law Library's first quarters are recorded as "The Rooms of the Kern County Law Library Association", location of which has not been established. Later the books were moved to the chambers of the Superior Court, then located in the court house.

Upon completion of the new courthouse in 1912, the Law Library was housed on the third floor, in space equivalent to a superior courtroom. The Law Library remained at this location until the earthquake of 1952 rendered the courthouse uninhabitable. After being without a home for five months, on January 8th of 1953 the library began moving into the temporary library building erected by the Board of Supervisors at 17th & K streets. Although only temporary quarters, the Law Library was housed here for over six years until June of 1959 when it moved into the new Administrative and Courts building, it's present location.

The library Board of Trustees appointed the first librarian, Rachel Scates, in 1903, on a part-time basis at \$15.00 a month. Naomi Tiller, Anna Price and Harriet E. Carlock successively filled the position until Miss Carlock's resignation in 1920. At this time the Trustees temporarily placed the library in the care of Julia B. Babcock, the county librarian. In

October of 1921 the position of librarian was filled in turn by Herbert V. Clayton, Alice Pray, Harriet B. Stovall, J.C. Reavis and H.A. Peairs. In 1931 the position of Librarian became full-time and was given to Dorothy Earl (Mrs. C.E. Arnold). She held the position from 1931 to 1936. When she stepped down in 1936 Peggy Cooke and James Vizzard filled in until the Trustees appointed Else E. Richards in June of 1937, who remained librarian for over 30 years, retiring in 1968. Eleanor Hauser, appointed in 1968, held the position of librarian until her retirement. She was replaced by Mirian Smerker, who was librarian from 1975 to 1991. Upon her retirement Mary Gaede became librarian. She retired in 1995 and Annette Heath was appointed and served until her retirement in March 2020.

After Ms. Heath's retirement, Interim Librarian Katherine Pimienta was appointed to a temporary term. Evan Moran was appointed interim law librarian in August 2020, and thanks Ms. Pimienta for her stewardship of the Law Library during her term, and for having helped establish practices during the Covid-19 pandemic to keep the Law Library consistent with its Mission Statement.

Evan Moran was appointed the permanent Law Librarian on September 13, 2021.

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Self Help Workshops and Informational Pages

WORKSHOPS

Kern County Law Library currently offers two monthly workshops – one on expungement of old convictions, and one on simplified probate procedures. Kern County Law Library's workshops are free and are offered via Zoom – You can sign up for either (or both) by [clicking here](#) and registering.

INFORMATIONAL PAGES

The Kern County Law Library has also created pages with informational content on common processes in the courts. These include informational pages on cleaning one's criminal record, civil name changes, civil harassment restraining orders, and traffic motions. Use the dropdown menu under the Self-Help heading above to view these pages.

READING MATERIALS

The Law Library also offers free access to the Nolo collection of Self-Help titles. If you are interested in exploring Self-Help solutions rather than seeking formal legal representation, you can read on a variety of different topics for free. These topics include:

Business and Corporations – accounting, audits, buying or selling a business, consulting & contracting, employee rights, human resources, making a profit, nonprofit organizations, ownership structures, sales & marketing, starting a business.

Divorce and Family – marriage and divorce, adoption, child custody, family pets, and co-parenting.

Immigration and Travel – fiance & marriage visas, getting a green card, student and tourist visas, U.S. citizenship.

Money and Financial Planning – bankruptcy, credit repair & debt, identity theft, life insurance, personal finance, social security & retirement, taxes.

Patents, Copyright, and Trademarks – copyrights, creative arts & music, patents, trademarks, trade secrets.

Property and Real Estate – buying a house, foreclosure, homeowners, landlords & property management, renters' and tenants' rights, selling a house.

Rights and Disputes – criminal law, employee and consumer rights, lawsuit or mediation, personal injury, renters' and tenants' rights, represent yourself in court, small claims court, traffic tickets & accident claims.

Wills and Estate Planning – These titles allow you to explore different options to get your affairs in order, including how to create wills, trusts, living wills (also known as advance health care directives) and powers of attorney.

CLICK HERE and use state abbreviation **ca** and password **kern** to log on for unlimited free access.

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH WEBSITE

There is also a great deal of information available here: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm>

The Judicial Branch website is a great resource on a wide range of topics. It provides fillable court forms, detailed step-by-step guides to a whole host of different processes under the law, and links to valuable information.

Self Help

- [How to Expunge Your Record](#)
- [Small Claims](#)
- [Civil Name Change](#)
- [State Prisoner Library Requests](#)
- [Unlawful Detainer](#)
- [Landlord Procedure Details](#)
- [Tenant Procedure Details](#)
- [Civil Harassment](#)

Book An Appointment

STOP

Before you book, keep in mind that the Kern County Law Library does not assist with Guardianships, Family Law, Small Claims or Landlord-Tenant Issues. If you want to research these subjects in the library, totally independently, feel free to reserve an appointment slot.

If you want assistance with Family Law, contact the Family Law Facilitator at (661) 610-6400 or wmfacil@kern.courts.ca.gov

If you want assistance with Small Claims or Guardianships, contact the Self-Help Center at (661) 610-6518 or wmselfhelp@kern.courts.ca.gov.

If you have questions about landlord-tenant issues, dial (661) 610-6299, or email ltac@kern.courts.ca.gov. You may also visit them in the Kern County Law Library during their walk-in hours from 8:00am-2:00pm Monday through Thursday, and 8:00am-12:00pm on Fridays.

We suggest you review the services we can and cannot offer at the Kern County Law Library by visiting [this page](#) before you book an appointment.

If you need assistance with your conservatorship matter, you should prioritize booking an appointment for Friday afternoon. Friday afternoons have been set aside primarily to assist with conservatorships.

Kern County Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous
1316 26th Street
Bakersfield, California 93301
(760) 446-4445

WHAT IS THE NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS PROGRAM

What Is the Narcotics Anonymous Program? NA is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. This is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. There is only one requirement for membership, the desire to stop using. We suggest that you keep an open mind and give yourself a break. Our program is a set of principles written so simply that we can follow them in our daily lives. The most important thing about them is that they work. There are no strings attached to NA. We are not affiliated with any other organizations. We have no initiation fees or dues, no pledges to sign, no promises to make to anyone. We are not connected with any political, religious, or law enforcement groups, and are under no surveillance at any time. Anyone may join us regardless of age, race, sexual identity, creed, religion, or lack of religion. We are not interested in what or how much you used or who your connections were, what you have done in the past, how much or how little you have, but only in what you want to do about your problem and how we can help. The newcomer is the most important person at any meeting, because we can only keep what we have by giving it away. We have learned from our group experience that those who keep coming to our meetings regularly stay clean.

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Meetings

Events

Calendar

Committees

Newcomers

This is a question every potential member must answer for themselves.

It may help to read some of our informational pamphlets, starting with ["Am I an addict?"](#) & ["Welcome to NA"](#).

If you're an addict, NA can help. "Narcotics Anonymous offers recovery to addicts around the world. We focus on the disease of addiction rather than any particular drug. Our message is broad enough to attract addicts from any social class or nationality. When new members come to meetings, our sole interest is in their desire for freedom from active addiction and how we can be of help." (*It Works: How and Why*, "Third Tradition")

If you're planning to attend your first meeting, you may also be interested in IP #29, ["An Introduction to NA Meetings."](#)

HAVE A PROBLEM? NEED A MEETING? OUR TELEPHONE LINE
LOCAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER 1-877-629-6759

Kern County Planning & Natural Resources Department

2700 "M" Street.
Bakersfield, California 93301
(661) 862-5050

Fair Housing Counseling

Fair Housing Counseling

Fair Housing Coordinator (661) 862-5038

Federal and state laws provide that it is unlawful "to discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, handicap, national origin or ancestry."

Under the Community Development Block Grant Program, the County of Kern operates a Fair Housing Program under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 aimed at combating illegal discrimination in housing.

Clicking on the links below will allow you to open or download the respective brochures. The documents are in Portable Document Format (PDF) and require the use of a PDF Reader to view them. If you do not have a PDF Reader, you can download the free Adobe Acrobat Reader now by clicking on the icon below.

- [California Tenant/Landlord Handbook – English](#)
(PDF 1.9 MB)
- [Criminal History – English](#)
(PDF 353.2 KB)
- [Criminal History – Spanish](#)
(PDF 396.8 KB)
- [DHEF COVID-19 and FH – English](#)
(PDF 242.8 KB)
- [DHEF COVID-19 and FH – Spanish](#)
(PDF 261.2 KB)
- [Disability Discrimination – English](#)
(PDF 238.7 KB)
- [Disability Discrimination – Spanish](#)
(PDF 218.0 KB)
- [Fair Housing Information – English](#)
(PDF 289.4 KB)
- [Fair Housing Information – Spanish](#)
(PDF 302.5 KB)
- [Sexual Harassment – English](#)
(PDF 1.1 MB)
- [Sexual Harassment – Spanish](#)
(PDF 1.1 MB)
- [Source of Income – English](#)
(PDF 1.3 MB)
- [Source of Income – Spanish](#)
(PDF 1.2 MB)
- [Tenant Repayment Plan Communication Guidance – English](#)
(PDF 198.7 KB)
- [Tools for Landlords with Tenants Impacted by COVID-19 – English](#)
(PDF 256.8 KB)

- [Kern County Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice - 10-06-15](#)

Fair Housing Services

Education Activities - Provide brochures, posters, presentations to the public, poster/essay contest in the schools, public service announcements, community outreach activities.

Kern County Information Line - Provide a Hotline number, (661) 862-5299, both in English and Spanish. Any person who believes they are discriminated against unfairly in the matter of housing issues may call the hotline number. County and City will take calls from people in their respective jurisdiction.

Investigation/Testing - Investigate the validity of a discrimination complaint.

Mediation - Serve as a mediator and offer a resolution to the conflict between two parties. The program is not an enforcement agency, but an impartial third party.

Coordination - Provide connecting links between groups, agencies, individuals and private enterprises that are involved in fair housing that will enhance the delivery of fair housing services.

For further information, contact the Fair Housing Division with Planning and Natural Resources at (661) 862-5038.

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Contact Us - Kern County Planning & Natural Resources Dept. (kernplanning.com)

[Fair Housing Programs](#)

Housing Programs

The Community Development Division / Housing Program administers the HOME program. For this source of funds, the list of potentially eligible activities related to housing development and rehabilitation is long and includes:

- Rehabilitation of owner and rental units
- Acquisition of real property for housing
- Construction of new units for sale or rent
- Acquisition of land for new construction
- Reconstruction of residential units
- Development costs/fees
- Transitional housing, single room occupancy housing and group homes
- Demolition of substandard structures where new units will be built

Eligible properties include those that are or will be owner-occupied, rental units, transition housing for people who are homeless, and units that meet needs of those who are classified as special users, people with a developmental disability, mental illness or other condition which restricts their ability to function independently.

To submit a potential housing development project for preliminary considerations, Please refer to the [HOME Program Housing Developer Pre-Application](#).

In addition to these County programs, the Housing Authority of the County of Kern offers additional information regarding the availability of affordable rental housing on their [Affordable Housing](#) page.

[Home Improvement Loan Program](#)

[Home Access Grant Program](#)

For further information, contact the Planning and Natural Resources Department at (661) 862-5050

[Forms and Applications](#)

2700 "M" Street.

Bakersfield, California 93301

(661) 862-5050

Kern County Public Health

[1800 Mount Vernon Avenue](#)

Bakersfield, California 93301

publichealth@kerncounty.com

(661) 321-3000

HIV Services

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

The Kern County ADAP is a state-based program funded in part by Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act created in 1990 by the U.S. Congress. The ADAP provides medication assistance for the treatment of HIV or AIDS to individuals without insurance coverage or third party benefits for ADAP medications. The individual must meet financial eligibility requirements as established by the California Department of Public Health. For any questions or to schedule an appointment with an ADAP Enrollment Worker, please call 661-321-3000 and request to be connected to the ADAP.

- [ADAP Assistance Options](#)
- [ADAP Referral Form](#)

Case Management Services

The Health Education & Linkage Program (HELP) provides case management services to individuals who are HIV-positive or have AIDS. Each client will receive an individualized care plan and a case manager to provide support, health education, and linkage to medical and social services. The goal of this program is to increase clients' access to treatment for their HIV or AIDS and provide assistance to other resources such as food or housing to help keep them in care. If you have questions or need assistance with case management services, please call 661-321-3000 and request to be connected to the HELP.

The Kern County Public Health Services Department also subcontracts case management services with Clinica Sierra Vista's (CSV) program called Kern Lifeline that also offers similar services. If you have questions or wish to enroll in their program, please call 661-324-3262.

Housing Opportunities for people living with Aids (HOPWA)

The HOPWA Program was established by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the specific needs of persons living with HIV or AIDS including their families. HOPWA funds specifically benefit low-income persons medically diagnosed with HIV or AIDS. In Kern County, the HOPWA Program is a collaboration between the Housing Authority of the County of Kern (HACK), Clinica Sierra Vista (CSV), and the Kern County Public Health Services Department (KCPHSD). All three of the organizations work together to provide housing assistance and supportive services to persons living with HIV or AIDS and their families. Persons must meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled. If you have any questions or wish to be enrolled into HOPWA, please call 661-321-3000 and asked to be connected to the Health Education & Linkage Program (HELP). To access HOPWA services at Clinica Sierra Vista, please call 661-322-7580 and request to be connected to the HOPWA program.

PrEP Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)

The PrEP-AP provides assistance with PrEP-related medical out-of-pocket costs and access to medications on the PrEP-AP formulary for the prevention of HIV and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. The PrEP-AP provides assistance to both uninsured and insured individuals at risk for, but not infected with HIV. If you have questions about PrEP-AP or PrEP, please call 661-321-3000 and request to be connected to the PrEP Program.

[PrEP-AP Client FAQs](#)

Questions on Testing, PrEP or PEP? Learn more [here!](#)

Kern County Public Works

Public Services Building
2700 "M" Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, California 93301
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm
Phone: (661) 862-5100
Toll Free County Phone (661) 552-KERN
TTY Relay Service (800) 735-2929
Office Fax (661) 862-8851
email: codecompliance@kerncounty.com

How to Contact Us

The Public Works Department Offices are located in the Kern County Public Services Building, at 2700 “M” Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, CA, 93301. Corner streets are Golden State Highway and “M” Street. If visiting, please check in with the receptionists on the first floor; they will be happy to direct you to the person or area that you need.

Kern County Code Compliance

2700 “M” Street. Suite 570
Bakersfield, California 93301-2370
(661) 862-5050

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm
Phone: (661) 862-8603
FAX: (661) 862-5101
email: codecompliance@kerncounty.com

Public Workshop - CitizenAccess / Code Compliance Online
Wednesday, June 18th and Thursday, June 19th from 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Public Services Building, 2700 M. Street, Public Meeting Room

Our Mission

The Mission of the Code Compliance Unit is to work in partnership with the people of Kern County to promote health and welfare and maintain community standards.

This will be accomplished by:






- Administering a fair and unbiased enforcement program to correct violation of property conditions and land use requirements.
- Providing a uniform, consistent yet flexible procedure to insure that all citizens of Kern County are equally represented.
- Minimize the necessity for legal action by allowing ample opportunity for voluntary compliance and correction.
- Promptly responding to complaints regarding structures and/or conditions which present a health or safety hazard to the public.

The Code Compliance Division corrects violations that threaten public health and safety related to these areas:

Abandoned, Wrecked,	Public Nuisances
Inoperative or Dismantled Vehicles	Solid Waste
Building and Housing	Unlawful Dumping
Weeds	

[Code Compliance Online](#)

Downloads

-  [Code Complaint Form](#)
-  [Landlord-Tenant Policy Packet](#)
-  [Non-Code Compliance Examples \(Illustration Brochure/Flyer\)](#)
-  [Vacant/Abandoned Residential Property Registration Form](#)
-  [Expungement Request](#)

Related Ordinances:

Please Note

For violations and issues within Bakersfield City limits please contact:

[City of Bakersfield Code Enforcement](#)

1715 Chester Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93301

(661) 326-3712

Kern Literacy Council

331 18th Street
Bakersfield, California 93301
(661) 324-3213
Email: info@kernLiteracy.org

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sat: Closed
Sun Closed

Who We Are

Kern Literacy Council was established in 1966 and is a 501(C)3 Nonprofit Organization. Our mission is to empower individuals to improve the quality of their lives through literacy education. The Literacy Council has a staff of three and has the motto of "Small, but Mighty."

The organization has an average of 70 volunteers each month who donate more than 15,000 hours each year, teaching a variety of subjects and programs. The Kern Literacy Council now serves adults and children - Services are virtual at this time.

What We Do for Kern

Kern residents are able to receive free tutoring from one of our trained tutors, both on-site and via Zoom.

KLC can help you learn to read, write, do math, pass your GED exam, prepare you for your citizenship test, and teach you reading strategies to use with your children! Call us at 661-324-3213 or email info@kernliteracy.org

As a nonprofit organization, Kern Literacy Council appreciates gifts of time and treasure. Gifts of all sizes are always welcome. It costs approximately \$500 per student for a full year. Gifts of \$500 qualify more individuals for membership in Leaders for Literacy.

Free One-to-One or Small Group Tutoring by Trained Volunteers

Adult Basic Education

Help Kern County residents with reading, writing, and math skills necessary to function in society.

English as a Second Language

Teach people to read, write, and speak English from beginning to advanced levels.

Citizenship Test Preparation

Provide assistance to individuals working to pass their United States Citizenship Test. Classes meet every Tuesday from 9-11 at KLC main office and Wednesday from 5-6 pm at Shafter Youth Center.

GED Preparation

Tutor people in a variety of subjects to help them pass their GED, or high school equivalency test.

Family Literacy Program

Teach parents English as a Second Language to help them in their daily life and in communicating with teachers.
Teach parents reading strategies so they can read to and with their children
purchase books for children and youth.
Build home libraries for families.

Community Collaborations

Through the generous support of the **Virginia and Alfred Harrell Foundation**, the **Cynthia Lake Charitable Trust**, and **The Woman and Girls Fund at Kern Community Foundation**, KLC is partnering with **Dress for Success Bakersfield** to offer **Build Your Own Path**.

This innovative project offers low- and moderate-income (LMI) women with children the opportunity to pursue pathways to citizenship, ESL, employment, high school equivalency, or any combination of these things.

The key is peer support. Women meet and share their aspirations, and together create strategies for success. KLC and DFS provide resources in the form of one-to-one and small group tutoring, technology access, hands-on workshops, peer mentoring, and clothes for interviews.

For information on the next orientation session, contact KLC at **661-324-3213**.

Kern Family Health Care

You can also visit us at:

2900 Buck Owens Blvd.

Bakersfield, CA 93308

Map and driving directions

661.664.5000

How to contact us today

When Members, Providers, Community Partners, Vendors and Community Members need to contact KFHC, please call us or your KFHC contact directly for the help you need. To speak to KFHC Member Services, our 24 Hour Advice Nurse Line or the KFHC Transportation Department, please call **661.632.1590** (in Bakersfield) or **800.391.2000** (outside of Bakersfield).

Members can also log in to their Member Portal account by clicking “Member Portal” at **www.kernfamilyhealthcare.com** to use many helpful self-service tools available to them. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding! We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

More helpful information

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Member Services department at **661.632.1590** (in Bakersfield) or toll free at **800.391.2000** (outside of Bakersfield). If you would like to file a grievance, please **visit our grievance page**.

If you have general questions about Kern Health Systems or Kern Family Health Care, please feel free to give us a call at **661.664.5000**.

Incentive Payment Program

Kern Health Systems (KHS) is pleased to announce the availability of the Incentive Payment Program (IPP) to assist in the development of local community support resources for our members. The Incentive Payment Program is intended for Delivery System Infrastructure and Implementation of Enhanced Care Management Programs and Community Supports Services. Application period for this program is now closed, funds have been awarded.

Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program

Kern Health Systems (KHS) is pleased to announce the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP). This incentive program is an opportunity offered to KHS contracted Network Providers and Community Based Organizations (CBO) to deliver a variation of housing services over the two-year program period. These incentive funds are intended to assist in housing & homeless services and resources for the Medi-Cal population who are at-risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness and/or housing instability.

Grant programs

Kern Family Health Care (KFHC) is dedicated to improving the health status of our members through an integrated managed health care delivery system.

We are committed to making quality health care accessible in our community. In recognition of the essential role that community organizations have in our health care delivery system, we have created diverse Grant Programs to financially aid and encourage innovative efforts to bring beneficial services to our community.

Kern Family Health Care (KFHC) offers Community Supports Services (CSS). CSS is extra care that can help you with social needs such as housing and food. These services can help you get healthy and stay out of the hospital and emergency room.

Members who qualify can get help to find housing and food. CSS can help you have a safe and clean place to get better after a hospital stay.

We may call you if you are referred to us and qualify for the program. You may also call us at **1.800.391.2000** option 6 to find out if you qualify. You may also talk to your doctor or clinic staff to see if you qualify.

Covered Community Supports Services (CSS)

KFHC works with local partners and groups to help you with housing, food, and other medical support.

Housing navigation services

This program will help you find housing, fill out the rental or lease agreement, and help to get the needed paperwork for housing programs. Plus, we can help with the deposit to secure your rental.

KFHC works with these local partners and community-based groups to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

- **Central California Asthma Collaborative**
- **Kern County Housing Authority**
- **Community Action Partnership of Kern**

Housing Deposits

This is a one-time housing payment program that may pay for a rental or lease deposit. This program may also help with a one-time payment of fees to turn on gas and power, and some basic household costs.

KFHC works with these local partners and community-based groups to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

- **Kern County Housing Authority**
- **Community Action Partnership of Kern**

Housing tenancy and sustaining services

After you move into your new home, this program helps you safely stay there. We can help you solve issues with your landlord or neighbors. CSS can help when you need to renew your rental or lease agreement. Also, we can teach you about the rules your manager or landlord wants you to follow. We have many ways to help you stay in your home.

KFHC works with these local partners and community-based groups to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

Kern County Housing Authority

Community Action Partnership of Kern

Recuperative care, also called medical respite

If you need help after your hospital stay, this program will provide you to a short-term care home or facility to get the care you need to get back on your feet.

KFHC works with these local partners and community-based groups to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

- **Papo Hernandez Respite, Rest and Recovery Home**
- Good Samaritan Healing Center

Asthma care

If you have asthma, this program may provide updates to your home or where you live, such as air purifiers or other health supplies.

KFHC works with this local partner and community-based group to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

- **Central California Asthma Collaborative**

Short-term post hospital stay

This program will help you find short-term housing after a hospital so that you can get the care you need to get well.

KFHC works with this local partner and community-based group to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

Good Samaritan Healing Center

Medically Tailored Meals

When you have a sickness, eating the right food can help you feel better. This program provides medically tailored meals and nutritional advice if you have chronic sickness.

KFHC works with these local partners and community-based groups to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

- **GA Foods**
- **Modify Health**
- **PurFood, LLC dba Mom's Meals**

Sobering Centers

Sobering centers are places you can go that will help you get well from being intoxicated. These centers help keep you from going to the emergency room or even jail.

KFHC works with this local partner and community-based group to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

- **Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**

Caregiver Respite Services

Respite services allow the caregiver to get short-term relief from caregiver duties.

KFHC works with these local partners and community-based groups to help arrange these services for you if you qualify.

- **24 Hour Home Care**
- SD Healthcare Consulting

Cost to member

There is no cost to the member for CSS.

Do I Qualify?

You may be eligible for CSS if you are homeless or might become homeless, or have complex health, disability, and/or behavioral health conditions. Find out if you qualify by calling KFHC at **1-800-391-2000** option 6 or speak to your doctor or clinic staff.

Enhanced Care Management

Kern Family Health Care (KFHC) covers the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) services for members that are eligible. These services are to help connect doctors, behavioral health services and community-based services.

You may be called if the ECM program is right for you. You can also call us or speak to your doctor or health site staff to see if you are able to join ECM services.

Covered ECM services

ECM will link you to a care person who you can call and a care team that will work with you to connect any gaps in care with your health care doctors, specialists, pharmacists, and others on the health team you see for care.

The ECM care team can help you in many ways such as:

- Finding doctors
- Making office visits for you
- Explaining the medicines you use
- Getting help with housing
- Setting up a ride to your doctor visits
- Making after hospital care visits for you

Is there a cost for the member?

There is no cost to KFHC members to use ECM services.

Who can use the ECM service?

You can join our ECM services if you are:

Adults

- If you are at this time homeless, or you might become homeless;
- If you have health issues that are not controlled, and you need to go to the hospital or emergency department many times in the last 6 months;
- If you have a serious mental illness or struggle with drug or alcohol use;
- If you were released from jail or prison not that long ago and need help adjusting to living in the town you live in now;
- If your health care doctor has mentioned that you have a learning or developmental disability and can use other ECM services;
- if you are an adult living in the county and are at risk of being placed in long-term care;
- If you are in an adult nursing center and want to live safely in the community.
- If you are using hospice care or you use any care under the 1915 (c) waiver program you are not able to use ECM services at this time.
- You can call us at 1.800.391.2000 to find out if ECM is right for you. You can also email us at ecmoutreachspecialist@khs-net.com.

Help reading about our ECM program:

KFHC Enhanced Care Management Brochure ([English/Spanish](#))

Enhanced Care Management

Kern Health Systems (KHS) offers the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) benefit for eligible Kern Family Health Care (KFHC) Members. These services help coordinate the Member's physical, behavioral, developmental, oral health, long term services and supports (LTSS), and services that address social determinants of health.

There is no cost to the member for ECM services.

If you would like more information or to find out if the KFHC Member qualifies please call us at [1.800.391.2000](tel:1.800.391.2000) or email us at ecmoutreachspecialist@khs-net.com. You or the eligible KHFC Member may also be contacted by KHS or our contracted ECM providers to see if they are interested in enrolling into an ECM Program.

Who is eligible for ECM?

KFHC Members may qualify for ECM if they are within one (1) or more of the following Populations of Focus. Members receiving hospice services and/or members receiving any type of care under a 1915(c) waiver do not qualify.

Adults experiencing homelessness such as members who are:

- Lacking adequate nighttime residence
- Living in a shelter
- Imminently losing housing in next 30 days
- Victims fleeing domestic violence

Adults who have been admitted to the hospital three (3) or more times in the past six (6) months or have visited the Emergency Department five (5) or more times in the past six (6) months

Adults experiencing a serious mental illness or suffering from a substance use disorder.

Members who qualify are those receiving services through County Specialty Mental Health or Drug Medi-Cal and meets one (1) or more of the following:

- Uses the emergency department, urgent care, or inpatient hospital as sole source of care
- Is at high risk of hospital or skilled nursing facility admission, overdose, and/or suicide
- Had two (2) or more emergency department visits, or two (2) or more hospitalizations due to SMI or SUD in past 12 months
- Is pregnant or is less than 12 months post-partum

Adults who are transitioning from incarceration

- Members who qualify are those who transitioned from incarceration within the last 12 months and has at least one (1) of the following:
 - Chronic mental illness
 - Substance use disorder
 - Chronic disease
 - Intellectual or developmental disability
 - Traumatic brain injury
 - HIV
 - Pregnancy

Adults who have a diagnosed Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability and qualify for eligibility in any other adult ECM Population of Focus

Adults Living in the community and are at risk for long-term care institutionalization

- Members who qualify will have all of the following:
 - Are living in the community who meet the SNF Level of Care (LOC) criteria; OR who require lower-acuity skilled nursing, such as time-limited and/or intermittent medical and nursing services, support, and/or equipment for prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of acute illness or injury;
 - And are actively experiencing at least one complex social or environmental factor influencing their health (including, but not limited to, needing assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), communication difficulties, access to food, access to stable housing, living alone, the need for conservatorship or guided decision-making, poor or inadequate caregiving which may appear as a lack of safety monitoring);
 - And are able to reside continuously in the community with wraparound supports (i.e., some members may not be eligible because they have high-acuity needs or conditions that are not suitable for home-based care due to safety or other concerns).

Adult Nursing Facility Residents Transitioning to the Community

- Members who qualify will have all of the following:
 - Are interested in moving out of the institution;
 - And are likely candidates to do so successfully;
 - And are able to reside continuously in the community.

What services does ECM provide?

ECM provides care coordination services led by a care team. The ECM care team will work together with the member's health care providers including their doctors, specialists, pharmacists, case managers, and others, to coordinate the needed care and services.

Members enrolled in ECM will receive services including:

- A Comprehensive Assessment and Care Management Plan
- Enhanced Coordination of Care
- Health Promotion Services
- Comprehensive Transitional Care
- Member and Family Supports
- Coordination and Referral to Community and Social Support Services

Resources

[Department of Health Care Services Enhanced Care Management.](#)

KFHC Enhanced Care Management Brochure ([English/Spanish](#)).

[More information about Member programs](#)

Kern Medical Hospital

1700 Mount Vernon Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93306

Phone: (661) 326-2000

[GET DIRECTIONS](#)

Welcome to Kern Medical

150 Years of Serving Kern County's Health Care Needs

Kern Medical is a leading Central Valley healthcare organization, a modern 222-bed hospital, a comprehensive offering of primary care and specialty clinics, and a large body of highly skilled doctors, nurses, technicians, and other health-care providers.

With the area's only Level II Trauma Center and teaching hospital, many of our services are unmatched in the region. Our volunteers, our charitable foundation, and our own employees eagerly support our mission of health and safety.

As a public hospital, we are committed to serving the people of our community. Our care, while sophisticated, comes with compassion, respect, and kindness in a community of diverse needs.

We invite you to review the services, capabilities and information we offer. Thank you for your interest in Kern Medical.

Services Offered

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Immunology

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About Kern Medical

Kern Medical has been a community cornerstone since its founding in 1867. Today, we are an acute care teaching center with 222 beds, offering the only advanced trauma care between Fresno and Los Angeles.

Each year, more than 200 residents, fellows and medical students enroll in our UCLA-affiliated training programs, with residencies offered in Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry, and Pharmacy. Many of the physicians trained at Kern Medical remain to practice in the community. We also promote the education of clinical pharmacists, nursing students, respiratory therapists, lab techs and allied health professionals.

Kern Medical offers a range of primary, specialty, and multi-specialty services including high-risk pregnancy care, inpatient psychiatric services integrated with county mental health programs, and a growing network of outpatient clinics providing personalized patient-centered wellness care.

We value innovation and continue to add new medical technologies, recruit outstanding physicians in new specialties, and strengthen our ties with UCLA.

As a topflight regional health care system, Kern Medical is a leading voice for health, healing and wellness in the Central Valley.

[Kern Medical Annual Stats PDF](#)

Who We Are

Kern Medical is proud to be a tertiary referral center, academic teaching institution, and safety net hospital.

Mission

Guided by the needs of our patients and their families, Kern Medical will deliver safe, compassionate, high quality care, and improve the health and well-being of our community.

Vision

Kern Medical will:

Place the patient at the center of the healthcare experience

Lead academic and professional excellence in the community

Advance healthcare delivery through a fully integrated system across the spectrum of care

Realize the triple aim of providing the best patient experience, highest quality of care, and most appropriate use of healthcare resources

Hire and develop the best team that is both inspired and committed to healing

Commit to financial stability through efficient management of resources

Values

Kern Medical is guided by the principles of:

Compassionate Healing: We ensure a culture of caring that nurtures the well-being of the whole person

Respect: We are kind and listen to understand, while embracing the skills and knowledge of others

Integrity: We earn your trust by delivering the best in healthcare

Innovation: We are committed to new ideas, creativity, and academic achievements

Collaboration: We value our partnerships to advance the health of our community

Fiscal responsibility: We are committed to effectively utilizing and maximizing our resources

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Programs

Kern Medical is a leading Central Valley healthcare organization with a 222-bed hospital, a comprehensive offering of primary care and specialty clinics, and a large body of highly skilled doctors, nurses, technicians, and other healthcare

providers. With the area's only trauma center and teaching hospital, many of our services and programs are unequaled in the region. Our volunteers, our charitable foundation, and our own employees eagerly support our mission of health and safety. As a public hospital, we are committed to serving the people of our community. Our care, while sophisticated, comes with compassion, respect, and kindness in a community of diverse needs.

Kern Medical has the resources to ensure that our patients and their families get the best possible care right here at home.

All excess revenues over expenses remain with Kern Medical to fulfill its mission

Dedicated to improving our patients' health with advanced medical skill, modern equipment, and human compassion

Committed to providing advanced technology and upgrading our facilities

Our growing list of programs available to the community includes:

[Better Beginnings](#)

[Epilepsy Center](#)

[Institutional Review Board](#)

[Kern Medical Wellness Program](#)

[Safe Streets](#)

[The Simulation Center at Kern Medical](#)

[Stop the Bleed](#)

[Stroke Care](#)

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[UroLift](#)

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Kern Transit

We Connect Kern County
Public Services Building
2700 M Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 862-5032



Kern Transit provides passenger bus service between and within the rural communities of Kern County. Kern Transit provides intercity/regional fixed routes and also Dial-A-Ride (DAR) service within many communities.

The transit system offers service for the communities of Arvin, Bakersfield, Boron, Buttonwillow, California City, Delano, Edwards, Frazier Park, Inyokern, Keene, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Lamont, Lebec, Lost Hills, McFarland, Mojave, Onyx, Ridgecrest, Rosamond, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi, Wasco, Weldon, and Wofford Heights. Connections to Metrolink in Lancaster and Santa Clarita are also available. Kern Transit is a division of the Kern County Public Works Department. **More About Kern Transit**

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Fares

[Reduced Fare Application \(Online\)](#)
[Reduced Fare Application \(PDF\)](#)
[Reduced Fare Application - Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

Single Trip Fares

Routes	General	Reduced
Local Routes 140, 145, 220 + Dial-a-ride	\$2.00	\$1.00
Intercommunity Routes 100, 110, 115, 120, 150, 227, 230, 240, 250	\$3.00	\$1.50
Cross-County Routes 100 (For trips passing through Tehachapi)	\$5.00	\$2.50
130 (For trips passing through Frazier Park)	\$5.00	\$2.50

31-Day-Pass		
Routes	General	Reduced
All Routes + Dial-a-Ride	\$65.00	\$32.50
Local Routes Only + Dial-a-Ride	\$45.00	\$22.50

The reduced fare is available for youth (K-12th) with proper identification, and for seniors (62+) and disabled passengers with a Kern Transit "Reduced Fare Card." Up to two (2) pre-K children may ride for free with each paying adult.
Get Passes on Your Phone



[Download the app](#) or [send a pass](#) to any phone number.
Purchase any single-ride or monthly bus pass.
Show your phone to board the bus.

How to Buy a 31-Day Pass

By Phone:
(661) 862-8648

By Mail:
Kern Transit
2700 M Street, Suite 400
Bakersfield CA 93301

In Person:
2700 M Street, 1st Floor - Cashier
Bakersfield, CA 93301

or
Bakersfield Downtown Transit Center
Golden Empire Transit Ticket Window
Passes will not be sold on the bus. "31 days" begins the day the pass is first used.

How to get a Reduced Fare Card
[Download an application online](#) or call (661) 862-5032.

NEWS

- [Tribune Newsletter – August 2023, Issue 3](#)
- [All Kern Transit Services will be CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4th.](#)
- [Schedule Changes – July 2023](#)
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If you have questions about bus services or schedules, please contact us!
The dispatch office can be reached by phone at 1-800-323-2396:

Monday – Saturday: 4:00 AM to 10:30 PM
You can also call our office at 661-862-5032. We are available:
Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

HOW TO RIDE

Finding Your Stop

Kern Transit buses pick up and drop off passengers only at designated bus stops. Look for a Kern Transit bus-stop sign to ensure you are at the correct location.

Waiting for the Bus

Avoid hopping into the street to look for an approaching bus. Sit in the shelter or stand near the curb. Buses are susceptible to traffic fluctuations and may not always arrive on time. Get to the bus-stop early to avoid missing your bus!



Which Bus is Mine?

Each bus-stop sign displays the routes that serve that location. Route numbers are also displayed on the top-front, side-window, and rear of each bus. Multiple routes may serve the same stop, so make sure you have the correct bus before boarding.

Boarding the Bus

All Kern Transit vehicles are accessible to the disabled and equipped with wheelchair lifts. Please wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and allow other passengers to exit before boarding the bus.

Some seating at the front of the bus is reserved for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. If no seats are available, please stand and hold onto a pole for support. Buses may start or stop suddenly.

Bikes on Buses

All buses are equipped with bike racks capable of accommodating three bikes. The general length of the bike racks measures about 27 inches long (24-30 inches allowable), measured 18 inches from the ground.

Riders are responsible for loading and unloading bicycles and may use the racks at their own risk. When the bus pulls up to your stop, tell the driver that you're securing your bike in the rack. To secure your bike:

Load your bike only from the curbside of the bus to ensure your safety.

Squeeze and hold the release-handle located on the top of the bike rack, then lower the rack until horizontal.

Load your bike into one of the bike slots.

Extend the wheel lock over the front tire.

Before boarding the bus, remove all loose items from your bike.

Please ask the driver if you need instructions. When you get off, tell the driver you're taking your bike off the rack.

Luggage and Strollers

Riders are responsible for all carry-on items. There is storage area for luggage in the front of the bus and, on some buses, in overhead racks. Strollers must be folded and placed on the floor in front of the rider.

Paying Your Fare

Have your fare ready before boarding. If paying with cash, make sure to have the exact amount as bus drivers do not make change. Up to two children, 4 years old and younger, may ride for free with a fare-paying adult. You can calculate your fare in advance by using the fare calculator on the [Fares](#) page.

Personal Care Attendant

A personal care attendant, which is required in order to travel, will not be charged a fare. A friend or relative who is not a personal care attendant will be required to pay normal fare.

Service Animals

Service Animals must be licensed as required by law. They are allowed on the bus with proper restraint. Animals must be kept with their owner, on the floor in front of the owner. They must be well behaved and not be a nuisance to other riders. Bus drivers reserve the right to refuse service to a rider with an unruly Service Animal.

Lost and Found

Call 1-800-323-2396 and request to speak with Dispatch. They will be able to check with the driver and the bus. You may also email info@kerntransit.org or use the [Contact Us Form](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Dial-A-Ride?

Dial-A-Ride is a reservation-based, curbside service available in several communities within Kern County. Dial-A-Ride services are available to all riders within its designated service area. Dial-A-Ride is not available outside of its assigned community. For intercommunity transportation, please see our [fixed route schedules](#).



What is Medical Dial-A-Ride?

Medical Dial-A-Ride is a reservation-based, curbside service available in the city of Bakersfield for medical appointments only. Medical Dial-A-Ride is available to all riders transferring from a Kern Transit route, and there is no cost to transfer. Medical Dial-A-Ride is not a service provided to Bakersfield City residents. For Dial-A-Ride or similar services available in the city of Bakersfield, please see www.getbus.org or call 661-869-2438 for more information.

How do I schedule a Dial-A-Ride?

Scheduling a Dial-A-Ride must be done by calling one of our three dispatch offices at 1-800-323-2396.

Lamont, Frazier Park, and Medical Dial-A-Ride = Select Option #1.

Kern River Valley = Select Option #2.

Mojave, Tehachapi, and Rosamond = Select Option #3.

Who qualifies for the reduced fare?

Reduced fare is a 50% discount on all general fares for Kern Transit. Reduced fare is available for passengers who are 62 years of age or older, disabled, or youth grades K-12. To receive the reduced fare, passengers MUST present proof of eligibility upon boarding the bus with the Kern Transit Reduced Fare Card at EVERY boarding. For more information on reduced fare and how to apply, please refer to the [Reduced Fare Application online](#) or the [PDF document](#).

How do I find my bus schedule?

When visiting our website, www.kerntransit.org, you will see a system map on the home page. Each route has a number and a destination. For example, if you are a Lamont resident looking to travel to Bakersfield, your route will be Route 140 Lamont – Bakersfield. That route will be the color purple on the system map. Click on the route on the map, and the website will redirect you to that schedule.

What if I can't understand the online schedule?

If you are having trouble reading or understanding our online schedule, please call 1-800-323-2396 and select Option #1. Someone will be more than happy to help answer any questions and help you plan your trip.

Love INC, Bakersfield

Love in the Name of Christ

(661) 325-8838

Mailing Address

PO Box 10082

Bakersfield, California 93389

Open 9:00am – 1:00pm

Our Office is open for requests Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Mobilizing Churches

Transforming Lives

MISSION

Love In the Name of Christ networks local churches, church volunteers, and community organizations together to help people in need. Through Love INC, churches and individual Christians are mobilized to work together, across denominational lines, to provide coordinated help to struggling neighbors with basic needs such as food and clothing, as well as longer-term responses such as life skills training and transitional housing programs.

AREAS OF SERVICE

Food - Clothing

Rent - Utilities

Furnishing - Repairs

Visitation - Transportation

Counseling - Social Services

Prayer - Support

To request assistance, please call (661) 325-8838

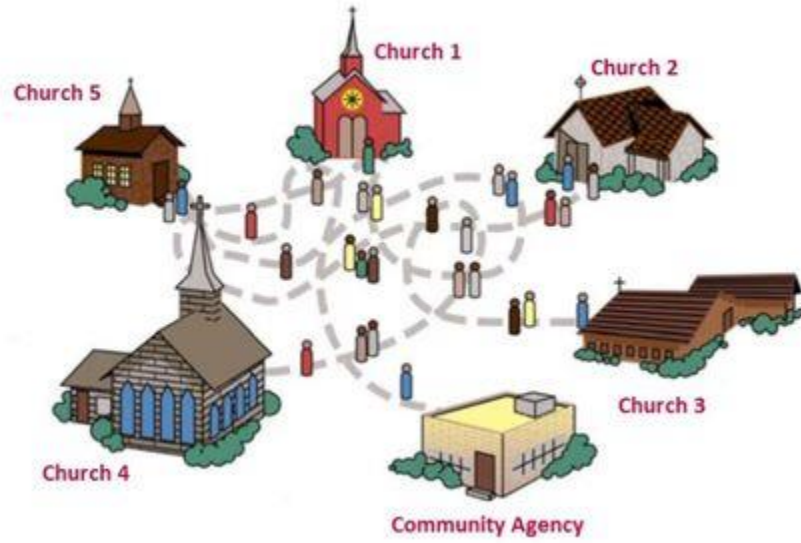
ABOUT

The Church Shares Love Through Relationship

Lots of organizations give “stuff”. Very few bring caring, loving, trained Christians alongside individuals whose most basic need is for someone to love them and to ultimately share Christ with them. The role of Love INC is not to replace the Church but to help our local churches distribute their skills, gifts, resources, and love to communities in need.

Ultimately, our passion is to bring Christian churches together, across denominational lines, to help our neighbors in need!

Love Inc Model



When resources are not connected, many people's needs go unmet.



Love INC connects resources, so needs are met and lives are transformed!

Mercy House: Brundage Lane Navigation Center

1900 East Brundage Lane Suite 1

Bakersfield, California 93307

(714) 836-7188

Email: info@mercyhouse.net

The City of Bakersfield's Brundage Lane Navigation Center (BLNC) was created to address the growing homeless crisis in Bakersfield. The BLNC is a referral-based, low-barrier shelter that offers wrap-around services in order to provide homeless adults a path back to housing and self-sufficiency.

The BLNC only serves homeless adults who are referred to the shelter by another agency such as the Bakersfield Police Department, or another homelessness service provider (ex: The Bakersfield Homeless Center, the Mission at Kern County, Flood Ministries, etc.). Homeless adults are ONLY brought to the facility and must be checked-in inside the facility's campus. Walk-ups are not permitted.

Low-barrier has been used by many homeless shelters and navigation centers and can have a variety of meanings. For the BLNC, "low-barrier" means the facility will allow individuals to keep the three P's: Partners, Possessions, and Pets. Clients/tenants of the BLNC will NOT be separated from their partners. They will also be given a place to keep a reasonable amount of property, kept in a safe and secure location; property that does not fit into the provided bin (such as shopping carts) will be surrendered upon entry. Kennel services will also be provided on-site for their pets.

Weapons, drugs, alcohol or their use are NOT permitted at the BLNC.

The City of Bakersfield has contracted with non-profit [Mercy House](#) as the operator of the BLNC.

Learn more about how the City's efforts are impacting the local homelessness crisis at the [City of Bakersfield Homelessness Hub](#).

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Kern County)

(661) 858-3255

P.O. Box 9144

Bakersfield, California 93389-9144

Email: namikern@yahoo.com

Vision Statement:

NAMI envisions a world where all people affected by mental illness live healthy, fulfilling lives supported by a community that cares.

Mission Statement

To provide support, education and advocacy for person with mental illness, their families and friends.

To promote better quality of care, rights and interest of citizens with mental illness particularly of those who cannot speak for themselves, and advocate for policies at the local, state and national level to accomplish these objectives.

To encourage mental health professionals to include family members in the care and treatment of their family members.

Values:

HOPE: We believe in the possibility of recovery, wellness and the potential in all of us.

INCLUSION: We embrace diverse backgrounds, cultures and perspectives.

EMPOWERMENT: We promote confidence, self-efficacy and service to our mission.

COMPASSION: We practice respect, kindness and empathy.

FAIRNESS: We fight for equity and justice.

Core Beliefs

NAMI Kern County believes that:

We recognize mental illnesses are brain disorders

We see the person not the illness

We reject stigma in ourselves and others

We forgive ourselves and reject guilt

We embrace humor as healthy

We expect a better future in a realistic way

We will never give up hope

[Nami Program Schedule](#)

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NAMI Support Groups

[How To Attend](#)

NAMI Kern County will use [Zoom](#) to host Online Support Groups. Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local, desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to meet online, with or without video. You can contact 661-247-5426 with any questions.

Please note:

Anyone is welcome to register for and join a group. Please note: our NAMI Support Groups are CLOSED MEETINGS. In order to keep our group settings safe and confidential, we do not allow anyone to observe our support groups. If you are not in need of the support each group provides and are only joining a group to observe the process, you will be removed.

NAMI Online Support Groups and Forums are not intended to replace or be used as a substitute for clinical or medical services, and facilitators are NAMI-trained peers, not mental health professionals. By attending and participating in NAMI Kern County's Online Support Groups and Forums, you agree to abide by Group Guidelines and Principles of Support outlined at the start of each meeting, and can be removed and/or banned from any meeting at the staff and/or facilitators' discretion.

"Connection" Peer Support

NAMI "Connection" Support Group is available at different times and locations throughout the month. It is mentored by trained peers with lived experience. Allows the consumer/peer a safe non-threatening environment to meet with others for support within their peer group.

- They find they are not alone in dealing with their illness
- Helps them associate with friends who may have similar interests and goals
- Helps them in their recovery process

Peers generally stay in recovery when they are actively involved in programs like these that encourage recovery. Call: 661-247-5426 or click the button for more information.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

Definitions

- Peer: an individual living with mental health condition or lived experience, and who has achieved a significant recovery to assist others in their recovery.
- Family members: parents, adult sons, daughters, or siblings, spouse, partners, significant others, caregivers, friends/supporters of individuals living with mental illness.
- Consumers: **persons living with a mental illness**

[Education Programs](#)

Family to Family Class

Family-to-Family is a new concept in education for families and others who are affected by serious mental illness: schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic disorder, borderline personality disorder, severe anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder including co-occurring brain disorders and addictive

disorders. The course was written by experienced family member and mental health professionals, and is taught by family members who have completed the course and are specially trained to teach the course to others.

[LEARN MORE](#)

NAMI Basics

NAMI Basics is a free, six-session program designed for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral difficulties. NAMI Basics helps parents and other family caregivers of children to understand the illnesses that are causing those behavioral difficulties, and the critical role families play in the treatment of those illnesses. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also the parents or family caregivers of individuals who experienced emotional or behavioral difficulties prior to age 13.

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Peer-to-Peer Class

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a recovery-focused educational program for adults who wish to establish and maintain wellness in response to mental health challenges. The course provides critical information and strategies related to living with mental illness.

[LEARN MORE](#)

NAMI FaithNet

NAMI FaithNet is an information exchange network of NAMI members, friends, clergy and congregations of all faith traditions who wish to create more welcoming and supportive faith communities for persons and families touched by serious mental illness. NAMI FaithNet also encourages the role of faith in recovery for those for whom faith is a key component of their experience.

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NAMI Hearts+Minds

NAMI Hearts+Minds is a free, 5-session wellness program designed to educate and empower individuals to better manage their health mentally and physically.

The course provides current research and information on how mental and physical health are connected, with a focus on how to effectively address symptoms and conditions. Participants gain information on managing medications, chronic pain, and improving sleep. Additional health topics and areas of interest are discussed along with ways to improve health and wellness with tools, strategies, and simple steps that make sense and are not overwhelming.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Home Front

NAMI Homefront is a free, six-session education program for family, friends and significant others of Military Service Members and Veterans with mental health conditions. It focuses on the unique needs of military and Veteran communities, such as post-deployment and post-discharge transitions.

The course is designed to help family members understand and support their loved one while maintaining their own well-being. The trained teachers of this course are also family members who have experience with military culture and know what it's like to have a loved one living with symptoms of a mental health condition.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Owens Valley Career Develop Center

1001 Tower Way Suite 225
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Office # (661) 323-1086
Fax # (661) 323-1746

The Owens Valley Career Development Center is a Native American organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations that promotes self-sufficiency through education, community enrichment and cultural empowerment.

Programs

TANF

Tribal Temporary Assistance For Needy Families

Family Literacy

The purpose of Family Literacy is to encourage lifelong learning. Classes include topics on parenting, family time, adult education, and cultural teachings. Skills learned through these services promote and or increase the family's advantage for employment, career opportunities and education. Family Literacy's goals are to strengthen relationships and improve literacy skills of the whole family..

Career Education

The OVDC Career Education Program is funded by the NACTEP grant provided through the U.S. Department of Education-Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE). NACTEP is the Native American Career and Technical Education Program, assisting Native Americans to pursue vocational and technical careers and certificate programs.

Kern Indian Education Center

KIEC is funded by the California Department of Education (Education Code 33380-33383) American Indian Education Center grant and by OVDC Tribal TANF Prevention Program to provide the community with educational, culture, and wellness services – TANF Purposes: #3 Pregnancy Prevention and #4 Family Formation & Maintenance

Language

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Early Head Start

Early Head Start Program Services.

“Caring for your children is our business so that you can have peace of mind.”

Saint Vincent de Paul Bakersfield

300 Baker Street
Bakersfield, California 93305
(661) 323-7340

Do You Need Help?

We know that it is not always easy to ask for or accept help, but we assist you or to introduce you to people who can do so.

The St. Vincent de Paul Bakersfield Homeless Center serves those free, hot meals throughout the week. The homeless center is open through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The meal schedule is

Monday through Friday

Breakfast

Monday through Saturday

Lunch

Snack packs are provided

The Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul Center also provides hygiene kits, packs, referrals, showers, and even a safe place to spend the day. In center provides mail service for those who have no permanent mailing address.

If you are in need of help, please call us at 661-323-7340, or visit us at 320 Baker Street, Bakersfield, California.

Who are we?

For over sixty years, a skeleton crew and an army of volunteers have some of the most vulnerable in our midst—the poor and homeless—donated goods and charitable works.

The Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store was the brainchild of Francis Trotter, a priest at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in the mid- With the help of a group of prominent, local businessmen who provided support, a house was purchased at 425 E. 19th St. in 1954, and the thrift and homeless center were incorporated as a non-profit organization.

In 1958, the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Center had already outgrown location and the thrift store was relocated to its current location at 300 Street. An addition to the thrift store was completed

in 1964. In the early days, sandwiches and coffee were handed out to hungry who ate in a small waiting room or on an outside patio.

In 1968, Father Ralph Belluomini took over as director of the Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul center and remained there until 2000. Today, the center's hall is named in his honor.

The mortgage was paid in full, and a loan-note burning ceremony was held at Wool Growers on September 27, 1973, the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul.



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In 2000, property next to the store was purchased for the Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Center, and the following year all three parcels merged into one. In 2005, thanks to a grant from then Mercy HealthCare West (now Dignity Health), a mobile unit was purchased to serve as a makeshift dining hall.

A call to action in 2007 dramatically changed the face and aesthetics of the center. In January 2007, the Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul Society's board of directors began exploring the possibility of expanding. St. Francis of Assisi Parish pledged its support for an improvement plan for the grounds and facilities.

An influx of donations financed the building of four bathrooms, two showers, a covered patio, and the installation of lush landscaping. In December 2010, just three days after Christmas, the final stage of the ambitious project, an industrial-sized kitchen and a beautiful hall, opened. Rather than sleeping in the shadows of warehouses and alleyways, visitors can now spend part of their day in a park-like setting and secure environment.

The center's days of handing out sandwiches are almost a bygone era. On a daily basis, around 300 men and women receive a hot breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday, as well as mail, clothing, and hygiene kits, from the center.

Each year, the Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul Society holds a barbecue fundraiser in the fall in an effort to raise money for the homeless center and heighten the community's awareness of its existence.

No one could have anticipated the swell of support that would come from the annual, fall barbecue. Over 800 people attend the event each year and thousands of dollars are raised to help the poor and needy in our community.

Aside from the money that is raised at the barbecue each autumn, the Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul Society has no real source of income to support the thousands of people who come to them for help each year. We rely completely on the generosity of individuals, organizations, and businesses to assist the poor and homeless. St. Vincent de Paul receives no government funding. You can remember a deceased loved one by donating in their name as a memorial.

About Us

Why Are We Here?

St. Vincent de Paul cared for the poor and the downtrodden in his native France and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of charitable organizations. Although he lived over four centuries ago, St. Vincent de Paul's life and works continue to have a profound influence on the world.

Due to the example of his own life and the charitable organizations he founded himself, the hundreds of other groups who look to St. Vincent as their patron, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores, the Catholic churches which bear his name in almost every state and around the world, St. Vincent de Paul's influence in the lives of both Christians and non-Christians continues to grow.

The Bakersfield St. Vincent de Paul Society strives to grow spiritually by serving the least of our brothers by feeding the homeless and helping needy families by providing showers, medical assistance, transportation, etc. No act of charity is foreign to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We see Christ in those we serve. Let us serve you.

"When we succeed in seeing the face of Christ in others, the face of Christ is seen in us."

~ Joseph Flannigan ~

[Social Security Administration Offices Bakersfield](#)

[Social Security Office Bakersfield, CA 93305](#)

1-866-366-9558

2575 Hayley Street

Bakersfield, California 93305

[Social Security Office Bakersfield, CA 93309](#)

1-866-476-1489

5300 Office Park Drive

Bakersfield, California 93309

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Stewards Payee Services, Inc

107 17th, Bakersfield, CA 93301

help@stewardsinc.org

661-631-1258

661-859-1442 (fax)

Monday & Thursday

7:30AM-12:00PM

Tuesday & Wednesday

7:30AM-9:00AM

Stewards is a nonprofit that works with vulnerable individuals in Kern County by **advocating for homelessness prevention** through connection to **social services, resources, and acting as an appointed representative payee service.**

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Most of our clients are dealing with mental disabilities, and many have co-occurring disorders. Managing living decisions and day-to-day finances can be a challenge for many of these individuals and they do not have a relative or a close friend that can act on their behalf. Our role is to come alongside these individuals and help them steward their life.

As a faith-rooted nonprofit, we recognize the worth and dignity of every individual, no matter their circumstance. With over 20 years experience, we are committed to providing trustworthy financial counsel, excellent stewardship guidance, social service resources for food and housing, and compassionate support to help people stay safe, become successful, and achieve their dreams.

We want to guide our clients with care and compassion to help them steward and navigate their life. We care most that our clients are safe, off the streets, their basic needs being met, and they have a plan for a brighter future.

AT STEWARDS WE
Manage money for people who need help.

LEARN MORE

Connect clients with community services and resources.

LEARN MORE

Help clients find and keep safe, affordable housing.

LEARN MORE

Our mission and vision is to prevent homelessness in our community. All of our services steward clients in the stewardship of their lives. We are dedicated to helping keep our clients safe, healthy, and financially stable.

CORE VALUES

We are faith-rooted.

Our Christian roots has been a foundation of who we are and why we do it. Through our services and relationships, we want to provide hope and help our clients achieve their dreams of a bright future.

We care for the vulnerable.

All of our services steward clients in the stewardship of their lives. We are dedicated to helping keep our clients safe, healthy, and financially stable.

We value people.

We are compassionate, empathetic, trustworthy, and hopeful. We treat our clients, donors, community, and each other with dignity and respect.

We are committed to our community.

We work in and partner with other organizations in our community to keep it clean, safe, and provide educational opportunities. We believe communities work best when there's committed effort to value where you live and to care for the lives of people. It is a group effort and we are in it for the long haul.

We are stewards.

We are faithful to manage our resources in a manner that brings maximum benefit to our clients. We speak and act honestly. We are open and factual in our dealings with our donor, government programs, and our clients. We assist our clients in stewarding their resources so they can be as healthy, happy, and safe as possible.

WE MANAGE MONEY FOR THOSE THAT NEED HELP

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SERVICE

As a Social Security appointed representative payee, it is our responsibility to manage our client's benefits. We will work with our client to determine and use their benefits for their current living needs and those of the foreseeable future. We budget to pay for housing, utilities, food, clothing, and extra funds are used for personal and emergency funds.

DIRECT DEPOSIT + DEBIT CARD SERVICES

Our direct deposit program is a convenient and secure way for our clients to receive their funds. Clients can have peace of mind knowing that their income is deposited in a trustworthy bank account. Once rent is paid via direct deposit, remaining funds are either dispersed to the client's bank account or a debit card.

After personal and emergency funds are deposited onto our client's debit card, they will have the freedom to use a PIN to access funds at any ATM, make purchases at any location that accepts debit card transactions, reduce extra trips to pick up paper checks from Stewards.

SISTER JOSIE'S FOOD PANTRY

Sister Josie's food pantry will be open each Wednesday of every month, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am, except on Wednesdays that arrive on the 1st or 3rd of the month. Open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participants can only visit once a month. Due to Covid-19, individuals will be required to wear a mask or face covering during the distribution process.

First Visit: When you first enter our premises, participants will be required to fill out a short form outside our second service window. To prevent any confusion, a food pantry flyer is attached to this window. This form will ask for a name, address, phone number, zip code, and the number of people in the household. During the intake process, participants will also be required to complete the USDA Food Insecurity Survey Module to help assess their situation. After three months, participants will be required to complete the module again to monitor any changes.

Normal Visit: Our food pantry will operate on a client choice model.

1. When participants sign in, a worker will determine how many items participants can receive based on their household size.
2. The worker will show the client our current inventory list specified by food groups.
3. Participants will inform a worker of their food choices and write them down.
4. As the clients wait, a worker will bag their groceries and return them to the client.
5. During the waiting time, participants will be provided with nutrition handouts, recipes, and other resources if needed.

Donate: The best way to support Sister Josie's pantry is to make a financial contribution of any amount. Sister Josie's pantry also accepts donations of non-perishable food items, packaged, unexpired foods, as well as clean, fresh produce & clean or new sturdy bags for grocery shopping. Please see the Food Donation Suggestions list.

We also would like to recognize our generous sponsor, Kern Family Health Care for supporting the operation of our food pantry. For more information, or if you would like to become a sponsor, please contact us at (661) 631-1258 or at help@stewardsinc.org.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CLASS

We teach clients to budget and balance accounts through our financial stewardship classes.

Resources

General Information

Social Security Administration Guide for Representative Payees

Representative Payee Service Forms

[Client Intake Packet](#)

Physician's Statement of Patient's Capability to Manage Benefits (Form SSA 787

Housing Forms

Rent Change Request

30 Day Notice

SSA-795 Householder

Financial Forms

Budget Worksheet

Direct Deposit Form

Helpful Links

Click on the links to see Resources



Below is a list of some affordable property management companies in Kern County.

Click on the links to see rental listings.



Teen Challenge Kern County

Kern County Teen Challenge

P.O. Box 1011

Bakersfield, CA 93302

PHONE: (661) 399-2273

EMAIL: INFO@TEENCHALLENGE.ORG

STAY CONNECTED:

KERN COUNTY TEEN CHALLENGE

Kern County Teen Challenge started in 1969 with one staff member visiting schools, sharing about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Eventually, a small two-bedroom house on 316 S. H Street in Bakersfield became the first Kern County Teen Challenge center. In 1979, one acre of land was purchased in Shafter (about 10 miles north of Bakersfield) and became the Shafter Men's Ranch.

In 1991, through the donation of a long-time friend and supporter of Teen Challenge, a new Women's Campus was purchased for \$485,000 dollars. This miracle money was a clear indication that God's blessing was on that residential facility.

Since that time, God has continued to bless Kern County Teen Challenge through partnerships with the local community, churches, and supporters. Our women's center now houses 45 women and the Shafter Men's Ranch houses approximately 80 men.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kern County Teen Challenge

P.O. Box 1011

Bakersfield, CA 93302

PHONE: (661) 399-2273

EMAIL: INFO@TEENCHALLENGE.ORG

STAY CONNECTED:

EVENT CALENDAR

PROGRAM INFORMATION



Both the men's and women's centers are residential induction centers. The induction process, designed to last three months, is Phase One of a two-phase, year-long program. While in the program, the student will attend class, complete regular assignments, and participate in spiritual and work-related activities.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

If you would like to apply for admission, you can speed up the intake process by downloading and filling out the admissions forms, then taking them to the center you have an appointment with. You can download the forms below:

- [Induction Admissions Application](#)
- [General Information and Induction Guidelines](#)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Kern County Teen Challenge reaches out to the surrounding communities, focusing on drug education and prevention, tutoring and academics for children, visits to juvenile hall and jail, crisis counseling, outreach to children and families, evangelism, and more.

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Teen Challenge of Southern California is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

CENTERS

To Request a Speaker, call the center nearest you:

[Antelope Valley](#) - (661) 888-4249
[Central Valley](#) - (559) 387-5132
[Inland Empire](#) - (951) 683-4241
[Kern County](#) - (661) 399-2273
[Los Angeles County](#) - (310) 644-3695
[Orange County](#) - (714) 835-8822
[San Diego County](#) - (619) 265-0337
[Ventura / Tri-County](#) - (805) 648-3295
[Ministry Institute](#) - (323) 569-2818
[Centers Outside Southern California](#)



CONTACT INFO

Teen Challenge
Southern California
5445 Chicago Avenue
Riverside, CA 92507

Phone: 1 (951) 682-8990

Prayer Hotline: (888) 520-0620

CONNECT

[Contact Us](#)

TCSC STAFF RESOURCES

[TCSC Staff-only access](#)

The Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity

A safe, comfortable, and inviting place
902 18th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Tuesday: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Saturday: 2:00pm – 7:00pm

The Center is open during non-regular hours for group meetings, events, and other activities. For a complete schedule, please check our [community calendar](#).

Where to follow us

Click an icon below to open a new tab.



In addition to our Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook pages, The Center's Facebook Group is updated on a regular basis with posts, pictures, event invitations, and more. [Join our community!](#)

The Annex - RISE & Administrative Office

4801 Truxtun Street, Suite 201
Bakersfield, CA 93309

How to reach us

The Center

661-843-7995 or 661-404-5209 | info@thecenterbak.org
PO Box 2712, Bakersfield, CA 93303

The Annex - RISE & Administrative Office

661-404-5209 | info@thecenterbak.org
4801 Truxtun Street, Ste 201, Bakersfield, CA 93309

Media Contact: Anne-Natasha Pinckney, Executive Director

661-367-1098 | Email: ExecDirector@thecenterbak.org

WELCOME HOME

Dear Friends, Community Members and Supporters,

As you know due to the pandemic we were forced to close our in-person activities. However; we never left you! We were able to provide most of our services over the phone and online.

During this time, we also experienced growth in our staff and services. We added new workshops, youth events and

counselors. We also used this time to remodel the downtown location to make it more inviting, fun and comfortable. We cannot wait for you to see all of our improvements!

All this to say.. WE ARE BACK!! Following local and federal health and safety guidelines we are back offering services in both of our facilities. Our downtown location is back open for drop in and gatherings. Also, in- person counseling is available at our Annex. We have continued to make online counseling an option. Our workshops are still online however; we will continue to keep you updated on when those will go hybrid. Check our calendar for days and hours of operation.

Please connect with us for support and updates on our website, social media outlets and at info@thecenterbak.org and 661-404-5209.

[The center's community calendar](#)

The Center hosts and facilitate a number of events and activities. Below is the calendar of events, activities and [support groups](#) serving the LGBTQ community of Bakersfield and Kern County. We also include events hosted by [other LGBTQ+ organizations](#), so click individual items.

Here is the current calendar:

Stay informed

Additional events are added every month as they are scheduled. To stay up-to-date with The Center, you can follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#), join our [Facebook group](#), or sign up for our newsletter!

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community building activities

To achieve greatness individuals must work together, learn from each other and trust and rely on each other. It is with this understanding that The Center spends much time and emphasis on the need to create a strong and supportive community in which individuals can support, learn, collaborate, and inspire each other.

The Center organizes, hosts and facilitates a number of activities and events designed to engage local LGBTQIA+ individuals of all ages and build supportive communities for everyone - lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, queer, gender non-conforming, etc. Below is the list of activities and events.

abOUT KERN

Who: LGBTQ Professionals & Allies

Where: The Center and off site

When: Varies | [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: Varies depending on the event, alcoholic drinks allowed

Cost: Varies depending on the event

Description: abOUT KERN brings together LGBTQ and ally professionals to network and promote equality in the workplace. abOUT KERN offers the perfect platforms from which to make powerful connections, share best practices,

and formulate a strategy to advance equality in the workplace and the community.

We invite businesses, agencies, ERG's and all employees interested in hosting or sponsoring an abOUT KERN networking event to contact The Center for the details.

Commuter Meet & Greet - Social Networking Drop-in

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies (adults 18+)

Where: The Center

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM | [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: Snacks, water, limited alcoholic drinks allowed (wine and beer)

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: This social and networking drop-in is an open and friendly environment where LGBT adults and allies come together without a specific agenda. We believe we have the perfect recipe for engaging conversation, great camaraderie and nurturing great ideas. Drop-in and have some fun!

Craft Together

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies (no unaccompanied children)

Where: The Center

When: [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: Water - No alcoholic drinks allowed

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: Bring your creative projects down to The Center. Knit, crochet, embroider, sew, draw, scrapbook, make jewelry and more! Whatever you do and whatever your art is, if you can carry it, bring it to The Center and work on it with us! Contact The Center for the details.

Gayme Time

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies (all ages)

Where: The Center

When: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month | [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: water (you are welcome to bring a snack to share) - No alcoholic drinks allowed

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: Gayme Time is a fun face-to-face gaming experience that you won't find anywhere else. The event includes board games, card games, pictionary, and much more! You will be entertained and engaged.

Queer Clothing Swap & Gender Rebels Social

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies (recommended all ages)

Where: The Center

When: [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: soda, water and light refreshments - No alcoholic. (you are welcome to bring a snack or drink to share)

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: All genders, all sizes, all types of hand selected styles and brands are available! We have kids clothes as well! If you've got drab, boring threads, you think another will work into the new year- drop in! Whether you swap or not, you'll surely walk out the door with new items for you or your friends. We will have some activities related to self-care and light refreshments! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rainbow Families

Who: LGBTQ+ families, LGBTQ parents and allies

Where: The Center and off site

When: Varies | [Check Calendar](#)

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: Rainbow Families is for LGBTQ families, including parents with LGBTQ children. The goal is to create an environment where parents and their children can socialize, connect, learn from each other, support each other and share information about resources in the community. This group organizes, BBQ, games, play dates and other activities throughout the month. Check the calendar for their next activity or event.

Youth Events

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies (under 26 years)

Where: Downtown Center and online

When: Varies | Discord online hours and drop in [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: Water and snacks - No alcoholic drinks allowed

Cost: Varies depending on event or activity

Description: The Center in collaboration with other local organizations, hosts activities and events for teens and young adults, including LGBTQ+ proms. .

CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Speaker Series

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies

Where: The Center

When: Varies | [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: Water, snacks - limited alcoholic drinks allowed

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: The Center hosts speakers that inform, educate, and energize our LGBT community and allies. A wide variety of diversity education programs are offered to foster a greater understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression issues.

Art & Culture Event

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies

Where: The Center

When: Varies | [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: Water, snacks - limited alcoholic drinks allowed

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: The Center hosts all kinds art and cultural events, including art exhibits. Stay tune to our monthly calendar.

Rainbow Week

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies

Where: The Center

When: June

Refreshments: Water, snacks - alcoholic drinks allow

Cost: varies (Donations Welcome)

Description: The Center hosts an annual rainbow week to celebrate pride month in Bakersfield. During Rainbow Week we hold lectures, a movie night, meet and greet socials, and other events.

Sex Education & Safety Talks

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies

Where: The Center

When: Varies | [Check Calendar](#)

Refreshments: Water, snacks - no alcoholic drinks allow

Cost: varies (Donations Welcome)

Description: The Center in collaboration with local health organizations hosts events targeting sexually active adults to test for STD's and encourages safe sexual practices. Free condoms and information material are available at the Center. Just drop-in during The Center's open hours and pick free a bag condoms.

Support Groups

Along with community building activities, support groups are a significant part of the programs and services the The Center provides to the Community. In fact, we are incredibly proud to serve as an organization hosting several social and support groups every month. Support groups are facilitated by staff and well trained volunteers. Group session are free to attend. However, some group activities like dining out may incur some cost to the participants. Please check with the group or activity organizer to verify the cost to participate in the activity. Please see list below for information regarding our groups, when they meet, and how you can contact group facilitators.

AA Meetings

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies

Where: 902 18th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

When: Mondays 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: A weekly LGBTQ-friendly and ally-friendly meeting for individuals interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery. This is an open meeting, meaning that everyone is welcome, including non-alcoholics. Join other LGBTQ people in recovery as they meet in our Annex location. If you require more information, we encourage you to attend the group and talk with the group organizers.

Bi+/Pan Support Workshop

Who: Bisexual, pansexual, queer individuals - anyone who has ever been attracted to more than one gender.

Where: Via Zoom please email supportworkshops@thecenterbak.org for more information.

When: Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: This is a seven week workshop for people who are bisexual, pansexual, queer or anyone who has ever been attracted to more than one gender. This group will continue to meet each Wednesday for 7 weeks to discuss and learn about many topics including bi+/pan representation, self-care gender, navigating relationships as bi+/pan, practice how to address stereotypes and discuss other issues specific to the bi+/pan community. If you are interested, contact The Annex (661-404-5209) for any questions.

Gender Rebels - Transgender Support Group

Who: Transgender, Non-Binary, Gender non-conforming, Queer/questioning individuals

Where: Via Zoom---please email supportworkshop@thecenterbak.org for information

When: Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: Explore your identity and orientation among supportive friends and facilitators. These are curriculum driven sessions.

The goal is to provide individuals who identify as or are questioning, being transgender or gender nonconforming with a safe place to come together and discuss their life experiences and receive support. In addition to exploring a trans identity, participants will be encouraged to explore the ways their multiple identities intersect to create their unique

perspectives as well which should be celebrated. If you are interested, contact The Annex (661-404-5209) for any questions.

Here are the times our Youth Discord Server is open for July! Questions? Contact youthprogramassist@thecenterbak.org
Not in the server yet? Click the link in our instagram bio (or visit linktr.ee/thecenterbak) and click "Youth Program Discord"! Fill out the google form and you'll get the server link at the end.

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Mindfulness Meditation & Support Group

Who: LGBTQ+ individuals and allies, Aged 18+.

Where: The Center

When: Sundays at 5:00pm- 6:30 pm

Cost: Free (Donations Welcome)

Description: This free class includes spiritual readings, guided meditation, silence, followed by Metta. Improve your mental and physical well-being, slow down, and relax: your life depends on it.

For more information contact us at 661-843-7995, 661-404-5209 or info@thecenterbak.org

Here is our Workshop Overview for July! Connect to your community and join us at our Bi+ /Pan and Gender Rebel support workshops.

Our Bi+/Pan workshop is a 7 week series that is for folks who identify as having the potential to be attracted to more than one gender.

Our Gender Rebels workshop is an 8 week series for folks who identify as trans, nonbinary, questioning, or gender non-conforming.

All of the workshop sessions run from 6:30-8:30pm

Email: supportworkshops@thecenterbak.org for more information and to get signed up!

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counseling, Advocacy & referrals

Counseling & individual advocacy services

Are you're dealing with issues that feel beyond your control? Struggling with your gender identity? Feeling overwhelmed, lost, isolated, lonely or depressed? The Center offers a range of services in behavioral health, include individual counseling and referrals to LGBTQ friendly health professionals.

To begin counseling services at The Center, you must first participate in an initial intake consultation. Please contact our Advocacy Services Coordinator or program Assistant to scheduled an appointment or for more information. Their contact information is below.

Outreach & ADVOCACY

SPEAK-UP

The SPEAK-UP project strives, through education and advocacy, to create a culture of safety that will make schools free from harassment, bullying and other forms of violence against LGBTQ students. This program addresses the serious problem of bullying and other forms of violence in our schools and employs innovative methods to promote awareness and prevention of bullying. For example, we audit each school's websites annually to make sure they are in compliance with AB-9 (also know as the Seth's Law) - see [link](#) to learn more about AB-9 and how it applies to schools. When needed, we work with schools that need help bringing their bullying prevention programs in line with AB-9.

Additionally, Center's staff and volunteers work with student groups (generally know as GSA) to create safe spaces for everyone. Please contact The Center for more information.

Community Outreach

The Center often join community events (resource fairs, rallies, walks, etc.) in an effort to bridge The Center and the LGBTQ community to other agencies and services provides. We promote The Center, our services and the local LGBTQ community, making strong alliances in the process. Organisations interested in having The Center at their events, please contact our staff. Contact information is below.

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information Hub & referral network

The Center has become the primary bridge for local agencies to reach and service the local LGBTQ community. At The Center you will find information and resources for everything. If we don't have it, we will help you find it. Our staff and well trained volunteer team is ready to help you.

Looking for an LGBTQ friendly Doctor? We can help with that! We do a number of referrals for various services every month. From trans-friendly doctors to HIV-testing, to adoption services, it's all at The Center. Stop by or call us if you need help getting connected with services and resources. The Center staff and volunteers are ready to help you!

The Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity

902 18th St, Bakersfield CA 93301

661-843-7995 | 661-404-5209 | info@thecenterbak.org

Regular hours of operations

Tue, Wed and Thur 5pm-7pm

Fri: 4pm-7pm and Sat: 3pm - 6pm

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The M Street Navigation Center

2900 M Street

Bakersfield, California 93301

(661) 336-5236

The M Street Navigation Center, located at 2900 M Street is owned by the County of Kern and operated by Community Action Partnership of Kern.

- The Center is a 24-hour facility providing shelter beds, meals, laundry services, medical assessment and pet care to unsheltered individuals who face significant barriers to supportive housing care.
- The Center opened on May 14, 2020.
- Overnight guests have a secure area to store possession while they eat, get a shower, rest and receive services.
- Community partners provide core supportive services, including mental health services, medical check-ups and services, and care for companion animals.

The Open Door Network

1921 19th Street.
Bakersfield, California 93301

Phone: (661) 322-273-7713
Outside Bakersfield: (800) 273-7713
24-hour hotline: (661) 327-1091

No Cost for victims
Spanish Services also available.

Individual counseling available for women and children of domestic assault/sexual assault, emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, self-defense classes, assistance with restraining orders. DV certification also available. Alliance offers Domestic Violence (awareness) classes for victims of DV and Learning to Protect counseling for parents who failed to protect their children against abuse.

Locations

Homeless Services Campus and Donation Center:

1600 E Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93305
661-322-9199

Donation Hours: Weekdays from 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Administration, Victim Services and Therapy Services provided at:

1921 19th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-322-0931

Outreach Center Hours: Weekdays from 8:30am-5:30pm. Counseling Groups may meet outside of these times.

Walk-in and Case Management for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Survivors provided at:

The Family Justice Center building
2101 Oak Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-868-8410

Walk-in Hours: Weekdays 8:30am-3:00pm

Job Development and Housing Campus, for employment or housing assistance:

1420 Union Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93305
Walk-ins welcome: Weekdays 9:00am-5:00pm

Mission + Vision

The Open Door Network is an agency where we help those who enter our doors reimagine their lives. We are a place where people in crisis can heal from trauma and reimagine their lives.

At The Open Door Network, we believe compassion and guidance go a long way in nurturing the resilience of all people – especially people dealing with major crises like joblessness, homelessness, or abuse.

Every day, our team of experts works with families and individuals with nowhere else to turn, and we unlock the tools and resources they need to begin again.

meet people where they are

We remember that everyone has unique needs, so we don't impose any judgment or preconceptions. Every experience is different, so it is our goal to meet people exactly where they are, providing them with the right support and tools to find their path.

lead with compassion

Compassion is one core aspect of everything we do. We see our clients as our neighbors—our community—and we believe in their potential. As a result, we approach our work with open hearts and open minds.

believe in human potential

We know the path to stability can be challenging, and that people need to know that they have a reliable guide in that journey. We know that the right guidance, mentorship, and tools can go a long way in helping our neighbors in crisis.

strive for solutions

We know there aren't single-serve, cookie-cutter solutions for our clients, but we also have years of expertise and proven approaches that provide an important framework. We embrace our knowledge and expertise to provide holistic, results-oriented care for our clients

The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center

200 19th Street

Bakersfield, California 93301

(661) 325-8626

57 bed male facility

There are options for females in other cities of California and around the nation.

The Salvation Army, an international Movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Bakersfield Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) is a program from a minimum of six months to one year and provides:

- Opportunities to stabilize lives, regain confidence and self-respect.
- Development of good work ethic and behaviors is encouraged.
- Spiritual growth and moral regeneration brings hope, purpose and meaning to their lives.

Who can participate?

Men Ages 21-65 years old

Must be clean from drugs & alcohol

Must be able to fully participate in all aspects of program including Work Therapy

Qualifications for Acceptance

- Drivers License, State ID US Passport, Birth Certificate, Permanent Residence Card, Face Sheet, Information on letterhead are acceptable forms of identification
- Social Security Card or W2
- No outstanding warrants
- No Arson or 290 Registration
- No SSI or SSDI income

An initial 30-day Restriction

- Not allowed to leave the center
- No phone calls
- No visitors
- Letters sent by US mail are permitted
- All court and medical issues (unless emergency) must be taken care of before admittance or after the 30-day restriction period

Medication

- All prescribed medications are approved by the Program Manager based on the [Talbot Medication Guide](#) only Class C medications are allowed

- A minimum 30-day supply of medication must be provided with the ability to obtain throughout duration of the program
- The following medications are not permitted
 - Any medication with narcotics and/or alcohol and some psychotropics
 - Sleep, fitness, and herbal medication

Program Rules

- Dis-chargeable Offenses: Fraternization, Pilfering, Late Curfew, Verbal & Physical Violence, Pornography, Positive Drug/Alcohol Test, No Smoking inside the Facility
- Case Conference Committee decides consequence of conduct reports and eligibility of re-admittance
- Monthly random drug testing & residency reports

Program Components

- Counseling
 - Individual and Group
- Spiritual Support
 - Chapel, Bible Study, Spiritual Counseling
- 12-step program
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous
- Educational Classes
 - Relapse Prevention, Rehabilitation Issues, Anger Management, Nicotine Cessation and 12 Step Study
- Work Therapy Assignment in a Warehouse Setting
- Structured Lifestyle
- Re-Entry Program
- Alumni Support

Cost? No Fees

Services Include

- Housing
- Meals
- Clothing
- Rehabilitation Service

The Mission at Kern County

816 East 21st Street

Bakersfield, California 93305

(661) 325-0863

Homeless Services

- Providing basic living requirements for the homeless. The Mission at Kern County prides itself on taking care of those who need it most. From fresh meals to warm clothing, we do our best to take care of our homeless community and prepare them for the world ahead.
- Meals
 - The Mission serves an average of 500 warm, nutritious meals each day, three times a day, every day of the year.
- Shelter
 - Hundreds of men find a warm bed and safety from the streets. We house an average of 180-200 men each night.
- Education
 - The Learning Center is a comprehensive multimedia facility with 15 computers staffed by fully credentialed instructor.
- Clothing
 - We distribute clothing to men and women who may have little more than the clothes on their back.
- Hygiene
 - The Mission provides clean restrooms, hot showers, and personal hygiene supplies to our residents all year long.
- Counseling
 - Providing assistance and referrals for employment, housing, government aid, substance abuse, and recovery aid.
- Clinics
 - Providing medical health care services, dental care, mental health services, and full-time legal aid counseling.
- Life Management
 - Addressing a variety of problems such as substance abuse, parenting skills, nutrition education, and financial management.
- Spiritual Encouragement
 - Offering spiritual hope that is essential to building anew life through chapel services, bible studies and discipleship programs.

The Mission at Kern County Women’s Recovery Program

Director, Vickie Handy
Assistant Director, Susan Hodge
Facility (661) 325-0863 ext. 230
Cell: (805) 701-7868

Director of Women’s Transitional Program, Susan Hodge
Facility (661) 325-0863 ext. 251
Cell: (661) 281-5571

Addiction Recovery Programs: A Christian, 12 step eighteen-month program which helps the individual manage life as they navigate away from homelessness and addictions. We provide services for unaccompanied women providing classes and an environment which addresses spiritual, emotional, and physical issues. Classes include Bible Study, Life-skills, Education, Counseling, Mentoring, Job prep, Celebrate Recovery, Relapse Prevention, Anger Management and more.

No fees

The Mission at Kern County

Lee & Krystyna Jamieson Women and Childrens Recovery Program

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Women’s & Children’s Recovery– Allowing women to receive addiction recovery services while remaining with their children. Participants receive additional classes and counseling services which directly deals with sexual abuse and violence.

No fees

United Farm Workers Foundation

(661) 324-2500

917 H Street
Bakersfield, California 93304

Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
(Closed 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm)

UFW FOUNDATION

For 15 years, the UFW Foundation has mobilized farm workers and their organizations across the country to advocate for more equitable policies, such as immigration reform, pesticide protections, heat standards, hazard pay, and other worker protections. We engage constituents in systemic change to break the cycle of poverty while also providing critical services. In fact, the UFW Foundation is the largest federally accredited immigration legal service provider in the state of California. The organization has staff in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Michigan, Georgia and Washington D.C.

Mission

Core Purpose:

To empower communities to ensure human dignity.

Core Values:

- **Innovation:** The active pursuit of new ideas.
- **Si Se Puede Attitude:** The embodiment of a personal and organizational spirit that promotes confidence, courage, and risk-taking.
- **Integrity:** Doing the right thing even when no one is looking.
- **Empowerment:** creating the environment and tools for success.

Get Help with Immigration Legal Services

Si Se Puede® Immigration Legal Services

UFW Foundation immigration attorneys and DOJ Accredited Representatives are available to provide culturally competent, trauma-informed, and reliable expertise to the campus community. We can serve people in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Mixteco, and Mandarin; simply indicate your language preference. To protect the communities we serve during the pandemic, all appointments are remote via video conference or phone call.

Get Help with Citizenship

Our bilingual team of attorneys and Department of Justice accredited representatives are authorized to provide legal counsel on immigration matters. With the UFW Foundation, we explain the process, assist with completing the application, and help those who qualify to apply for fee waivers. *For a limited time, you can complete your application with the UFW Foundation for FREE in California!

Get Help with DACA

A judge in Texas has just ordered the DACA program to be partially ended. This ruling comes after our victory from the New York Federal court last year reinstating DACA in full. Here's what this means:

1. *What does the ruling mean?* It means that Hanen has sided with Republicans and has partially ended the DACA program. While new applications will no longer be approved, renewals will continue to move forward. The ruling goes into effect immediately.
2. *What happens to DACA recipients and DACA-eligible youth?*
 - If you have DACA right now: you are still protected and will be able to continue renewing for now.
 - If you are eligible for DACA but have never applied: DHS can still accept your application but will NOT be able to process it.
 - If your application for renewal is already being processed: your renewal should continue as normal.
3. *What does the UFW Foundation recommend?* Please call the UFW Foundation at 1-877-881-8281 for guidance on your situation or if you have any questions. We explain the process and help those who qualify to apply for fee waivers. If people have been previously arrested or have previous crimes, it is imperative that they seek the opinion of an experienced immigration attorney.

Get Help with Family Petitions

One of the most common ways for people to attain permanent resident status or commonly known as a "green card" is through a family member petition. U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents can help certain family members immigrate to the United States. Our bilingual team of attorneys and Department of Justice accredited representatives are authorized to provide legal counsel on immigration matters. With the UFW Foundation, we explain the process and assist with completing the application.

Help for Crime Survivors

Our staff supports non-citizen survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other serious crimes. Our bilingual team of attorneys and DOJ accredited representatives are authorized to provide legal counsel on immigration matters. We explain and assist with the application process.

Call to Schedule Your Appointment: 1-877-881-8281

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM

[Community Colleges Project](#)

The Community Colleges Project offers a unique opportunity for students, staff, and faculty at California's Community Colleges to access personalized immigration legal services from highly qualified legal practitioners. UFW Foundation immigration attorneys and DOJ Accredited Representatives are available at local schools and offices to provide culturally competent, trauma-informed, and reliable expertise to the campus community. We can serve people in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Mixteco, and Mandarin; simply indicate your language preference. To protect the communities we serve during the pandemic, all appointments are remote via video conference or phone call. We are working diligently to find safe ways to re-open our doors and be present on campus.

Schedule your appointment today:

<https://findyourally.com/>

[Get Help With Deportation Defense](#)

The Removal Defense Project provides legal assistance to newcomers and long-time residents of the Central Valley facing removal proceedings before the immigration court. We believe that every immigrant facing the immigration court should be afforded their due process rights with dignity and respect.

Direct Legal Representation

Our team provides direct legal representation to detained and non-detained immigrants facing removal proceedings. We represent immigrants detained at the Mesa Verde Detention Facility in Bakersfield, CA seeking release from detention in bond proceedings and removal hearings. We represent non-detained immigrants in removal hearings before the San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Van Nuys Immigration Court.

Community Legal Education and Pro Se Assistance

The Removal Defense Project provides legal orientations to immigrants facing removal proceedings via community workshops. Through these orientations, immigrants and their families are informed about the process and rights before the immigration court. Every person facing removal proceedings that attend our legal orientations is afforded a free consultation by our legal providers.

While our project seeks to provide universal representation to Central Valley residents in the future, immigrants unable to secure direct legal representation can receive limited pro se assistance including, change of address, change of court, and application assistance.

Given heightened ICE enforcement in Central Valley communities, we provide rapid response assistance and resources to immigrants facing ICE encounters.

Advocacy

The Removal Defense Project works alongside local, regional, and state coalitions to advocate for policies that protect our communities from ICE enforcement, detention, and deportation.

[Si Se Puede® COVID19 Vaccination Efforts](#)

"Farm workers have put their lives at risk during the pandemic to feed this nation and they want protection from COVID-19. Through community partnerships, the UFW Foundation has been able to provide thousands of farm workers access to vaccines. We will continue to work diligently to ensure that life-saving vaccines reach farm workers throughout the country." - Diana Tellefson Torres, UFW Foundation Executive Director

UFW Foundation Call Center

The UFW Foundation is helping farm worker communities register for vaccination appointments in their respective locations via phone calls.

1-877-881-8281
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
9 AM - 6 PM

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. You can order your testing kits here: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Q & A Webinar with UFW Foundation farm worker Leaders, FDA, CDC, USDA, and partner farm worker organizations. Guests and panelists including the Acting Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Janet Woodcock, and Director of the FDA Center for Biologics Education and Research, Dr. Peter Marks, discuss vaccine safety, effectiveness, and confidence.

Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine from CDC

[Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

[Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Getting Ready for Your COVID-19 Vaccine/How Do I Get a Vaccine?](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines and Allergic Reactions](#)

[What to Expect at Your COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment](#)

[What to Expect After Getting Your COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Si Se Puede® Public Benefits Services](#)

Get Help with Food Stamps

Cal-Fresh is a California nutrition program that can help households buy healthy foods. Cal-Fresh benefits are issued on an EBT card that works like a debit card and can be used at most grocery stores and many farmer's markets to purchase food. The amount of your benefits depends on your family size, income, and monthly expenses. The UFW Foundation's team can help you with the enrollment process.

Get Help with MediCal

You might be eligible for Medi-Cal in the state of California. The UFW Foundation can assist you with the application process for **free**.

With Medical, you may have access to:

Primary doctor

Mental health and substance use disorder services

Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices

Laboratory services

Maternity and newborn care

Emergency services

Pediatric services

Prescription drugs

Vision health services

Dental health services

Preventive and wellness services

Among others

Call to Schedule Your Appointment Today: 1-877-881-8281

United Way of Kern County

1707 Eye Street, 3rd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Phone: (661) 834-1820

Hours of operation:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

ABOUT US

WE AT UNITED WAY ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES TO CREATE STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT, AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES WHERE EVERYONE THRIVES.

MISSION STATEMENT

United Way of Kern County leads a movement to uplift our communities through education, health, and economic resilience. We deliver programs and services to enhance the lives of residents we serve within the counties of Kern, Inyo, Mono, and northern San Bernadino. We bring donors, volunteers, advocates, and other stakeholders together to build powerful and sustainable coalitions and partnerships.

VISION STATEMENT

We at United Way are transforming lives to create stronger, more resilient, and equitable communities where everyone thrives.

CORE VALUES

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Respect
- Commitment
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

We take the broadest possible view of diversity.

We value the visible and invisible qualities that make you who you are.

We welcome that every person brings a unique perspective and experience to advance our mission and progress our fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community.

We believe that each community member, donor, volunteer, advocate, and employee must have equal access to solving community problems.

We strive to include diversity, equity, and inclusion practices at the center of our daily work.

We commit to using these practices for our business and our communities.

Join us in embracing diversity, equity and inclusion for every person in every community.

LIVE UNITED.

Approved by the United Way U.S.A. Board of Trustees on March 6, 2019

HISTORY

United Way of Kern County is situated in a heavy agricultural and oil industry region of California, and has long sought to hold a position of genuine authority in the community – where we are a trusted leader, where we are seen as having the

community's best interests in mind, and where we have the credibility to mobilize partners to collectively address issues.

UWKC was created in 1963 and began as an organization that raises and distributes funding. Our credibility allowed donors a sense of assurance that their money would be put to good use in the Kern County community. The focus has been on determining ways to step into the leadership vacuum and demonstrate that people and groups can come together, make a difference, and then elevate and shed light on the issues that need real attention.

The UWKC board is now focused on the impact the organization is achieving and not simply on raising more money. Staff roles have been transformed. Engaging the community directly, through programs and services, and using that knowledge to guide decision making, partnership development, and other competencies needed to effectively mobilize resources have become core to the mission of UWKC.

OUR WORK

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BETTER LIVES FOR ALL IN KERN COUNTY

Everyone deserves opportunities to have a good life, a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. That's why United Way of Kern County's work is focused on the building blocks for a good life:

LEARN WELL. EARN WELL. LIVE WELL.

CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Helping children achieve their potential through early childhood development.

- Book of the Month
- Family Life Education
- Born Learning
- Raising a Reader
- Parents & Caregivers
- Kinship

HEALTH

Helping end hunger in Kern County.

- Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies
- SingleCare Prescription Saving Cards
- Clean Air Initiative

ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

Helping families become financially stable and independent.

- VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- California Mortgage Relief Program
- PG&E Reach Program
- Ride United
- 211 Kern County

Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, when people are healthy.

United Way of Kern County's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of these problems. **LIVING UNITED** means being a part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future.

OUR FOCUS



FINANCIAL STABILITY



EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY



HEALTH

GET INVOLVED

We are all part of this community and together we can make it succeed. At United Way of Kern County we believe that UNITED we can make change happen... one day at a time.

Women, Infants, & Children Program (WIC)

About WIC

WIC Program Overview

Why WIC is Valuable

Good nutrition is a foundation to good health.

Part of the nation's nutrition safety net for over 40 years, WIC now serves more than 6 million pregnant and post-partum women, infants, and children in the US. For a family to participate, it must have gross income of no more than 185 percent of the federal poverty level and be at nutritional risk. To simplify program administration, an applicant who already receives SNAP (formerly food stamps), Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash assistance is automatically considered income-eligible.



Extensive research has found WIC to be a cost-effective investment that improves the nutrition and health of low-income families- leading to healthier infants, more nutritious diets and better health care for children, and subsequently to higher academic achievement for students. As a result of the research documenting WIC's effectiveness, Administrations and Congresses of both parties have provided sufficient funding since 1997 to ensure that WIC can serve all eligible low-income pregnant women, infants, and young children who apply for it.

WIC Division Overview

In California, the WIC Program is administered by the California Department of Public Health/WIC Division. The WIC Division is one of three divisions within the Center for Family Health (CFH) of CDPH. The CDPH/WIC Division works collaboratively with 84 local agencies, with more than 500 sites, and approximately 4,000 authorized vendors to serve nearly 1 million participants each month throughout the state.

Legal Authority

The WIC Program is authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Title 42, United States Code, section 1786). The CDPH/WIC Division is authorized to administer California's WIC Program through California Health and Safety (H&S) Code sections 123275-123355.

Major Funding Sources and Administration

The California WIC Program is funded by a discretionary grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) with additional revenue obtained in rebates from infant formula manufacturers. The Program does not utilize any State General Fund. The federal grant includes separate funding for food expenditures and Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) funding which is used for State operations and to support local WIC Program operations.

Research & Data

At the state level, CDPH publishes research and data for a variety of WIC program components. These components include WIC program participants, WIC Local Agencies, WIC vendors and WIC program costs.

Contact Information

- Contact the CDPH/WIC Division
- To contact a local agency in your area to enroll in WIC, please visit our website for WIC families
- Find us on Facebook

- Follow us on Twitter @CAPublic Health
- Follow us on Instagram @capublichealth

How Can I Get WIC?

Do I qualify?

To qualify for WIC, you must meet income guidelines (PDF) and be in any of the categories below:

- A pregnant woman
- A woman breastfeeding a baby under 1 year of age
- A woman who had a baby or was pregnant in the past 6 months
- A baby up to his or her first birthday
- A child up to his or her fifth birthday
- Babies and children cared for by their fathers, other guardians, or foster parents

Not sure if you qualify?

You may qualify if you receive Medi-Cal, CalWORKs (TANF) or CalFresh (SNAP) benefits. Working families and migrant families are also welcome to apply.

Use the WIC eligibility assessment tool to see if you qualify.

Set up an appointment at a WIC local agency near you! Visit our website for WIC families to find a WIC local agency site near you.

What do I bring to my first WIC appointment?

- Each person who will be enrolling into the WIC program
- Identification — for yourself and any children age birth to 5 years
- Proof of address — a document verifying your current address
- Proof of income — current documents such as paycheck, tax return, or letter from employer

What should I expect at my first WIC appointment?

- A review of the WIC program services and benefits, including the following videos:
 - Welcome to WIC
 - WIC Foods
 - Fruits and Vegetables
 - Foods for Infants and Moms Who Breastfeed
 - California WIC Card
 - Know Your Rights and Responsibilities
- An Individualized Nutrition Assessment for each qualifying member of your family

How WIC Helps

WIC is a health and nutrition program for:

Babies

Children under 5

Pregnant Women

New Mothers

WIC provides:

Practical nutrition information and everyday healthy living tips for you and your family. Visit the Nutrition and Health page.

Nutrition experts who specialize in nutrition for mothers and their children



Support and information about breastfeeding your baby, including access to breastfeeding experts. Visit the Nutrition and Health page.

Help in finding health care and other valuable community services

Special checks to buy healthy foods – such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains, milk, eggs, bread, cereal, juice, peanut butter, soy milk, tofu and more!

California Families Grow Healthy with WIC: English (PDF) | Spanish (PDF)

Some WIC offices now offer video appointments!

Getting Started with WIC Video Appointments: English (PDF) | Spanish (PDF)

WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide

Bakersfield, CA WIC Programs, WIC Clinics, and Office Locations

View our list of WIC Clinics, Office Locations and Programs in Bakersfield, California below. Select the location to find out more specific information. See all **Kern County California WIC Clinics**.

Our list of WIC options and centers is by no means inclusive and is always growing. Please check back so you can see our latest WIC Office.

East Bakersfield Community Health Center WIC



815 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Bakersfield, CA - 93307

(661) 326-6485

Email Website

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs: 8:00am - 5:00pm Services: Adolescent and Family Services Health Insurance Assistance Program Specialty Care Services Affordable Behavioral Health Services Lab Services Virtual Medical Services Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Women's Health Services

Read more

Family Health Center WIC



1611 First Street

Bakersfield, CA - 93304

(661) 862-5422

Email Website

WIC Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm.

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Greenfield WIC



403 Boomerang Drive
Bakersfield, CA - 93307
(661) 862-5422

Email Website

Greenfield Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

[Read more](#)

CAPK WIC



500 E California Ave
Bakersfield, CA - 93307
(866) 327-3074

Email Website

WIC services are provided at no cost to pregnant women, women who just had a baby, and children up to age 5.

[Read more](#)

34th Street Community Health Center WIC



2000 Physicians Plaza
Bakersfield, CA - 93301
(661) 862-5422

Hours of operation: Between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday to Friday
Between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM on two Saturdays per month

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Benton Park WIC



2519 S.

Bakersfield, CA - 93304

(661) 862-5422

Email Website

Hours of operation: Between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday to Friday Between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

Read more

Clinica Sierra Vista - Central Bakersfield Community Health Center WIC



301 Brundage Lane

Bakersfield, CA - 93304

(661) 323-6086

Email Website

Hours of operation are subject to change, please contact the clinic to confirm hours and/or schedule an appointment. WIC is a special supplemental food program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants, and children under five years of age. WIC helps you and your baby get healthy foods and healthy advice in the first years of life.

Eligibility: Pregnant, breastfeeding, or recent

Read more

Greenfield Community Health Center WIC



9001 South H Street

Bakersfield, CA - 93307

(661) 862-5422

Email Website

Hours of operation: Between 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM on Thursday and Friday

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Mount Vernon WIC



2666 Mount Vernon, Suite B

Bakersfield, CA - 93306

(661) 862-5422

Email Website

Hours of operation: Between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Monday to Friday Between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Saturday

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Sagebrush WIC



1111 Columbus Street

Bakersfield, CA - 93305

(661) 862-5422

Email Website

Hours of operation: Between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Monday to Friday

[Read more](#)