



Kern County Network for Children The Dream Center

Wish List

Donations of new or gently used items make meaningful differences for Kern's current and former foster youth.

About the Dream Center

Named by the founding foster youth who helped design services, we assist current and former foster youth up to age 25 with successful transitioning to adulthood. More than 700 youth receive Dream Center services each year.

Dream Center Services

- Counseling
- Assistance accessing and completing educational and vocational programs
- Assistance with building life skills
- Assistance with CalFresh and MediCal
- Assistance with employment
- Resource Information and referral
- Shower and laundry facilities for homeless youth
- Social events that help youth develop social connections
- Support and advocacy

On-Site Resources

- Emergency hygiene, clothing, shoes, food, baby care items and household items made possible through donations
- Internet access
- Computer lab
- Photocopier and fax
- Telephone to make calls
- Resource library
- Bus passes for job interviews, medical and housing appointments made possible by donations
- Clothing for job interviews

Clothing Supplies

- Socks (all adult sizes)
- T-shirts (sizes M, L, XL)
- Pajamas/sleepwear (all sizes)
- Young women's underwear (all sizes)
- Men's belts
- Men's boxers (all sizes)
- Sweat shirts (all sizes) (white, grey, black)
- Sweat pants (all sizes) (white, grey, black)
- Men's and women's clothing (all sizes - casual and dress)
- Shoes

Hygiene Supplies

- Individual shampoos, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- Combs/hair brushes
- Personal care items for women

Food Items

- Individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, trail mix)
- Bottled beverages and reusable water bottle containers
- Emergency food items (soups, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, etc.)

Infants & Toddlers

- Clothes (Infant to 4T)
- Diapers & wipes
- Blankets
- Baby items of all types
- High chairs, bouncers, swings, etc.
- Baby food and formula
- Books and toys

Furnishings and Supplies for Newly Housed Youth

- Small laundry baskets
- Small trash cans
- Towels and wash clothes
- Twin sheets & blankets
- Pillows & pillow cases
- Dishes, pots and pans, utensils, small appliances (toaster, microwave, vacuum, etc.)

Help for Homeless Youth

- Daily bus passes for housing and medical appointments
- Sleeping bag

Recreation & Activity

- DVD movies
- Board games
- Books/teen movies
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Coloring books
- Crayons
- Teen magazines
- Footballs, softballs, basketballs, billiard sets, Frisbees

School Supplies

- Backpacks
- Ruled paper/notebooks
- Binders
- Pencils/pens
- Stationary

Transportation

- Skateboards
- Bikes


Your Monetary Donation Provides Dream Center Youth With

- Emergency food
- Rental deposit assistance
- Used refrigerator or stove for first apartment
- Ingredients for cooking classes
- Lunch and cake for monthly birthday celebrations
- Food items for snack bags

The Dream Center

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Office hours:
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday
Excluding holidays

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