



**2025**

**Kern County Network for Children**  
**Accredited Local Collaborative Summary**

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## Common Services & Linkages Offered by Accredited Collaboratives

Services Offered	Arvin	Buttonwillow	Bakersfield - Greenfield	Frazier Park	Lake Isabella	Lamont	Lost Hills	McFarland	Mojave	Richardson Center	Ridgecrest	Shafter	Wasco	Weedpatch
Application Assistance (MediCal, Housing, CalFresh)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Assistance with Tax Returns	X	X				X			X	X	X		X	
Behavioral & Mental Health Referrals	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Case Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities (April)	X				X	X	X			X			X	
Child Care Funds & Referrals		X		X	X				X	X	X			
Child Development Screenings & Referrals	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Code Compliance Reporting		X			X							X		
Collaborative Meetings	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Commodity Food Distribution		X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	
Community Gardens					X	X				X				
Community Room for AA and NA meetings			X											
Community Resource Fairs	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Dental Clinics		X	X		X	X		X		X			X	
Dental Screenings		X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X	
EDD Worker Monthly-- Unemployment, SSI, Disability, Parent Leave ACT	X	X			X	X		X		X		X		
Education Advocacy	X				X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Emergency clothing, food, diapers, etc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
English as a Second Language Classes						X	X			X		X		
Environmental Prevention- Underage Drinking, Tobacco & Drug Abuse	X	X	X		X					X				
Food/Clothing Bank	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Health Care Services					X	X			X	X	X		X	X
Health Insurance Outreach/Health Ed.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X

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Health Screenings	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X		X	
Holiday Events	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Housing Referrals	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X
Immunization Clinics	X	X	X		X	X				X		X	X	
Legal Assistance (GBLA)			X	X	X	X			X	X	X			
Mentoring Programs					X				X	X	X	X		
Migrant Education	X					X	X			X		X	X	X
Money Management				X	X				X	X	X			
Neighborhood Cleanups					X					X				
Nutrition Classes		X	X	X	X	X				X				X
Parent Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parent Resource Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Parent Support Groups		X	X		X	X				X				
Parent Workshops	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X
Policy Advocacy & Education					X	X				X				
Prenatal Care Referrals				X	X				X	X	X	X		
Preschool Programs & Scholarships	X				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Prescription Drug Assistance				X						X			X	
Protective Factors Framework Trainings					X					X		X		
Public Transportation Vouchers			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		
Recreational Activities					X					X			X	
Resource Library	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			
Resource Library consisting of books and materials about child development	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			
School Readiness	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Senior Citizen Nutrition & General Health Programs					X					X				
Tax Return Applications	X	X			X				X	X	X			
Town Hall Meetings					X				X		X			
Transportation	X		X		X	X			X	X	X	X		X
Utility Assistance Programs				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Vision Service Plan Vouchers or Referrals					X	X				X		X		
Volunteer Opportunities	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			X
Youth Coalition/ Leadership Training			X			X				X			X	

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Buttonwillow Community Resource Center*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Buttonwillow

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 4th Monday Quarterly- September, November, February, and April

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 1:30pm

**Collaborative Meeting Location:** Virtual

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**Community Concern:** Rising living costs have led to a significant increase in food, making it difficult for families in our small town to meet basic necessities.

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Emergency food pantry and donations received from the school.
- ♦ Refer clients to 211 when in need of housing & utilities assistance.
- ♦ Getting families to attend parent group meetings or events.
- ♦ Try to increase agency partnerships through collaboration.
- ♦ Partners with the Buttonwillow Union School District, Recreation and Park District, The Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, The Buttonwillow Foundation, and the Senior Center, as well as the local churches and stores in the community to obtain resources for those in most need.

**Community Concern:** Health care needs.

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Assist clients with applying for insurance and refer to local health care and behavioral assistance agencies.
- ♦ Partner with Kern Family Health and Omni for healthcare resources and mobile health units.
- ♦ Will collaborate with Kern Family Health and bring in more assistance when needed.

**Additional Comment:** The Buttonwillow FRC relocated offices within the Buttonwillow Union School District campus and opened back to the public in February 2025.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *East Kern Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Eastern Kern County

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 2:00pm – 3:00pm

**Collaborative Meeting Location:** Virtual

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**Community Concern:** Family Support Services and Lack of Affordable Housing

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Refer individuals to our M street Navigation program, Flood Ministries, and the Open-Door Network if families are involved. We continue to seek more resources for unhoused clients within East Kern County.
- ♦ Actively seeking partnerships with community organizations to expand services across East Kern County. Without collaboration among CAPK departments and local partners, many low-income families would face traveling over 100 miles for assistance—a significant barrier that limits access to essential services.

**Community Concern:** Food Insecurities

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ We are assisting families in Quarter 1, by serving 2,888 individuals with Food assistance, Emergency Clothing, Baby items, utility assistance, laundry services, and many other services.
- ♦ CAPK's Food Bank provides family resource center food pantry with food baskets that are distributed to assist families and individuals within the community.

**Community Concern:** Medical and Mental Health Services

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Referring families to Mobile Clinics and the few medical offices in East Kern County.
- ♦ We provide bus tickets and gas cards for those families facing a medical condition which needs to be addressed sooner than later.

**Additional Comment:** Celebrated the ribbon cutting of our expanded East Kern Family Resource Center based in Mojave in May 2025. This expansion includes a new laundry room—a game-changer in a city with no laundromats—a classroom space to support educational programming, and extra storage for clothing, food, and essentials for local families. Also, Held a Back-Pack Drive/Night Owl Event in August.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Greenfield H.E.L.P.S. Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Greenfield School District

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 2nd Thursday of the Month, August to May

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 9:00am – 10:30am

**Collaborative Meeting Location:** GFRC Office, 5400 Monitor Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307

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**Community Concern:** Food Insecurities and Basic Needs

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Assist clients with access to food resources, health care insurance/materials, and other healthcare application assistance.
- ♦ CAPK's Food Bank provides family resource center with food baskets that are distributed to assist families and individuals' multiple times per month.
- ♦ Have an on-site district-wide clothing bank to provide essentials to families in need.

**Community Concern:** Access to Health Care Services

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Work collaboratively with multiple partners to bring new and innovative workshops that highlight aspects of family health, mental health services, nutrition education, anti-substance use prevention education, etc.
- ♦ We have made new partnerships with health care entities like Omni Family Health, Kern Medical, Clinica Sierra Vista, Kern Family Health Care, etc. to bring a multitude of mobile health units to the Greenfield community. These clinics are available to the community and provide access to much needed health resources/services.
- ♦ Have seen an uptake in referrals for mental health services over the past few years. Many parents and young people in our service area are requesting assistance for mental health.

**Additional Comments:** We appreciate your ongoing support.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Indian Wells Valley (I WV) Community Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Ridgecrest, Inyokern, Johannesburg, Randsburg, Red Mountain, Cantil

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 3rd Wednesday of the month except July and December

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 10:00am

**Collaborative Meeting Location:** Virtually & Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Conference Room Springhill Suites, 113 E. Sydnor Ave., Ridgecrest, CA

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**Community Concern:** Family Supportive Services In Outlying Area

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Key partnerships include behavioral health agencies, domestic violence resources, early childhood education agencies, veteran's resources, and local employment resource agencies are among the consistent resources that attend the collaborative meeting on a regular basis.
- ♦ Invite new agencies to attend meetings and provide information of supportive services available to the community.
- ♦ The housing prices and the availability of affordable rental homes has increased dramatically making it difficult for the lower income families we serve to find appropriate housing. The increased costs of housing also continue to contribute to families struggling to pay utility expenses and keep reliable transportation. The other continuing trend we have seen is the high turnover in staff at our behavioral health provider and now the change in the parent company has made it even more difficult for families to access and engage in needed mental health and substance abuse counseling services. One of the priorities of the collaborative is to make sure families/clients served are aware of the resources that are available to them.
- ♦ The increased costs of housing also continue to contribute to families struggling to pay utility expenses and keep reliable transportation. With AI taking over many of the local fast food industry jobs, the lack of basic employment opportunities has made it difficult for some people to find employment. We continue to support organizations working with families/clients that way they are aware of the resources that are available to them.

**Additional Comments:** I WV Collaborative meeting is a very well attended meeting in our community. We have between 25 and 35 attendees every month and the attendance are trending up recently. We are in-person only meetings and the attendance and participation continue to be good, thank you.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Kern River Valley Family Resource Center Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Kern River Valley

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of the month except July and December

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 9:30am – 10:30am

**Collaborative Meeting Location:** Kern River Valley Library, 7050 Lake Isabella Blvd. CA, 93240

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**Community Concern:** Support Families with Healthcare Concerns

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Work with existing collaborative partners to promote access to health care services such as local pediatrics, dental, Medi-Cal, OBGYN, and specialist.
- ♦ Provide Lice treatments and preventative information, home visitor school referral program, and Telehealth docs with KFHC insurance members.
- ♦ Work with existing locations to encourage clinics to recruit specialists, mental health services, and primary health care that is accessible to the locals.

**Community Concern:** Family Support Services

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Work with collaborate partners, local churches, and schools to bring services that can address/support with food insecurity, utility assistance, behavioral/mental health, childcare, housing, and transportation assistance.
- ♦ Promote parent education and parent participation in community events.
- ♦ Link families to services available in the community and educate parents of community programs.
- ♦ Talk with community members regarding this issue to bring more services to the area.

**Additional Comments:** Domestic Violence Classes/Court Mandated Classes started in January 2025. Currently offering Lice treatments and Tela-doc services. Providing Parents As Teachers Services for families with children 0-5 years old.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Lost Hills Community Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Lost Hills

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** January 9, 2025, May 08, 2025, September 04, 2025

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 10:00am

**Collaborative Meeting Location:** Virtual and District Board Room, 20951 Pavilion Way Lost Hills Ca

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**Community Concern:** Family Supportive Services such as Food, Clothing, and Healthcare.

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Monthly food commodities distribution in partnership with the CAPK Food Bank commodities, food resources through partnership with Gleaners Food Bank, and Chevron for food during the holidays.
- ♦ Accepting walk-ins during office hours to pick up necessary supplies such as clothing and food.
- ♦ Collaborate with agencies to connect families to essential supports, including medical enrollment outreach, renewals, wellness workshops, and Kern Family Health Care's Enhanced Care Management services—providing access to healthy food deliveries, transportation for appointments, and housing assistance.
- ♦ Have been able to learn about new resources like the adult telehealth services through Clinica Sierra Vista and other agency support.

**Community Concern:** Early Childhood education preschool, education for parents and community members.

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Promoting the preschool and the resource has been attending community events.
- ♦ Case Manage families to provide services through the home-base and center-base programs using the Parents As Teachers evidence-based curriculum.
- ♦ We continue to promote the Abusive Head Trauma (SBS) trainings to the community as well as car seat inspections.
- ♦ Continue to support organizations working with children and parent education and invite new agencies to Collaborative meetings.

**Additional Comments:** The FRC applied and received the DHS- First 5 grant we were able to purchase about 40 car seats to be able to replace car seats that do not pass the inspection. awarded this grant again and will be using the funding to purchase sweater, jackets and hygiene products to have available for community needs.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *McFarland Family Resource Center Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** McFarland

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 2nd Tuesday of the month

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 2:00pm

**Collaborative Meeting Location or Virtual:** Virtual

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**Community Concern:** Health, emotional well-being, and safety of the children of McFarland.

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Continuous collaboration with partners that can help identify families in need.
- ♦ Seek additional funding for much-needed services within the community.
- ♦ Link families to services available in the community and educate parents of community programs.

**Community Concern:** Early childhood education

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Provide educational preparation for children 3-5 years of age in McFarland.
- ♦ Work with parents to ensure that children will enter school ready to learn, in good health, and immunized.
- ♦ Work with collaborative partners to bring programs to McFarland that promote positive children health and wellness services.
- ♦ Promote parent education and parent participation in community events.

**Community Concern:** Increased Unemployment, Housing Instability, and Utility Assistance Needs.

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Continuous collaboration with partners that can help identify families in need and support with resources.
- ♦ Seek additional funding for much-needed services within the community.
- ♦ Link families to services available in the community and educate parents of community programs.

**Additional Comments:** The collaboratives have been a valuable resource where different agencies can meet and share the variety of services that are available within Kern County.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Mountain Communities Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Frazier Park, Lebec, Pinon Pines, Lake of the Woods, Pine Mtn. Club

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 3th Thursday of the month in Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sept., and Nov.

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 10:00 am

**Collaborative Meeting Location or Virtual:** Virtual, and two in-person meetings in May and September.

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**Community Concern:** Health Services

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Received presentations from Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services regarding behavioral health and were able to discuss the demand for mental health services and the various concerns surrounding this issue with our collaborative partners.
- ♦ A great number of the Medi-Cal recipients are covered by Kern Family Health Care and their presentation provided valuable insight for our advocates to learn about the different programs they offer.
- ♦ Working closely with the schools to further support linking families with mental health services and continuously working with collaborative partners to enhance the healthcare service in the community.

**Community Concern:** Housing and Supportive Services

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ This year our office was not able to offer Emergency Food and Shelter assistance. However, we continue to refer families to agencies that support with resources.
- ♦ Expanding collaboration with agencies such as El Tejon School District, First 5 Kern, Chamber of Commerce, Frazier Mountain Community Church, Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church and Pine Mountain Club P.O.A.
- ♦ The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program through CAPK visited Frazier Park and provided our community with free income tax assistance. These agencies along with others, such as the South Kern Family Justice Center, GBLA, and Aging and Adult Services have been able to bring their services directly to our community which has been particularly beneficial for clients who may experience transportation barriers.

**Additional Comments:** By actively participating in KCNC collaboratives it has allowed us to expand our mission and continue to stay current with the related issues of our collaborative.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Richardson Special Needs Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Bakersfield and Kern County (Owens Primary School, Richardson Center, Ming Avenue Child Development Center, Fairgrounds Child Development Center, Downtown Child Development Center)

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** Meet Quarterly

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Collaborative Meeting Location or Virtual:** In-Person at 1515 Feliz Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93307

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**Community Concern:** Basic Needs

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ The family advocate discusses the needs for food/clothing and ask questions about the family's resources to secure needed items. It is our goal to ensure that all referred families served will be provided with food, clothing, child care, and referrals made for housing needs as needed.
- ♦ The family advocate assist parents in a process of finding ways to insure they will be able (in the future) to better meet their basic needs.
- ♦ Work with collaborative partners to bring more services that aid with utility assistance, housing, food, utility bills, SSI assistance, and behavioral needs.

**Community Concern:** Addressing the educational needs of children served and promote parent trainings to meet the needs for the families that have children with disabilities.

**Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Brainstorm with parents to gather feedback and provide appropriate trainings to continue providing educational tools that will help the families meet the need at home for their child.
- ♦ Our Collaborative continue to work closely with service providers to resolve any service delivery concerns and continue to maintain positive relationships and open communication with service providers.

**Additional Comments:** RSNC appreciates the support and networking opportunities to obtain the tools needed to continue to help the families and their children with disabilities.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Shafter Family Resource Center Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** The City of Shafter

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 3rd Wednesday of every month

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 9:00 am – 10:00 am

**Collaborative Meeting Location or Virtual:** Virtual

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**Community Concern:** Need for more low-income housing & utility assistance.

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Have collaborative speakers on housing options and work with community members/landlords.
- ♦ Refer clients to 211 or the Department of Human Services Housing Unit for assistance.
- ♦ More regularly, families have reached out seeking utility assistance; however, it is also known that there is a lack of funding. FRC staff often refers families to the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), but the lack of funding often leaves families struggling or needing to set up payment plans.

**Community Concern:** Family Support Services

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Partnered with Catholic Charities of Bakersfield to host food drives every other month, providing up to 250 bags of food at each event.
- ♦ Families often request assistance with obtaining car seats for their children, hygiene items, clothing, and support with mental health services.
- ♦ Provides office space to Medi-Cal Assistance representative who assists clients with Medi-Cal needs and office space to EDD representative who assists with unemployment benefits and/or disability insurance benefits.
- ♦ For families who face domestic violence, we connect them with the Open Door Network, who helps with filing restraining orders and accessing counseling services. Also, refer clients to the child and adult clinics at Clarvida (previously College Community Services) for behavioral health care needs.

**Additional Comments:** Received funding from various grants provided by Kern Health Systems Community Grant, and First 5 Kern, and the Kaiser Permanente Community Health Care Program. These grants have enabled us to assist families by providing car seats, gift cards for clothing purchases, transportation gas, and laundry services. Through California Community Schools Partnership Program grant funding, we will be expanding our food pantry in the 2025-2026 school year. We thank KCNC as well for their continued support.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *South Valley Neighborhood Partnership – Arvin/Lamont/Weedpatch Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** Arvin, Lamont, and Weedpatch

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 1st Thursday of each month except January and July

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 10:00 am

**Collaborative Meeting Location or Virtual:** Varies In-Person, call for location.

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**Community Concern:** Connection and coordination of services, barriers to service due to isolated, and rural nature of communities.

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Improve the system of care for children and families by strengthening provider coordination and connecting school-based services and resources. This is achieved through regular partner meetings to promote collaboration, professional learning for family support staff, and FRC one-stop resource centers that link families to available services.  
Support homeless and foster youth by ensuring access to essential resources. Local FRCs serve as liaisons for students, connecting families to services such as housing, food, and educational support.

**Community Concern:** Unemployment, job training, access to public benefits, and health services.

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ Expanding access to adult education, including High School Diploma, ESL, nutrition, parent education, educational workshops, and others, as well as reducing unemployment and access to job training and employment resources and supports, as well as increasing access in the local community through co-location of services from EDD.
- ♦ Increased awareness of and access to public benefits through connecting families accessing services to available resources at local one-stop and resource provider locations. This includes the implementation of the UniteUs and BenefitsCal platforms to support families in accessing resources at local FRCs. Increasing access to health insurance and services.
- ♦ Increase in availability of services locally for families through co-location of services such as GBLA, EDD, Medi-Cal and health insurance, and others, as we invite partners to continue collaborating.

**Additional Comments:** The Vineland SD, LESD, and Arvin FRCs remain committed to providing needed services and resources, and we're thrilled to have a third center serving South Valley families in the Weedpatch community. We also welcome a new FRC coordinator to support collaborative activities and future accreditation efforts.

## **Collaborative Overview**

**Collaborative Name:** *Wasco Collaborative*

**Targeted Community/Neighborhood:** City of Wasco

**Contact:** Korinna Campbell & Carlos Barraza

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**Collaborative Meeting Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Collaborative Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

**Collaborative Meeting Location or Virtual:** Educational Resource Center, 1102 5th St, Wasco, CA 93280

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**Community Concern:** Family Support Services

### **Key Strategies:**

- ♦ The collaborative meetings will target the issues of health and wellness, housing/utility assistance, education, mental health, lack of food and clothing, and basic family needs.
- ♦ Monthly meetings raise awareness of local programs and resources while fostering partnerships among schools, healthcare providers, businesses, churches, and community organizations to create a strong network of support.
- ♦ Initiatives include Parent Education Nights on topics such as parenting, mental health, and nutrition; a Resource Hub (online and on-site) connecting families to food, healthcare, housing, and utility assistance; and efforts to improve transportation for medical appointments outside Wasco.
- ♦ Housing remains a major need in our community, with a significant demand for affordable and stable housing options. Many families are currently living in shared housing situations because they cannot afford a place of their own.
- ♦ Transportation: Travel to and from medical appointments (Outside of Wasco). Connect families to MCP to get transportation assistance.

**Additional Comments:** We continue to work closely with partner agencies to bring those services to the families of Wasco. Community/School Events: Back to School Giveaway, Parent Education Nights (Minimum 2 per school year), TK/Kinder Readiness Enrollment Event, Coats and Cuts Winter Event (Local Barbers, Hairdressers), and District Advisory Meetings (DELAC/DAC).