

Family Resource Centers & Collaboratives

Highlights / Events / Collaboration



Kern County Collaborative Meetings

Contact the collaborative coordinator for virtual link or for in-person location information.

****KCNC General Collaborative Meeting**
3rd Thursday monthly, 8:30 am
DARK Jul., Nov., Dec.
Next Meeting: September 17, 2026
Yadira Vargas (661) 636-4920

****Buttonwillow Collaborative**
4th Monday, 1:30 pm
(Sept., Nov., Feb., April)
Next Meeting: Sept. 28, 2026
Serena Garcia (661) 764-9405

***Delano Neighborhood Partnership**
1st Tuesday monthly, 9:30 am
DARK July & January
Next Meeting: September 1, 2026
Linda Hinojosa (661) 721-7036

***Eagle Talk Collaborative**
1st Wednesday monthly, 9:00 am
DARK Jun., Jul., Aug.
Next Meeting: September 2, 2026
Yareli Tamayo (661) 631-3246

****East Kern Collaborative**
3rd Tuesday monthly, 2:00 pm
DARK November & December
Next Meeting: September 15, 2026
Anna Saavedra (661) 824-4118

****Greenfield H.E.L.P.S. Collab.**
2nd Thursday monthly, 9:00 am
DARK June & July
Next Meeting: September 10, 2026
Jordan Green (661) 837-3720

****Indian Wells Valley Collab.**
3rd Wednesday monthly, 10:00 am
DARK July & December
Next Meeting: September 16, 2026
Kandi Smith (760) 375-4357

***Kern Disability Collaborative**
2nd Wednesday monthly, 1:00 pm
DARK June & July
Next Meeting: September 9, 2026
Bernadette Madrid or
Rebecca Core-Turner (661) 368-5559

****Kern River Valley Collaborative**
3rd Tuesday monthly, 9:30 am
DARK July & December
Next Meeting: September 15, 2026
Wendy Holland (760) 379-2556

****Lost Hills Collaborative**
(26-27: Sept. 3, 2026, March 4, 2027)
1st Thursday on list dates, 10:00 am
Next Meeting: September 3, 2026
Leticia Limon (661) 797-3041

****McFarland Community Collab.**
2nd Tuesday monthly, 2:00 pm
DARK June & July
Next Meeting: September 8, 2026
Margie Perez (661) 792-1883

****Mountain Communities Collab.**
3rd Thursday bi-monthly, 10 am
DARK Jun., Aug., Dec.
(*July 16, *Sept. 17, *Nov. 19)
Next Meeting: September 17, 2026
Claudia Cuba (661) 245-4303

**ARVIN FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER**
300 FRANKLIN STREET
ARVIN, CA
661-854-6565

- Social Security Application
- VITA- United Way
- Housing Application Assist.
- Medi-Cal and CalFresh Assistance
- EDD Services (unemployment, disability and paid family leave)
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.arvinschools.com/family-resource-center

**BUTTONWILLOW
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER**
42600 HWY. 58,
BUTTONWILLOW, CA
(661) 764-9405

- Case Management/Home Based for families 0-5 children
- Nurturing Parenting Classes
- Medi-Cal, Covered California, EDD Services
- Food Commodities every 3rd Friday of the month
- Emergency Food
- Local Resources Referrals
- www.buttonwillow.k12.ca.us

**DELANO COMMUNITY
CONNECTION CENTER**
1842 NORWALK ST.
DELANO, CA
(661) 721-7036

- Nurturing Parenting Classes
- Food Distributions
- HEAP Assistance Referrals
- Car Seat Distribution Delano PD
- School Readiness Pre-K
- Local Resources Referrals
- www.duesd.org/departments/community-connection-center

**EAST KERN FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER**
15662 K STREET
MOJAVE, CA
(661) 824-4118

- Case Management
- Washers On Site
- Food, Clothing, & More
- First 5 Kern Services
- HEAP and VITA Assistance
- HMIS Homeless Services
- School Readiness Pre-K
- www.facebook.com/EastKernFRC/

**GREENFIELD FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER**
5400 MONITOR ST.
BAKERSFIELD, CA
(661) 837-3720

- Families Enrichment and Nutrition Classes
- Food, Utility Assistance, & Health Insurance Referral Services
- Immunization Clinic, Medical Enrollment, & Health Screenings
- www.facebook.com/greenfieldrc

**KERN RIVER VALLEY FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER**
2810 NUGGET AVE.
LAKE ISABELLA, CA
(760) 379-2556

- Early Child Home Visiting Program (0-5) & School Referrals Case Management
- Lice Treatments
- Community Classes: Anger Management, Nurturing Parent, Parent Project/Loving Solutions, KFHC Healthy Living/Diabetic, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Protective Factors
- Medical Enrollment & Renewal
- www.kernvilleusd.org

**LESF FAMILY SUCCESS
CENTER**
7915 BURGUNDY AVENUE,
LAMONT, CA
(661) 845-2724

- Resource & Referral Services Monday to Friday 8am-7pm
- Community Classes: Parent Project, Parents on a Mission, Court Mandated, ESL, High School Diploma, Computers, Family Literacy, Workshops, and More!
- www.facebook.com/lesdfamilies

**LOST HILLS FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER**
14823 OFFICE LANE
LOST HILLS, CA
(661) 797-3062

- Food Commodities 3rd Friday of the Month
- Abusive Head Trauma/ Shaken Baby Syndrome Trainings
- School Readiness Pre-K
- Medi-Cal Enrollment Service
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.losthills.k12.ca.us

**MCFARLAND FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER**
410 EAST PERKINS AVE
MCFARLAND, CA
(661) 792-1883

- Case Management
- Parent Education Classes
- Center-Based Activities
- Utility Assistance
- Emergency Food Baskets
- www.mcfarlandusd.com

**MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**
3015 MT. PINOS WAY, #201
FRAZIER PARK, CA
(661) 245-4303

- Family Success Coaching
- One-stop for Resources & Referrals
- Emergency Food/Hygiene
- Children's Circle every Wednesday 11am-12pm
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.facebook.com/fp.mcfrco

**OASIS FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER**
814 N. NORMA STREET
RIDGECREST, CA
(760) 248-3221

- Emergency Food/Hygiene
- HMIS Homeless Services
- Nurturing Parenting Classes
- School Readiness Pre-K
- Case Management Services
- HEAP and VITA Assistance
- Car Seat Checks
- www.facebook.com/CAPKOasis

**RICHLAND FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER**
BEHIND GOLDEN OAK ELEM.
S. VALLEY STREET, ROOM 143
SHAFTER, CA
(661) 746-8690

- School Readiness Pre-K
- Case Management of Families (0-5) & School Referrals
- Medi-Cal & EDD Services
- Nurturing Parenting Classes
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.facebook.com/rsdhealthystart

SAFE HAVEN KIDS' LEAGUE
RESOURCE CENTER
9072 CALIFORNIA CITY BLVD.,
CALIFORNIA CITY, CA
(760) 338-3488

- Premier Mobile Clinic
Second Tuesday of Month
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Food Distribution every
4th Tuesday at 11am
- Food Pantry every
Tues. & Fri 10am-2pm
- Clothes, Shoes, Infant
Essentials & School Supplies
- www.shklcrg.org

SIERRA SANDS USD
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
1305 N. NORMA ST.
RIDGECREST, CA
(760) 499-1780

- Clothing Closet
- Hygiene Products
- School Supplies
- Computer Center
- Parenting Classes
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.ssusd.org/page/family-resource-center

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT &
COMMUNITY CENTER
2800 ROSAMOND BLVD.
ROSAMOND, CA
(661) 256-5000 EXT. 1215

- Free Library Books
- College Application
Assistance
- Resume Building Assistance
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.skusd.k12.ca.us

VINELAND
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
14713 WEEDPATCH HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA
(661) 845-3713

- Backpacks & School Supplies
- Food Pantry
- School Readiness Pre-K
- Parenting Classes
- KMC Mobile Unit (bi-weekly)
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.vineland.k12.ca.us

(WASCO) EDUCATION AND
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
440 GRIFFITH AVE.
WASCO, CA
(661) 758-7150

- Emergency Food and
Clothing Distribution
Resources
- School Readiness Pre-K
- Local Resource Referrals
- <https://www.wuesd.org/>

WEST SIDE OUTREACH &
LEARNING CENTER
500 CASCADE PLACE, STE. C
TAFT, CA
(661) 763-4246, EXT. 0

- Family Success Coaching
- Preschool Program
- Parent Education Classes
- Case Management for
Families of 0-5 Children
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.facebook.com/westsideoutreachlearning

Faith Based Resource Center
Open to All Regardless of Religion

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF
BAKERSFIELD
825 CHESTER AVE
BAKERSFIELD, CA
(661) 281-2130

- Free Programs & Services
- Food Pantry
- Diaper Program
- Enhanced Care Management
- Workforce Programs
- www.ccdof.org

Resource Center for American
Indian and Alaska Natives

BAKERSFIELD AMERICAN
INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT
501 40TH ST
BAKERSFIELD, CA
(661) 327-4030

- General Medical Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Cultural & Spiritual Services
- www.bakersfieldaihp.org

Resource Center for
2SLGBTQIA+

THE CENTER FOR SEXUALITY
& GENDER DIVERSITY
902 18TH ST.
BAKERSFIELD, CA
(661)843-7795

- Peer Support Groups
- Mental Health Services
- Community Health
Resources
- Social Events
- www.thecenterbak.org

Resource Centers for families with members who have disabilities and/or special needs in Kern County

H.E.A.R.T.S. CONNECTION
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
4500 CALIFORNIA AVE
BAKERSFIELD, CA
(661) 328-9055

- Parent to Parent
Support/Mentor Program
- Parent Trainings
- Autism Support Services
- Assistance at IEP Meetings
- www.heartsfrc.org

RICHARDSON SPECIAL NEEDS
COLLABORATIVE
1515 FELIZ DR
BAKERSFIELD, CA
(661) 336-5480

- Case Management for
Children 0-5 Years Old
- Parent Trainings for Special
Needs Children
- Refer out to Preschool
- Local Resource Referrals
- www.kcsos.org

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY CENTER
3121 N. SILLECT AVE. # 303
BAKERSFIELD CA
(661) 873-4973

- Social Security and Cal Fresh
Application Assistance for
Kern Regional Center Clients
- Early Start Bimonthly
Playgroups for KRC Clients
- Community Navigator
Assistance & Resources and
Referrals for KRC Clients
- www.kernefc.org

KERN COUNTY NETWORK FOR
CHILDREN (DREAM CENTER)
1801 19TH ST,
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
(661) 636-4488

- Foster Youth Services
(16-24 year-olds)
- Kern Regional Center
- Renter's Rights
- Food, Clothes, & More
- www.facebook.com/dreamcenterkerncounty/

September 2026: Suicide Prevention Month
A time to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage open conversations about mental health. It is an opportunity for families, caregivers, schools, and communities to come together to support emotional well-being and remind those who may be struggling that help is available and hope is real.

Parent Action Step: Set aside time to check in with your child about their feelings, stress levels, and overall well-being. Create a safe, nonjudgmental space where they feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and emotions. Talk about healthy coping strategies, the importance of asking for help when needed, and who their trusted adults are at home, school, and in the community. Encourage open communication, listen without judgment, and remind them that seeking support is a sign of strength. Take time to learn the warning signs of emotional distress and familiarize yourself with available mental health resources.

Together, families, schools, and communities can promote hope, strengthen mental wellness, and create supportive environments that help prevent suicide.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

****Oildale Community Partnership***
1st Wednesday bi-monthly, 2:00 pm
DARK Jun., Jul., Aug., Sept
Next Meeting: October 7, 2026
Paulina Diaz (661) 444-3663

*****Richardson Special Needs Collaborative***
2nd Thursday quarterly, 2:00 pm
DARK Jun., Jul., Aug., Oct., Nov., Jan.
Next Meeting: September 10, 2026
Ana Gomez(661) 336-5481

*****Shafter Community Collaborative***
3rd Wednesday monthly, 11:00 am
DARK July & December
Next Meeting: September 16, 2026
Adam Alvidrez (661) 746-8690

*****South Valley Neighborhood Arvin/Lamont/Weedpatch***
1st Thursday monthly, 10:00 am
DARK July & January
Next Meeting: September 3, 2026
Janet Hernandez (661) 845-2724

****Veteran's Collaborative***
4th Thursday bi-monthly, 10:00 am
DARK November & December
Next Meeting: September 24, 2026
Jenny Frank (661) 395-4312

*****Wasco Collaborative***
4th Wednesday monthly, 10:00 am
DARK Jun., Jul., Aug., Nov., Dec.
Next Meeting: September 23, 2026
Korinna Campbell (661)758-7443

****West Side (Taft) Collaborative***
2nd Tuesday, bi-monthly, 2:00 pm
DARK Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec.
Next Meeting: September 8, 2026
Stephanie Molina (661) 745-4507

****In-Person Only *Virtual Only***
****Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual)***
****KCNC Accredited***

5 Protective Factors

- 1. Parental Resilience-**
The ability of parents to manage stress and function well when faced with challenges and adversity.
- 2. Social Connections-**
The ability to develop positive relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and others to have a support network.
- 3. Concrete Support-**
The ability to access basic necessities that everyone deserves, medical, mental health, social, educational, legal services.
- 4. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development-**
Learning about prenatal, infant, and child development, and using developmentally and contextually appropriate parenting practices.
- 5. Social & Emotional Competence of Children-**
The ability of children to understand and label their emotions and the emotions of others and to form positive relationships with other children and adults.


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Network for Children
Our Children. Our Community.

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Bakersfield, CA 93301
Phone: (661) 636-4900
www.kcnc.org

