



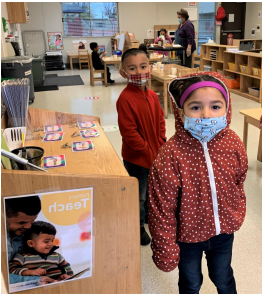
Community Action Partnership of Kern is committed to opening the doors of opportunity for all people in Kern County. That's why we're excited about all the open door stories we have to share in this week's CAPK in Action Newsletter. Transportation helps link students to education and fun and homeless individuals to jobs and medical care. Our Head Start centers open their doors to more students. And we hear Harold's story about the path he took to his own front door.

Friendship House Hits the Road

Transportation is a vital link between the Friendship House Community Center and the children and teens who find a safe sanctuary for fun and learning in this southeast Bakersfield haven. So the arrival of the Friendship House Van this month is a very big deal. This shiny new vehicle was made possible with financial support from Bank of the Sierra and the the Friendship House Community Center Advisory Board. It provides children from the community a way to attend Learning Pod, after-school, summer, and tutoring programs at the Friendship House. And it will empower staff to offer short field trips and other educational opportunities to the center's youth.

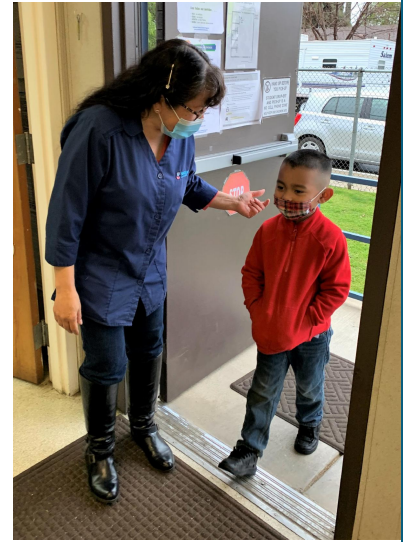


Head Start Welcomes Back our Friends



March 15 was a great day for CAPK's Head Start Program. Teaching teams were able to re-open their doors to many preschoolers who had been attending school virtually since June. Nine centers were able to reopen under county Public Health guidelines and Head Start health and safety protocols, with a total of 13 classrooms offering services to 130 children and their families. The day was

cold and rainy but the students were excited for their teachers to open the classroom doors so they could join their friends in a day of learning. CAPK is elated to see so many children once again experiencing hands-on learning in our high-quality programs. Most children are learning in a hybrid model, which allows them to attend two days in person and two days virtually, allowing all children to return to an in-person classroom experience.



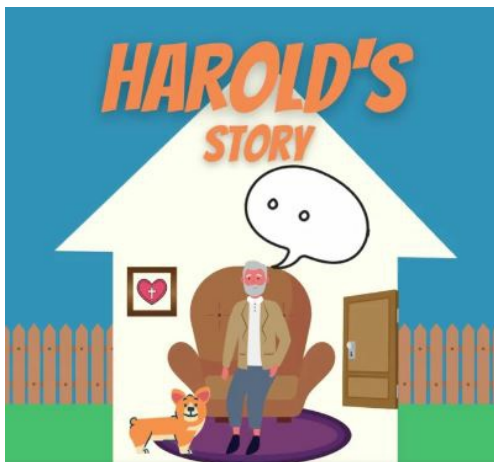
Transportation Accelerates the Road to Housing

M Street Navigation Center also has a new vehicle to serve shelter residents who are working their way toward homes and brighter futures.

Finishing that journey often means our clients need to travel to jobs, health appointments or other meetings that aren't already available through the robust resources offered at M Street by our partner agencies. This vehicle makes those trips possible - helping our clients pursue their dreams without a speed limit.



Harold's Story details the Power of Partnership



M Street Navigation Center helps people experiencing homelessness prepare for housing and find new homes because it is part of a community of partners working side-by-side to help people and change lives.

Harold's Story is a great example of how this powerful community changed one life.

Listen to Harold share about his journey from a camp in Jastro Park to his own new home thanks to Flood Ministries, M Street Navigation Center, the Housing Authority of Kern County and other partners like Kern Medical, Kern County Behavioral Health and CityServe.

Hear Harold's

We continue to encourage everyone to educate themselves about COVID-19 vaccinations and sign up for your shot as soon as you are eligible. Please use the resources below to learn more.



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