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CAPK Leadership and Programs

Community Action Partnership of Kern is grateful for chances to connect with elected officials and legislative leaders here in the counties we serve and at the state and federal level to help them understand the impact of Community Action on our communities. We've had a couple great opportunities to do that in the past week. We also have some great news to share about the good work CAPK leaders are doing in Kern County and how our programs are ready to help those in need.

Community Services Funding

Community Action Partnership of Kern CEO Jeremy Tobias spoke before a joint hearing of the California Assembly and Senate Health and Human Services committees on Tuesday, August 17. The hearing was focused on the Community Services Block Grant program which provides funding for many of the services that CAPK provides to the community. Jeremy spoke about the community accountability, client involvement and local control that are built into the program to ensure that the people we serve have a say in designing programs to address the needs in communities where they live. California Senator Melissa Hurtado, who represents many of the cities and neighborhoods served by CAPK, is chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and lead the meeting. She also met with CAPK's statewide association CalCAPA to talk about how we can partner to help low-income and diverse communities overcome institutional challenges and thrive.

[Watch the Hearing to Learn More](#)



Congressman David Valadao

Congressman David Valadao visited the Community Action Partnership of Kern Food Bank with district staff Cody Moses and Waylon Young. The Congressman and his staff have been supportive of the Food Bank and plans to expand our facility to serve more people. CAPK CEO Jeremy Tobias, CPO Traco Matthews and Director of Administration Pritika Ram joined CAPK Foundation board members Kevin Burton and Ariana Joven and staff from the Food Bank to give the Congressman, a Kings County dairy farmer, a tour of the facility. Congressman Valadao trained a knowledgeable eye on the products and supply chain CAPK can bring to bear to address hunger and food insecurity in Kern County.





Rental Assistance Aimed at Preventing Eviction

Community Action Partnership of Kern's Rental Assistance Program is focused on helping the most at-risk renters and apartment dwellers stay in their homes when the Sept. 30, 2021 state moratorium on evictions is lifted. We encourage applicants to gather documents prior to submitting an application through the button below: proof of income, a form of identity, a copy of their lease and some sort of notices showing how far behind they are on their rent. This program not only helps renters but it ensures property owners that they can get back rent paid to them this fall. Individuals can apply by calling our 2-1-1 Resource and Referral line or clicking on the link below.

[Apply for Rental Assistance](#)

[Share the Flyer](#)

BEHIND ON RENT?
ZERO OUT YOUR BILL.
KEEP YOUR HOME.

CAPK'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM helps low-income Kern County residents eliminate their back rent before the eviction ban ends on September 30.

DON'T WAIT. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THE HELP YOU NEED.

Go to www.capk.org and click Apply Now on the Rental Assistance program tab at the top of the page to fill out your online application.

We'll contact you to create your assistance plan and get you on your way to recovery.

Walking the Walk for Kids

We wanted to share some love for a Kern County non-profit that is dedicated to a mission that is near and dear to our own hearts here at CAPK and has a strong connection to us

and what we do.

Y-Empowerment's vision and mission are to,... "provide services for children who have experienced abuse, witnessed domestic violence, or have parents who are or have been incarcerated."

Nila Hogan is a member of the CAPK Governing Board and a leader at Y-Empowerment, along with her husband **Robert Schrader**.

Together they hatched a plan to foster national interest in Child Abuse Prevention and promote action on this issue. Robert is walking across the United States in a bid to accomplish that goal and we here at CAPK are cheering him on. Check out his introductory video and follow him on the Follow the Walk website and social media. You can even donate to support their mission.



You can Follow the Walk
here

