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Back-to-School at CAPK

It's that time of the year. The smell of newly-opened books, colored marker ink and fresh-cut playground grass is beginning to waft through the air as kids of every age prepare to go back to school. Here at Community Action Partnership of Kern it's no different. Our programs are enrolling students and helping our community education partners kick of the 2021-22 school year right.

Backpacks and Nutrition

The CAPK Food Bank, Head Start Early Childhood Education, the 211 Resource and Referral team, Energy educators and our WIC Program joined the Kern County Department of Child Support Services at its annual Ready, Set Back-2-School Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, August 5th. WIC, Head Start and 211 were sharing information and nutrition education with participants. Food Bank was handing out meal kits to children and their families.

Head Start Enrollment

Our Head Start Early Childhood Education Programs are moving into action for the new year and we have room for families to enroll in this powerful tool that can give their children a major academic boost before they enter Kindergarten. Children 0-5 years of age who meet eligibility requirements can join classes at locations all across Kern County at no cost to their parents. To enroll, call **1-800-701-7060** or click on the button below to fill out a HeadStart Program Interest Form.

Connect with CAPK Head Start

After School Programs Enrolling Now

Shafter Youth Center and Friendship House Community Center are now enrolling children for their free After School programs in Shafter and Southeast Bakersfield. There are a limited number of openings for this wonderful program which provides after school activities, snacks and homework help for students ages 6-18 from 2 to 5 p.m. on school days. Services are provided free of charge. Encourage anyone in your circle who might be able to benefit from these services to visit www.capk.org to learn more and begin an enrollment. Or click on the button below to submit your enrollment information to either the Shafter Youth Center or Friendship House.

Enroll for After School Programs

Carmen Segovia

Director of Health and Nutrition Services Carmen Segovia leaves Community Action Partnership of Kern this week, but her 38-year legacy will remain with this agency.

Carmen joined CAPK in 1983 as a nutritionist for the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). In 2000 she was promoted to the Director of Health & Nutrition where she lead the CAPK WIC Program, Central Kitchen, Food Bank, CalFresh Healthy Living and the Migrant Childcare Alternative Payment Program. She also, during her tenure at CAPK, handled other major programs including the AmeriCorps Program, Friendship House Community Center, Shafter Youth Center and the East Kern Family Resource Center.

Carmen has been proud to guide program services which help people become self-sufficient, alleviate their hunger and provide opportunities for them to learn healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Her career at CAPK has improved the lives and health of many thousands of Community Action Partnership of Kern clients.

We want to wish Carmen success and joy in the next phase of her professional and personal journey. Thank you, Carmen!

Financial Literacy at M Street

Community Action Partnership of Kern and JP Morgan Chase are partnering together to bring financial literacy workshops to M Street in September.
These workshops will provide budget training, goal setting, and education on savings and credit for homeless individuals. The goal of the workshops and our partnership is twofold—to work toward racial equity in Kern County as part of the JP Morgan Chase Path Forward initiative and also to help provide supportive whole-person care to individuals as they move into permanent housing. We are excited to see the success this program will be to our community and are deeply grateful to JP Morgan Chase!