New CAPK Leaders Step Up

CAPK is honored to introduce new leaders in several of our major programs. These leaders will help our organization take the next steps in developing programs and services that help house the homeless, develop more housing options for low-income families, connect our clients with thousands of other safety-net services, and help CalFresh clients learn to build nutritious, healthy meals for themselves and their families on a budget.

**Director of Community Development Rebecca Moreno**

Rebecca Moreno has worked with CAPK for three years, overseeing the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in partnership with the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC). Rebecca also assisted with the development and opening of the M Street Navigation Center. Rebecca serves as an officer on the BKRHC Governing Board and is chair of the CES committee. She brings more than 5 years of experience in homeless services, 10 years of case management, and a wealth of knowledge in program development and implementation to her new position. She has worked closely with community stakeholders for the past 3 years on regional efforts to end homelessness. Her service and expertise has been recognized by elected officials and community leaders at the local and state levels. In her personal time, she serves on the board of Housing Outreach Partnership, Inc. and
Jennifer Jordan is a Bakersfield native who studied Sociology at CSUB. She has devoted more than 15 years to providing support, development, encouragement, and direct care to adults with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities. Throughout that time, she has learned to assist those in need with crisis recovery, stress coping strategies, building financial strength, and social independence. In her free time, she enjoys getting her hands dirty in her flower beds.

Ian Sharples is an experienced public affairs professional with a passion for...
Ian was the Executive Director of the Income Property Association of Kern, before joining CAPK, and the Founder of Hermit Communications, a housing-focused public affairs firm. His past projects include the California Landlords' Summit on Homelessness, the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative Point-In-Time Count, and media outreach for Habitat for Humanity Golden Empire. Prior to working on housing issues, Ian was involved with swing-seat political campaigns across California and Nevada. He is a graduate of Leadership Bakersfield and holds a degree in political science from Point Loma Nazarene University.

CalFresh Healthy Living Program Administrator Alejandra Morales

Alejandra Morales is the Program Administrator for the CAPK CalFresh Healthy Living program where she is a part of an ongoing effort to improve the health of families and communities in California using integrated programs and activities. She graduated from the California State University of Bakersfield, with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. After graduation, she worked for Kern County Aging and Adult Services as an Adult Protective Services Social Worker before moving to Community Action Partnership of Kern in 2019.

CAPK and Kiwanis Team Up for Kids

The Kiwanis Club of Kern is hosting its inaugural Cornhole Tournament this Saturday at 11 a.m. at Stramler Park in Bakersfield. The popular game pits teams of bean-bag-wielding players against each other as they aim to rack up points by hitting a distant target with the weighted missiles. Proceeds from the event will go to support the Kiwanis' efforts to serve children in our local community - an effort that CAPK is honored to be a part of. Check out
First 5 Kern Focuses on Water

First 5 Kern and the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation are researching people's beverage choices here in Kern County. Do people drink tap water, bottled water or sugary drinks? Two focus groups (one in English and one in Spanish) will help inform this research project and there are rewards for participating.

The focus groups will be conducted in early November, and sessions will last 60-75 minutes. **Focus group participants will receive a $50 Target or Amazon gift card for their time.**

Individuals who are interested in participating can register at the link below or contact the Principal Investigator, Silvia Gonzalez, at (747) 254-3138 or sil.rgonzalez@ucla.edu.

Sign up HERE

Homeless Youth Awareness Month

November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month in Kern County. CAPK is teaming up with the Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative to raise awareness about the
prevalence of youth homelessness and efforts by amazing local organizations like the Collaborative and the Dream Center to help our youth find safe homes and shelter from the streets and the dangers they can face without a place to live.

Wear purple on Nov. 5 to help support the fight, click the button below to download a resource guide and use the Hashtag #KERNHOMELESSYOUTHMATTER2021 to help spread the word and support the kind of care and protection our youth deserve.

Homeless Youth Resource Guide

About one in ten young adults ages 18 to 25, and about one in 30 adolescents ages 13 to 17, experience some form of unaccompanied homelessness over the course of a year.

Kern Homeless Youth Matter

Transformative Climate Plan

The City of Bakersfield and TCC Community Collaborative Team will hold a community meeting to review and comment on the draft a plan for funding projects to reduce air pollution, strengthen the economy and improve public health in Bakersfield and Kern County.

The meeting will be held both in person and online.

In-person:
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 10
MLK Community Center, 1000 S. Owens Street, in Bakersfield.

Online:
Join the Virtual Community Meeting via Zoom at:
https://bakersfieldcity.zoom.us/j/879499333
will be available for review and comment here: https://bakersfieldtccplan.org

To join by Phone call: 1.669.900.6833
Meeting ID: 879 4993 3324