



Weatherization | Utility Bill Assistance

The Energy Program assists income-eligible Kern County residents with utility bill payments, weatherization, and energy education at no cost to the participant.

Weatherization services include but are not limited to: repair or replacement of windows and doors, heating/cooling units, and appliances. These services also include weatherstripping, insulation installation, as well as other energy-saving measures.



The VITA program provides year-round tax preparation and e-filing for low to moderate-income individuals and families at NO-COST. All VITA services are offered by trained, IRS-certified staff and volunteers to maximize refunds and take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). VITA staff are Certified Acceptance Agents certified to assist with ITIN (Individual Tax Identification Number) new and renewal processing.



Through First 5 Kern, our East Kern Family Resource Center, located in Mojave, California, supports individuals and families across Eastern Kern County, from the desert areas to Tehachapi. Similarly, our Oasis Family Resource Center in Ridgecrest, California, extends services to the East Kern community. Both centers offer a range of support services, including case management, Play and Learn programs, Summer Bridge, referrals, food pantry access, utility assistance, and an emergency clothing closet.



The Friendship House Community Center (FHCC) is a gem in Southeast Bakersfield, which offers a computer lab, sports field, covered playground, and indoor gymnasium. The center hosts a variety of exciting programs and activities for children ages 6 -17 & families, which includes free afterschool and summer programs, recreation, education, mentor services, WIC, and Migrant Childcare Program services, as well as links to resources for the entire community.



The Shafter Youth Center (SYC) serves the entire community as a central location to connect with various services. Primarily serving as a program for youth, participants are encouraged to live healthier lives through programs that focus on nutrition, recreation, education and active healthy living. The youth center also host various community resources such as citizenship classes, zumba classes, and other community gatherings.



California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a new initiative by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal beneficiaries by implementing broad delivery of system, programmatic, and payment system reforms. Community Supports are an important part of whole-person care delivery for Members enrolled in Enhanced Care Management (ECM).



CAPK operates a 147-bed Low-Barrier Navigation Center in partnership with the County of Kern. This 24-hour shelter offers housing, meals, and an array of mental health, medical care, and economic resources to unsheltered individuals with pets and partners. The site also developed an alternative to congregate sleeping to better serve homeless individuals that are shelter resistant through the Safe Camping and Parking services.



CAPK's Adult Re-entry Grant Program aims to reduce homelessness for those who have been recently released from incarceration. CAPK proposes an intervention strategy that takes into account factors such as housing, employment, and mental health.



The Coordinated Entry System in Kern County, in partnership with the Continuum of Care, serves as the direct link between people experiencing homelessness to the services and shelter they need.



For services, dial 2-1-1 or 1(800)273-2275.

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