



DATE April 15, 2026
TIME 12:00 pm
LOCATION CAPK Administrative Office
Board Room
1300 18th Street, 3rd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Program Review & Evaluation Committee Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Gina Martinez (Chair)
Margaret Willer

Maria Reyes
Rebecca Banke

3. Public Comments

The public may address the Committee on items not on the agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes. If more than one person wishes to address the same topic, the total group time for the topic will be 10 minutes. Please state your name before making your presentation.

4. Program Presentation

- a. M Street Navigation Center presented by Laurie Hughey, Program Administrator **(p.3-15)**

5. New Business

- a. March 2026 Program Reports – **Action Item (p.16-64)**

Pritika Ram, Chief Business Development Officer

1. Housing & Supportive Services
 - Coordinated Entry Services (CES)
 - M Street Homeless Navigation Center
 - CalAIM – Homeless Services
 - CalAIM – Enhanced Care Management
 - Adult Re-entry Program
2. Veterans & Supportive Services
3. Health & Nutrition Services
 - Food Bank
 - Migrant Childcare Alternative Payment (MCAP)
 - Women Infant and Children (WIC)
4. Youth & Community Services
 - East Kern Family Resource Center (EKFRC)
 - Oasis Family Resource Center
 - Energy, Weatherization & Utility Assistance
 - Friendship House Community Center (FHCC)
 - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
 - 211 Kern Call Center
5. Operations
 - Maintenance
 - Information Technology

- Data Services
 - Risk Management
6. Community Development
- Grant Development
 - CAPK Foundation
 - Outreach & Marketing

- b. March 2026 Application Status Report & Funding Profiles – Karen Vazquez, Senior Grant Analyst
Action Item (p.65-68)
- a. Application Status Report
 - i. CA Dept. Of Health Care Access and Information– Community Health Worker, Promotor, ad Representative Initiative Pillar 2: Amplifying Impact Initiative
 - b. Small Funding Profiles (\$50,000 and under)
- c. March 2026 Head Start/State Child Development Division/Program Monthly Activity Report – **Action Item (p.69-70)** Carol Hendricks, Enrollment and Attendance Manager
- d. CY 2025 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Annual Report – **Info Item (p.71-103)** Mohamed Ahmed, Information Systems Administrator
- e. Conclusion & Closure of the CalFresh Healthy Living Program (SNAP-ED) Presentation – **Info Item (p.104-122)** Alan Rodriguez, Program Administrator
- f. Head Start/State Child Development Risk Assessment Notification Monitoring Review – **Info Item (p.123-124)** Sylvia Ortega, Quality Assurance Administrator

6. Committee Member Comments

7. Next Scheduled Meeting

Program Review & Evaluation Committee
12:00 pm
May 13, 2026
CAPK Administrative Office, Board Room
1300 18th Street, 3rd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

8. Adjournment

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Housing & Supportive Services Division

Emergency Shelter	Client Services	Enhanced Care Management	Veterans Supportive Services
M Street Navigation	Coordinated Entry System	ECM Homeless POF	Bridge Housing
Safe Camping	Adult Re-entry	Community Health Worker (CHW)	Service Intensive Transitional Housing
Safe Parking	Cal-AIM Housing Trio	Day Habilitation Services	Supportive Services for Veterans and Families
Scattered Site Youth Shelter	*HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance	*Asthma Remediation	Covey Cottages (PSH)
	*Day One-Pioneer Drive Housing (PSH)	*Home Modification	Resident at Easthills (PSH)
			Park 20 th (PSH)

- ▶ The Housing & Supportive Division operates currently operates programs that involve housing insecurity and homelessness under 4 different categories.
- ▶ * indicates programs that have been funded and are in the process of implementation



M Street Navigation Center

2900 M Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

4/9/2026

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Program Summary

147 beds &
Shelter
Services/42
Tents SC

Adults 18 & Up

Food

Clothing

Personal hygiene
items

Laundry services

Personal
possession
storage

Pet care and
Kennels

Building Self-Sufficiency

Financial Literacy

Nutrition Classes

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services

Dental/Medical

Bible Study, Relapse Prevention

Public Defender Services

Seeking Safety, Seeking Strength

M Street Café

Medi-Cal Assistance

Relationship building

ETR, Adult School Recycling Lives

Bakersfield College/Cityserve Project Hire-Up

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Program Highlights— Housing IS THE GOAL! 5/2020-3/2026

TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED: 5/20-2/26

M STREET- 3769

SAFE CAMP- 6/22-2/26- 596

TOTAL PLACED IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING:

M STREET- 424

SAFE CAMP- 74



Different Journeys...



Welcome Home!





Veteran Supportive Services (VSS)





Grant Per Diem

- ▶ **Bridge Housing:** A short term (90 Day) transitional housing option for unsheltered veterans. This program provides a stable environment and essential support services to help veterans successfully transition into permanent supportive housing.
- ▶ **Service Intensive Transitional Housing (SITH):** Up to 24 months of housing support for unsheltered veterans with high barriers to housing, such as limited income, ineligibility for subsidies, or medical and mental health challenges.
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Supportive Services for Veterans and Families (SSVF)



- ▶ Provides Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing to low-income veterans and their families with rental assistance, case management, and connection to community resources.



Open House

Covey Cottages

- ▶ 12-unit permanent supportive housing project.
- ▶ Fully furnished
- ▶ Case management
- ▶ Laundry
- ▶ Community room

- ▶ <https://youtu.be/-WhEdTQCzrl?si=NfUfWB1h3Zu4oid0>



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April 2026 PRE Committee

March 2026 Program Monthly Reports



Housing and Supportive Services

Coordinated Entry Services
M Street Homeless Navigator Center
CaAIM - Homeless Services
CaAIM - Enhanced Care Management
Adult Re-entry Program

**Community Action Partnership of Kern
Monthly Report 2026**

Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	Coordinated Entry Services (CES)			
Division/Director	Rebecca Moreno	Program Manager	Joseph Aguilar			
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026					
Program Description						
<p>Coordinated Entry Services (CES) is the system to assist communities in ending homelessness by providing a clear and systematic pattern for helping individuals to quickly access the most appropriate services available through standardized access, a standardized assessment process, and a coordinated referral (match) process for individuals to preventions, housing, and/or other related services. The following counties are currently being served by CAPK CES, Kern County.</p> <p>The Coordinated Entry System (CES) process will support the encampment proposal. The strategy will expedite the housing process by creating an Encampment by Name List and an encampment match call with collaborating partners to review status, barriers, and match encampment residents to permanent housing units and/or housing resources identified.</p>						
Homeless Referrals/Assessments (SRV 7a) (duplicated client counts)	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress	
Kern County	3,050	9,163	25,000	12%	37%	
Number of applicants who received a response within 24 Hours (duplicated client counts)	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress	
Kern County	2,948	8,605	20,000	15%	43%	
Pending Assessments (duplicated client counts)	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress	
Number of clients without initial contact by the end of the month.	3	12	200	2%	6%	
Among clients from the preceding month, the average duration (days) to reach those who are still pending.	3					
Encampment Resolution (SRV 7a) (duplicated client counts)	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress	
Number of Clients Served	32	105	450	7%	23%	
Matched to Housing Subsidy (i.e., voucher, rapid rehousing or physical location) (SRV 4m, 4o)	3	15	70	4%	21%	
HOUSED to permanent housing placement (SRV 4o)	3	11				

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Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)	
Program Strategic Goals	Progress Towards Goal
1. Optimize the use of existing access points in rural areas of Kern County.	CES continues to work on improving system through CoC Strategic Plan. CES continues to offer trainings to new staff from partner agencies and community members. CES continues to work on the Road to Housing tool. ☐
2. Enhance recruitment initiatives to attract and hire well-qualified candidates. This includes enhancing employee retention and foster opportunities for professional growth.	Currently providing additional support and trainings facilitated by CoC partner agencies to improve retention. Program remains actively searching and communicating with stakeholders for funding opportunities.
3. Among clients from the prior month, the average time taken to reach pending clients is currently 15 days, attributed to high call volume and limited staff. The objective is to achieve client contact within 5 days of the initial request.	Fully new trained staff is projected to provide the additional support needed.
Program Highlights	

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	M Street Navigation Center			
Division/Director	Rebecca Moreno	Program Manager	Laurie Hughey			
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026					
Program Description						
CAPK operates the 147-bed homeless Low Barrier Navigation Center in partnership with the County of Kern. This 24-hour shelter offers housing, meals, showers, laundry and an array of mental health, medical care, dental and economic resources to un-sheltered individuals with pets and partners.						
Shelter Services		Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Overnight Residents (Assigned Beds) (FNPI 4a & SRV 7b, SRV 4m)		122	379	1,500	8%	25%
Total Clients Served		193	561	2,400	8%	23%
Pets (i.e., kennel, emotional support assistance and service pet)		13	38	75	17%	51%
Residents Under 90 days length of stay		60	180	800	8%	23%
Exits to Permanent Housing (FNPI 4b)		10	22	100	10%	22%
Exits-Self		6	27	150	4%	18%
Exits-Involuntary		46	106	700	7%	15%
Exits - Other		5	7	75	7%	9%
Case Management Services (SRV 7a)		427	1,158	8,000	5%	14%
Critical Incidents		57	139	250	23%	56%
Shelter Residents Meals (SRV 5ii)		5,047	13,167	70,000	7%	19%
Number of Volunteers (<i>duplicated</i>)		177	477	100	177%	477%
Volunteers Hours (<i>duplicated</i>)		151.00	485	3,000	5%	16%
Safe Camping		Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Total clients served (SRV 7b)		69	168	500	14%	34%
Current client census		45	119	300	15%	40%
Meals (SRV 5ii)		1,405	3,266	20,000	7%	16%
Pets		9	29	75	12%	39%
Clients moved to Shelter (SRV 4m)		0	0	15	0%	0%
Exits to Permanent Housing (FNPI 4b)		3	5	20	15%	25%
Exits-Self		4	6	50	8%	12%
Exits-Involuntary		8	18	75	11%	24%
Exits - Other		1	2	75	1%	3%
Critical Incidents		7	8			
Safe Parking		Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Total clients served		9	29	30	30%	97%
Current client census		9	19	25	36%	76%
Clients moved to Shelter (SRV 4m)		0	0	10	0%	0%
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)						

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Program Strategic Goals	Progress Towards Goal
1. Number of clients participating in job training program, (i.e., Project Hire-Up, financial Literacy, Recycling Lives, Open Door Network).	There are two clients that graduated from the 17th cohort of Project Hire-Up.
2. Increase job retention/recruitment at M street by (1) developing job descriptions that accurately reflect job performance and (2) regrading/classification of job descriptions.	Completed
3. Increase the number of clients who transition to permanent housing by 5% from the prior year (2024 - 73 clients) to 100 clients.	10 clients were placed into permanent supportive housing this month.

M Street Navigation Center - Client Demographic Information

Race Demographic	Month
18 - 24	13
25 - 34	37
35 - 44	45
45 - 54	31
55 - 61	34
62+	34
Total:	194

Race Demographic	Month
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian	2
Black or African American	40
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	41
White	71
Multiple races	38
Client Don't know / Refused	
No Answer	1.00
Total:	194

Gender	Month
Female	66
Male	128
Trans Female and Male (Male to Female, Female to Male)	
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	
Client doesn't know	
Client refused	
No Answer	
Total:	194

Zip Code	Month	Zip Code	Month
93203	1	82240	1
93301	71		
93304	12		
93305	15		
93306	13		
93307	10		
93308	24		
93309	7		
93311	2		
93312	2		
93314	1		
92225	1		
93505	1		
93215	1		
93240	1		
93244	1		
93245	1		
93555	2		
93560	1		
94104	1		
93561	1		
Not specified	24		
Total			194

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Safe Camping - Client Demographic Information

Race Demographic	Month
18 - 24	1
25 - 34	11
35 - 44	10
45 - 54	22
55 - 61	10
62+	15
Total:	69

Race Demographic	Month
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Asian	0
Black or African American	8
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	10
White	37
Multiple races	14
Client Don't know / Refused	
No Answer	
Total:	69

Gender	Month
Female	27
Male	41
Trans Female and Male (Male to Female, Female to Male)	
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	1
Client doesn't know	
Client refused	
No Answer	
Total:	69

Zip Code	Month	Zip Code	Month
93301	8		
93302	1		
93304	7		
93305	5		
93306	4		
93307	5		
93308	11		
93309	7		
93311	1		
93313	1		
93225	1		
93433	1		
93553	1		
93556	1		
95828	1		
95206	1		
93268	2		
93283	1		
93285	1		
Not specified	9		
Total			69

Program Highlights

Three clients housed, one working through IHSS, and 6 clients working with the Public Defender office to clear up any criminal activity.

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)		
Division/Director	Rebecca Moreno Director of Community Services	Program Manager	Joseph Aguilar		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026				
Program Description					
<p>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. A key feature of CalAIM is the introduction of a new menu of “in lieu of services” (ILOS), or Community Supports, which, at the option of a Medi-Cal managed care health plan (MCP) and a Member, can substitute for covered Medi-Cal services as cost-effective alternatives. MCPs will be responsible for administering Community Supports. For this partnership, CAPK would serve as a Community Support providing rental assistance.</p>					
Housing Transition Navigation Services	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Annual Progress	
Number of Clients Currently Served	383	1,087	450	242%	
Number of Referrals Received (SRV 7c)	72				
Number of Enrollments	61				
Number of services per client per month (i.e., one-on-one case management, landlord engagement, obtaining vital documents) (SRV 7a)	898	3,093	8,100	11%	38%
Housing & Furnishing Deposits (SRV4d)	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
One-time use up-to \$5000 per client (includes housing deposits, furnishing, appliances)	17	27	100	17%	27%
Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Number of clients secured placement (SRV 4o)	3	20	75	4%	27%
Transitional Rent	Month	YTD			
Number of Clients Currently Enrolled	0	0			
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)					
Program Strategic Goals			Progress Towards Goal		
1.) Enhance recruitment initiatives to attract and hire well-qualified candidates. This includes enhancing employee retention and foster opportunities for professional growth.			In the process of hiring, More interview to be scheduled.		

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2.) Broaden CalAIM services by collaborating with existing and new managed care plans to diversify the program's funding sources.	Proactively assisting Oasis and East Kern Resource Center develop and improve CalAIM services; exploring options to add additional ECM and CS services, submitted application to partner and become a CBO with Anthem.
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Program Highlights

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Month	March-26	Program/Division	Enhanced Care Management		
Division/Director	Rebecca Moreno	Program Manager	Carla Nieto		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026				
Program Description					
The Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program provides intensive, whole-person care coordination for Medi-Cal members with complex health and social needs, with a focus on individuals experiencing homelessness, high utilization, behavioral health conditions, or other identified risk factors. The program delivers person-centered services including outreach and engagement, comprehensive assessment, individualized care planning, care coordination, transitional care, and connection to community and social supports. Services are provided in close coordination with Kern Health Systems and community partners to improve continuity of care, address social drivers of health, and support improved health outcomes.					
Program Goals					
	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Number of enrolled members (SRV 7a)	12	39	225	5%	17%
Number of clients receiving services through CalAIM Housing and ECM	20	36	135	15%	27%
Number of clients receiving ECM and Day Services	13	20	169	8%	12%
Patient Engagement in Care Plans (Care Coordination)	22	61	113	20%	54%
Number of clients successfully completing program (self sufficiency by 1 year)	0	0	15	0%	0%
Referrals (SRV 7c)					
	Month	YTD			
Food Assistance	122	206			
Transitional Housing Providers	1	1			
SSI/SSDI	0	0			
Outpatient Treatment	4	7			
Other		0			
Referrals to Community Services	127	214			
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)					
Program Strategic Goals			Progress Towards Goal		
Increase Access to Care: Ensure that all patients, including underserved populations, have access to necessary healthcare services and support.			We have taken an increased "fish where the fish are" approach to engaging our underserved populations, which includes meeting members on the street, in the shelters, and at outreach events. We also actively follow up on referrals from our members.		
Improve Care Coordination: Promote collaboration among the various Cal-AIM services we provide to ensure clients receive comprehensive wraparound support, resulting in a seamless care experience and better communication.			Beginning this month, CHW's have largely taken over Cal-AIM housing responsibilities for our ECM members, resulting in comprehensive support. For all members, we include service providers from all disciplines in the monthly Interdisciplinary Care Team Meetings and we maintain thorough communication to ensure continuity of care and the highest level of support.		

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Patient Engagement: Increase patient involvement in their care plans and decision making processes

We are actively involving all members in their care planning and decision making process by taking an in-person approach to assessment, care planning, and monthly updates. We meet the members where they are at, with this month having a large volume of engagement occurring at our M-Street and Brundage lane navigation centers, as well as in members' homes when they prefer.

Program Highlights

The number of individuals we have been able to provide food assistance to has grown tremendously and we have been able to enroll a large number of our members in Day Habilitation Services, which provides education and resources aimed at addressing the needs of our underserved populations. We have been able to help members navigate housing instability, food insecurity, mental health issues, substance use disorders, and a number of health conditions and continue to receive positive feedback from those we serve, with one member informing the team that her Lead Care Manager "has literally saved my life."

Adult Re-entry Program — Monthly Progress Report

Month	Mar-26	Program/Work Unit	Adult Re-entry Program		
Division/Director	Rebecca Moreno	Program Manager	Rosario Miranda		
Reporting Period	March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026				
Program Description					
Community Action Partnership of Kern's (CAPK) Adult Reentry Grant Warm Handoff and Reentry Services Program (ARG WHO) is designed to reduce rates of homelessness and recidivism among justice-involved individuals in Kern County. CAPK provides case management, rental assistance, job readiness training, and behavioral health referrals, prioritizing high-barrier populations including those under Penal Code 290. Services are delivered using a Strengths-Based, Housing First approach that addresses immediate needs upon release and facilitates individual change to ensure self-sufficiency upon program exit.					
CLIENT SERVICES					
	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month %	Annual %
New Enrollments — Unduplicated (SRV 7a)	21	46	300	7.0%	15.3%
Number of Client Contacts — Duplicated (CalAIM / SRV 7a)	229	497	5720	4.0%	8.7%
GOAL 1: INCREASE STABLE HOUSING Target: ≥80 participants receive rental/housing assistance; ≥70% housing stability					
	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month %	Annual %
Number of emergency temporary hotel placements provided	3	10	40	7.5%	25.0%
Number of short-term rental assistance recipients (up to 12 months)	6	11	70	8.6%	15.7%
Number of clients housed within 30 days of release from state prison	0	2			
Number of clients housed within 60 days of release from state prison	0	1			
Number of clients housed — 60+ days post-release	6	8			
Number of rental assistance payments / security deposits paid (SRV 4o)	3	8			
Recidivism rate — clients receiving housing assistance at 1 year (%)	0.0%	0			
Recidivism rate — clients receiving housing assistance at 2 years (%)	0.0%	0			
Recidivism rate — clients receiving housing assistance at 3 years (%)	0.0%	0			
GOAL 2: INCREASE EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC STABILITY Target: ≥60% of unduplicated participants receive workforce services; ≥80 complete workshops					
	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month %	Annual %
Number of clients who completed targeted skill-building workshops	0	7	80	0.0%	8.8%
Number of clients referred to employment / workforce training	2	7			
Number of clients completed job readiness training (SRV 1f)	0	2			
Number of clients who gained employment (up to living wage) (FNPI 1b)	0	1			
Number of clients who gained income — SSI/SSDI or other than employment	0	2			

Financial Management / Coaching programs provided (SRV 3c)	0	5			
Recidivism rate — clients receiving employment assistance at 1 year (%)	0.0%	0			
Recidivism rate — clients receiving employment assistance at 2 years (%)	0.0%	0			
Recidivism rate — clients receiving employment assistance at 3 years (%)	0.0%	0			

GOAL 3: INCREASE MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES | Target: ≥50% of participants referred to behavioral health services

	Month	YTD	Month %	Annual %
Number of clients referred to mental health or substance use services (SRV 5v)	0	20		
Number of clients completed 6-month treatment / counseling	0	0		
% of clients who remain engaged in behavioral health care at 12 months	0.0%	0		

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PROGRAM STRATEGIC GOALS

Strategic Goal	Progress Towards Goal
1.) Create a comprehensive program policy and procedure manual, including documents such as referral forms and intake/assessment forms.	
2.) Maintain strong relationships with Parole and Probation Departments while expanding efforts to provide comprehensive wraparound services.	The Adult Re-entry Program maintains strong partnerships with Parole and Probation through regular communication, coordinated referrals, and shared service planning. These collaborations ensure participants receive timely, comprehensive wraparound services that support successful reentry and compliance with supervision requirements.
3.) Focus on leveraging partnerships to address critical needs such as employment support, housing stability, and additional services through programs like CalAIM, including Day Habilitation, to holistically support successful reentry outcomes.	The Adult Re-entry Program leverages partnerships by referring participants to key providers for employment, housing stability, and supportive services, ensuring coordinated wraparound care. All services and referrals are documented in HMIS to track engagement and outcomes, while staff actively connect eligible participants to CalAIM services, including Day Habilitation, to address health, behavioral, and reentry-related needs and support successful reintegration.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1. Increased participant engagement with CalAIM services, including referrals to Day Habilitation and behavioral health supports, to address criminogenic, health, and stabilization needs impacting reentry success.
2. Implemented and enhanced HMIS service tracking to accurately capture referrals, service delivery, and participant progress, strengthening performance monitoring, interagency coordination, and measurable program outcomes.



Veterans & Supportive Services

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	Veterans & Supportive Services		
Division/Director	Rebecca Moreno	Program Manager	Carlos Clemente-Juarez		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026				
Program Description					
<p>CVAF operates a 40 bed BRIDGE and Service Intensive Transitional housing program through the US Department of Veterans Affairs. This consists of two apartment complexes and two homes through the City of Bakersfield. This is a 24-hour per day, 365 day per year program that provides housing, case management, transportation, food, and laundry services. Staff also provides referrals to medical, mental health and community based service programs. CVAF also operates the Supportive Services for Veterans and Families Program through the US Department of Veterans Affairs which is a rapid rehousing/homeless prevention program for veterans households that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The HHAP CM program provides case management services for HUD Emergency Housing Voucher clients through the Housing Authority. The HHAP YS programs provides scattered-site, low barrier shelter for youth aged 18 - 24.</p>					
Grant and Per Diem	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
BRIDGE: % Exit to Permanent Housing (> 75%) (SRV 4o)	2	5	10	20%	50%
BRIDGE: % Negative Program Exit (< 20%) (SRV 4m, 4n)	1	2	7	14%	29%
BRIDGE: % Employed at Exit (SRV1m)	0	1	3	0%	33%
SITH: % Exit to Permanent Housing (> 75%) (SRV 4o)	6	9	16	38%	56%
SITH: % Negative Program Exit (< 20%) (SRV 4m, 4n)	0	1	7	0%	14%
SITH: % Employed at Exit (SRV1m)	2	4	5	40%	80%
Total Households Served	10	23	85	12%	27%
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Total Households Served	6	93	150	4%	62%
Permanent Housing Placements	5	10	35	14%	29%
Rental Assistance Payments	44	140	475	9%	29%
Security Deposit	5	11	40	13%	28%
Bus Pass	0	3	35	0%	9%
Application Fees	4	4	15	27%	27%
General Housing Stability Assistance (GHSA)	6	13	35	17%	37%
Utility Payments	1	2	25	4%	8%
Late Fees	0	2	40	0%	5%
Moving Costs	0	0	7	0%	0%
Landlord Incentives	1	1	5	20%	20%
Tenant Incentives	0	1	5	0%	20%
Rental Arrears	4	4	10	40%	40%
Vehicle Repairs	1	2	3	33%	67%

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Permanent Supportive Housing (Park 20th/Residences at East Hills)	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Number of Households served	2	35	25	8%	140%
Program Exit	0	1	3	0%	33%
HHAP YS (Youth Shelter)	Month	YTD	Goal (12 Mo)	Month Progress	Annual Progress (12 Mo)
Number of clients served	3	17	20	15%	85%
Housing Placement (e.g., transitional, temporary,	0	2	10	0%	20%
Negative Exits	0	1	5	0%	20%
Covey Cottages	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Number of Clients served	1	11	12	8%	92%
Vacancies	1	3	5	20%	60%
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)					
Program Highlights					



Health and Nutrition Services

Food Bank
Migrant Childcare Alternative Payment
Women, Infant, and Children

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Month	February	Program/Work Unit	Food Bank		
Division/Director	Health & Nutrition, Susana Magana	Program Manager	Kelly Lowery		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026 <i>(Note: The data represents information from two months earlier.)</i>				
Program Description					
<p>The Food Bank provides food assistance to low-income families and individuals through a network of more than 220 agency partner distribution sites across Kern County. The CAPK Food Bank is the primary organization responsible for distributing State and Federal emergency food assistance for Kern County neighbors in need. Additionally, the Food Bank is the Feeding America affiliate food bank for Kern, facilitating grocery rescue [Fresh Rescue Program] to support the network of more than 150 Pantries across the county. Every month, the Food Bank distributes between 1.5 and 2 million pounds of food, which reaches more than 100,000 Kern County food-insecure neighbors.</p>					
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Neighbor Engagements	50,200	109,126	700,000	7%	16%
Pounds Distributed	949,747	1,688,626	10,000,000	9%	17%
Pantry Program	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Neighbor Engagements	82,165	185,304	1,250,000	7%	15%
Pounds Distributed	496,528	1,212,085	9,500,000	5%	13%
CSFP (Senior Box) Program	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Neighbor Engagements	4,916	10,227	66,000	7%	15%
Pounds Distributed	180,617	378,668	2,300,000	8%	16%
Free Farmers Markets	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Neighbor Engagements <i>(Not attached to distros)</i>	10,889	20,881	75,000	15%	28%
Pounds Distributed	47,543	99,009	750,000	6%	13%
Brighter Bites	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Neighbor Engagements		5,271	75,000	0%	7%
Pounds Distributed	17,593	35,019	275,000	6%	13%
Community Events & Other	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Engagements		3,248	25,000	0%	13%
Pounds Distributed	243,929	490,750	1,500,000	16%	33%
Totals	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Total Engagements	148,170	334,056	2,250,000	7%	15%
Total Pounds Distributed (SRV 5jj)	1,935,957	3,904,157	23,000,000	8%	17%
Volunteers (SRV 6f)	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Volunteers who received job skill training (e.g., paid partnership through service providers, duplicated)	42	87	450	9%	19%

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Other Volunteers (i.e., general public, duplicated)	244	404	2,250	11%	18%
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)					
Program Strategic Goals			Progress Towards Strategic Goals		
In 2026, CAPK Food Bank will be deploying the CRM system OASIS to be used by all agency partners across the county to be able to report unduplicated amounts of neighbors served.			OASIS went live on February 1. Most APs have received multiple layers of training as well as tablets and scanners. Food Bank staff established and conduct daily office hours for hands-on, real-time troubleshooting and support.		
In 2026, the CAPK Food Bank will increase the percentage of fruits and vegetables provided to neighbors by 5% from the previous year.					
Program Highlights					
In February 2026, staff participated in the annual audit process conducted by our accounting firm. We achieved ZERO exceptions for the 2nd consecutive year.					

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	Migrant Childcare Alternative Payment (MCAP)		
Division/Director	Susana Magana	Program Administrator	Laura Porta		
Reporting Period	January 01, 2026 to December 31, 2026				
Program Description					
The Migrant Childcare Alternative Payment (MCAP) program provides childcare subsidies to migrant, agriculturally working families. Once families are authorized, their services are certified based on their verified need for childcare services. MCAP maximizes parental choice for services and utilizes the approved childcare providers in our communities to satisfy the family's need for services. Families can apply for childcare services in six entry counties: Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare, and Fresno. Once a family is enrolled in the program, they can migrate anywhere in California to follow agricultural work, and their childcare services can continue.					
Program Reimbursements (CY Jan - Dec 2025) Note: duplicated below for program fiscal year.	Current Month	YTD	Goal	Annual Progress	
Provider Payments-Subsidies Expended (SRV7e)	2,823,205	8,617,866	\$ 27,900,000	31%	
Program FY Reimbursements Progress	Current Month	YTD	Goal	Annual Progress	
Provider Payments-Subsidies Expended (SRV7e)	2,823,205	8,617,866	27,900,000	31%	
Services	Current Month				
Active Child Enrollment	3,200				
Active Childcare Providers (SRV 7f)	629				
	Previous Month	Add (+)	Drop (-)	Current Month	
Waiting List Totals (children)				0	
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)					
The Migrant Childcare Alternative Payment (MCAP) is currently on target to fully meet the FY 2025-2026 program contract. We currently have a total of 3200 children actively receiving services and this represents a total of 1627 families. Our program continues to enroll eligible families and is projected to fully earn the current contract.					
Program Strategic Goals	Progress Towards Strategic Goal				
1. Staff Recruitment & Retention – Develop and implement a staffing plan that supports recruitment, retention, and workforce development to meet the program's growing needs.	Program leadership continues to focus on monthly staff trainings, and individual staff support to build skill provide professional development opportunities. We onboarded 3 new staff members to help support a smooth program operation and support consistency and manageable caseloads for program specialists.				
2. Program Growth & Sustainability – Strengthen program capacity by enhancing training, technology, and reporting systems to ensure efficient operations and sustainable growth.	Due to our program's expansion in office space, we have been able to provide better working space for all staff members and secure ergonomically correct furniture for all staff members including our staff members working from satellite office locations. The additional work space available has allowed us to hire the additional positions necessary to better support our team and meet the necessary child enrollment totals to fully earn our contract this year.				
Program Highlights					

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The Migrant Childcare Program (MCAP) is projected to fully earn our contract. For the reporting month, our program reached an active child enrollment count of 3200 active children. Our team continues to reach new milestones in our enrollment count, quality of work and staff's professional development. This enrollment number represent the highest enrollment total in the history of the MCAP program. This is great news as our current totals continue to indicate the growing need for childcare services among the migrant population in our communities throughout the State.

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	Women Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition		
Division/Director	Susana Magana	Program Manager	Marissa Ortiz-Cortez		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026				
Program Description					
The Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) program is a supplemental nutrition initiative that offers nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to enhance diets. It serves pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children under the age of 5. Additionally, fathers, grandparents, migrant families, military families, and caretakers can receive food benefits for eligible infants and children. CAPK WIC operates across 16 sites in Kern County and has 3 locations in San Bernardino County.					
Services	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Caseload (SRV 5g)	14,095		14,910		95%
Breast Feeding 30% of infants are breastfed (i.e., some, mostly or fully breastfeeding compared to formula)	1,009		1,200		84%
Local Vendor Liaison-Contact Stores (contact 67 vendors 1 contact required per quarter totaling 268 contacts per year)	42	42	268	16%	16%
Outreach	Month	YTD	Goal	Month	Annual
Online Enrollment	106	287	1,300	8%	22%
WIC Presentations and Outreach Events	16	23	50	32%	46%
Publication in newspaper, television, and/or social media postings (English and Spanish)	15	87	350	4%	25%
Regional Breast Liaison (RBL)	Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Meet with key community stakeholders (i.e., medical managed care, hospital staff, lactation support, health care providers, other WIC agencies) in Region 24 to increase breastfeeding awareness and referrals to the WIC program, as well as share WIC digital materials and utilization.	10	46	120	8%	38%
Peer Counseling Program (PCP)	Clients Served		Goal	Annual Progress	
Provide basic breastfeeding education and encouragement to WIC PCP participants.	312		1,000	0%	
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)					

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Program Strategic Goals		Progress	
<p>1. Enhance Nutrition Counseling Services. Strengthen the quality of nutrition counseling by providing staff with advanced training in active listening, addressing barriers to breastfeeding, and tailoring nutrition guidance to client needs. Focus on offering practical solutions and empathetic support to improve the effectiveness of sessions.</p>		<p>Staff were signed up for CWA conference in March. Trainings on Early Childhood Development / Perinatal Health & Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>2. Increase observations, monitoring activities, and reviews of clinic operations, Quality Assurance helps verify correct eligibility determinations, benefit issuance, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and vendor transactions. Expanding the number of observations allows the program to identify patterns, reduce errors, strengthen staff performance, and ensure policies are applied uniformly across all service sites. By using observation findings to provide feedback, training, and corrective actions, the WIC Program promotes accountability, protects program integrity, and enhances the overall quality of services provided to women, infants, and children.</p>		<p>Quality Assurance Coordinator completing file audits for WIC program.</p>	
<p>3. WIC aims to reach more eligible families and reduce barriers to enrollment and retention. Enhanced outreach strategies—including targeted community events, culturally appropriate materials, digital communication, and referral initiatives—support timely enrollment, continued participation, and improved utilization of WIC services.</p>		<p>Collaboration with internal CAPK outreach team to use mailers as outreach method for WIC program. Target 5,000 potential participants in Kern County Eligible for WIC through mail service.</p>	
Program Highlights			
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Youth and Community Services

East Kern Family Resource Center
Oasis Family Resource Center
Energy, Weatherization, and Utility Assistance
Friendship House Community Center
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
2-1-1 Call Center

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	East Kern Family Resource Center (EKFRCC)			
Division/Director	Fred Hernandez Youth & Community Services	Program Manager	Anna Saavedra			
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026					
Program Description						
East Kern Family Resource Center (EKFRCC) is a regional resource center based in Mojave, Ca. The EKFRCC provides assistance to low-income individuals and families from the desert and Tehachapi Mountain communities. The primary focus is to assist individuals and families who are facing housing insecurities and to prepare children 0-5 years of age to enter kindergarten successfully. The EKFRCC also provides individuals and families with basic need services, clothing, diapers, food, household items, hygiene kits, blankets, business services, VITA, and assistance with HEAP applications.						
Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Rural Drop-in Center	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress	
Case Management Services (SRV 7a)	3	11	60	5%	18%	
Street Outreach and Education	42	80	75	56%	107%	
HHAP Linkages to Services (Referrals)	Month	YTD				
California Driver's License (SRV 7j)	2	6				
Social Security Insurance (SSI) (SRV 7i)	3	3				
Medical Services (SRV 7c)	0	10				
Mental Services (SRV 7c)	2	7				
Housing Placement (e.g., transitional, temporary, permanent) (SRV 4m, 4n, 4o)	3	6				
Educational and Career Development (SRV 7c)	4	26				
HHAP Distribution of Supplies	Month	YTD				
Food Assistance (SRV 5jj)	72	350				
House Hold Items	9	75				
Hygiene Kits (SRV 5oo)	21	126				
Emergency Clothing (SRV 7n)	81	386				
Administrative Services & Copies	77	244				
Transportation Services (SRV 7d)	23	47				
Educational Supplies (SRV 2k)	1	7				

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Covid - 19 Supplies (SRV 5oo)	6	16			
First 5 Kern	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Parents Receiving Case Management Services (SRV 7a)	1	2	30	3%	7%
Children Receiving Case Management Services (SRV 7a)	1	3	30	3%	10%
Parents Participating in Court Mandated Classes (FNPI 5d & SRV 5mm)	0	3	10	0%	30%
Children Educational Center Base Activities (FNPI 2b)	0	2	30	0%	7%
Children Educational Home Base Activities (FNPI 2b)	1	1	30	3%	3%
Children Summer Bridge Activities (FNPI 2b)	0	0	15	0%	0%
Collaborative Meetings Participated	0	2	12	0%	17%
Family Support Services for non-clients with children 5 and under	13	42			
First 5 Total		55			
First 5 Kern/ Department Health Services	Month	YTD	Annual Goal (12 Mo)	Month Progress	Annual Progress (12 Mo)
Family Support Services for non-clients with children 6-18 (SRV 2e K-12)	10	43			
CalCapa Diaper Supply Bank	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Diaper Supply Management Enrollment Unduplicated (NPI5.2)	6	24	150	4%	16%
Monthly Diaper Kit Supply Delivery Duplicated (SRV5.nn)	147	504	1800	8%	28%
Walk-In Community Services (Duplicated Clients & Case Managed Clients)	Month	YTD			
Administrative Services & Copies	201	762			
Baby Supplies (SRV 2w)	113	352			
Covid - 19 Supplies (SRV 5oo)	15	28			
Court Mandated Parenting Correspondence (SRV 2w)	19	76			
Educational Supplies (SRV 2k)	4	24			

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Emergency Clothing (SRV 7n)	280	938
Food Assistance (SRV 7c)	333	924
Household Items (SRV 7c)	42	132
Hygiene Kits (SRV 7c)	39	196
Referrals (SRV 7c)	36	80
Transportation Services (SRV 7d)	24	29

Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)

We continue to move forward in reaching our goal measurements for our First 5 program. We currently have our full-time employee out on medical leave since January. We have a part time early educator who is currently covering our Play and Learn Class plus case-management duties. We anticipate making our goals by June 30th.

Program Strategic Goals	Progress Towards Goal
1. Secure additional funding to cover operational costs and improve the delivery of services.	During the month of March, Cal Portland Cement hosted a golf tourney at Riverlakes Golf in Bakersfield fundraising \$14,600 for our Resource Center. We are very Thankful to them. A check presentation is scheduled for April 8, 2026 at the Center.
2. Partner with private enterprises to boost program visibility and foster meaningful relationships.	
3. Improve on-site services to more effectively connect with the East Kern target population.	We continue to have a free choice pantry for the East Kern Community on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9am-12pm and 1pm-4:00pm. Clients have a choice of numerous items including bread, a protein, and produce.

Program Highlights

EKFRC and KHS hosted a Resource Fair at the Mojave High School parking lot. We collaborated with Clinica Sierra Vista, SCE, Mojave Adult School, Cancer Foundation, Adventist Health from ECM Tehachapi, Safe Haven, JART, American Red Cross and CHP. The CSV mobile Clinic provided the East Kern Community immunizations and well-child checks free of cost to children of East Kern. We provided books and informational flyers regarding our Center and all the services we provide in East Kern. We learned about the Cancer Foundation and all the services they provide to adults and children of East Kern. CHP shared job opportunities and chatted with the families and children in attendance.

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	Oasis Family Resource Center		
Division/Director	Youth & Community Services Freddy Hernandez	Program Manager	Eric Le Barbé		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026				
Program Description					
The Oasis Family Resource Center provides resources, education, and crisis assistance to individuals, families, and children in Ridgecrest and surrounding communities. They focus on providing case management and educational support to families to build resilience.					
First 5 Kern	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Parents Receiving Case Management Services (SRV 7a)	1	16	25	4%	64%
Children Receiving Case Management Services (SRV 7a)	2	22	25	8%	88%
Parents Participating in Court Mandated Classes (FNPI 5d, and SRV 5mm)	0	4	10	0%	40%
Children Educational Home Base Activities (FNPI 2b)	2	22	15	13%	147%
Children Summer Bridge Activities (FNPI 2b)	0	0	10	0%	0%
Family Support Services for non-clients with children 5 and under (SRV 2w)	8	21			
First 5 Total	13	85			
First 5 Kern/ Department Health Services <i>(Term: Dec 2024 through Jun 2025)</i>	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Family Support Services for non-clients with children 6-18 (SRV 2e K-12)	22	51			
CalCAPA Diaper Supply Bank	Month	YTD	Annual Goal (12 Mo)	Month Progress	Annual Progress (12 Mo)
Diaper Supply Management Enrollment Unduplicated (NPI5.2)	10	162	150	7%	108%
Monthly Diaper Kit Supply Delivery Duplicated (SRV5.nn)	182	560	1800	10%	31%
Rental Assistance Program	Month	YTD			
Rental Assistance Program (estimated maximum \$2,000 per household)	0	0			
Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Rural Drop-in Center	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Case Management Services (SRV 7a)	3	7	15	20%	47%
Street Outreach and Education	5	20	20	25%	100%
Walk-In Community Services (Duplicated & Non-First 5 Clients)	Month	YTD			
Administrative Support (SRV 7c)	43	122			
Baby Supplies (SRV 2w)	119	373			

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Copies	14	59	
Court Mandated Parenting Correspondence (SRV 2w)	1	14	
Educational Supplies (SRV 2k)	43	86	
Emergency Clothing (SRV 7n)	14	39	
Food (SRV 7c)	304	774	
Household Items (SRV 7c)	8	364	
Referrals(SRV 7c)	33	88	
Transportation Assistance (SRV 7d)	22	43	
Total Community Services	601	1962	
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)			
Program Strategic Goals		Progress Towards Goal	
1. Apply for three funding opportunities that would help extend range of services outside First 5 clients for under served families (Parenting, Children 6-18, seniors, and homeless individuals).		The Oasis FRC was awarded \$3,000 from First 5 Kern to host a baby shower in July 2026. The Oasis FRC applied for a food pantry grant from Bank of America for \$25,000 jointly with EKFRFC.	
2. Participate in community outreach activities to promote CAPK & Oasis FRC services and seek donations from local business partners (in-kind and monetary).		The Oasis FRC participated in the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Health Fair promoting services to the community.	
Program Highlights			
New First 5 Case Manager Amanda Charlon started in March and is being trained to provide services to families with children 0-5.			

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Division/Director	Freddy Hernandez	Program Administrator		Vipsassana Chawla		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026					
Program Description						
The Energy Program assists income-eligible Kern County residents with utility bill payment, free weatherization, and energy education at no cost to the participant. Weatherization services includes home repairs or the replacement of appliances to make the home more energy efficient.						
Low-income Home Energy Program (LIHEAP) 2026		Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Households Served - Utilities Assistance		409	1,295	5,000	8%	26%
Households Served - Weatherization		6	12	100	6%	12%
Department of Energy (DOE) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)		Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Households Served - Weatherization		5	12	160	3%	8%
Total Homes - Weatherized & Utility Assistance (Note: The data represents work submitted to CSD for reimbursement - delayed by 2 months)		Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Total Households Served - Utility Assistance (FNPI 4z, SRV 4i,)		409	1,295	5,000	8%	26%
Total Households Weatherized (FNPI 4h, SRV 4q, & SRV 4t)		11	24	260	4%	9%
City of Bakersfield - Transformative Climate Communities- Low Income Energy Efficiency Program		Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Number of clients enrolled in the case management program (SRV7a).		0	0	16	0%	0%
City of Bakersfield - Home Repair and Weatherization Program		Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Number of clients enrolled in the case management program (SRV7a).		2	4	11	18%	36%
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)						
Program Strategic Goals				Progress Towards Goal		
1.) Complete 40% of the units in Phase 1.				As of this reporting period, a total of 25 homes have been completed and reported to CSD, with an additional 5 completed homes pending submission to CSD. This brings overall completions to 30 homes out of the Phase 1 target of 114 homes, representing continued and measurable progress toward the June 2026 milestone. The team remains focused on maintaining momentum and accelerating production to stay aligned with the 40% completion benchmark		

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<p>2.) Successfully implement the City of Bakersfield Weatherization program and meet the contract goals.</p>	<p>The City of Bakersfield Weatherization Program continues to advance steadily toward meeting its contract requirements. An additional 2 homes were completed this month, bringing the total to 14 weatherized homes under the current contract. Additionally, one new client was enrolled this month, increasing engagement under the program. The target for this program year is 11 clients, while the overall grant target totals 23 clients. With continued progress in home completions and client enrollments, the team remains on track to meet both annual and grant-wide objectives.</p>
<p>3.) Successfully implement the Transformative Climate Communities-Low Income Energy Efficiency Program and meet the program and contract goals.</p>	<p>The Transformative Climate Communities – Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program continues to move forward in alignment with its program and contract goals. Weatherization work remains underway on 2 homes following completed assessments, and 1 home has been fully completed to date.</p>
Program Highlights	
<p>The Energy Efficiency and Home Repair Programs continue to deliver strong results in supporting elderly, disabled, and low-income households, improving home safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency across the community. This month, the City of Bakersfield awarded an additional \$92,000 in grant funding under the Home Repair and Weatherization Program, reflecting positive performance outcomes and strong client feedback. This supplemental funding will enable expanded service delivery and increased program impact. Additionally, the organization is advancing future growth by submitting applications for the PG&E CARE and REACH programs, positioning the programs to further enhance energy affordability and assistance for local residents.</p>	

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Month	March-26		Friendship House Community Center (FHCC)			
Division/Director	Fred Hernandez	Program Administrator	Lois Hannible			
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026					
Program Description						
Located in Southeast Bakersfield, the program serves children, adults, and families through after-school, summer and mentor programs, nutrition education, sports, access to social services, and more.						
Youth Programs	Month	YTD	YTD Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress	
Youth Mentoring (FNPI 2c.2., FNPI 2c.3, SRV 2p)	1	82	100	1%	82%	
Summer Program (SRV 2m)	N/A	N/A	50			
After School Program (FNPI 2c.2., FNPI 2c.3, SRV 2p)	3	37	50	6%	74%	
California Violence Intervention Program (CalVIP)	Month	YTD				
Incident Response (SRV 5w)	0	0				
Outcome/Case Managed Families (SRV 7a)	1	4				
Provided Food Assistance (SRV 7c)	0	0				
Subsidized Employment Program	0	10				
Provided Mentoring Services (SRV 2p, 7c)	0	12				
Assisted with relocation services/Deposit Payments (SRV 4d)	0	1				
Temporary Housing Placements (SRV 4m)	0	1				
Youth Community Access Program	Month	YTD	YTD Goal			
Program Participants	13	60	80			
Youth Leaders	0	12	12			
Field Trips	2	3	30			
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)						
The California Violence Intervention Program (CalVIP) Cohort 4 program will be coming to an end on March 31, 2026. The City of Bakersfield has received grant funding for a CalVIP Cohort 5 Program, for which CAPK Friendship House will be a subcontract. As a result of CalVIP 4 coming to an end, new participants are not be added to the program and new services are not being provided until the contract starts for CalVIP Cohort 5.						
Program Strategic Goals			Progress Towards Strategic Goals			
1. Organize and execute successful fundraising events in collaboration with the Friendship House (FHCC) Advisory Board to generate financial support and sustain programs at the youth center.			The CAPK Friendship House Advisory Board is currently planning a Street Rides & Street Bites Car Show as a 2026 fundraiser for the Friendship House. The event will be held at the Friendship House on October 17, 2026. Additional information will be provided soon.			
2. Recruit and retain dedicated Advisory Board members with the skills, networks, and passion to raise funds and support initiatives for the Friendship House sustainability and growth.			The Friendship House Advisory Board is not accepting new applicants at this time.			

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3. Collaborate with the CAPK Executive Team to expand grant research and submission efforts for the CAPK Friendship House, ensuring resources align with and address the evolving needs of the community.	The Friendship House Program Administrator is currently seeking grant opportunities that can benefit the Friendship House.
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Program Highlights

In March, three CalVIP participants successfully completed the subsidized employment program. Throughout their placement, they gained valuable work experience, demonstrated strong contributions to the team, and showed significant personal and professional growth. Each participant expressed appreciation for the opportunity and the skills they developed during the program. Additionally, two students successfully completed and graduated from the Aggression Replacement Training program, marking an important milestone in their personal development.

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Month	1-Mar	Program/Work Unit	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)		
Division/Director	Fred Hernandez		Program Administrator	Jacqueline Guerra	
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026				
Program Description					
The CAPK VITA program offers free tax preparation services. This service is available to low-to-moderate income individuals, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers. Additionally, the CAPK VITA program provides ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) services through Certified Acceptance Agents (CAAs). CAAs are authorized by the IRS to assist individuals who do not qualify for a Social Security number but need an ITIN for tax filing purposes.					
CAPK current year 2023-25 e-filed Tax Returns (SRV 3o)	Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Federal	2,252	4,348	7,550	30%	58%
Social Security Number (SSN)	1,967				
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	285				
State (includes CFF State refund information)	2,453	4,754			
Social Security Number (SSN)	1,968				
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	485				
CAPK 2020-25, Paper Filed Returns (total YTD added to Federal YTD) (SRV 3o)	Month	YTD			
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (federal)	84	152			
Social Security Number (SSN)	70				
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	14				
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (state)	84	152			
Social Security Number (SSN)	70				
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	14				
CAPK Refunds and Credits (SRV 3o)	Month	YTD			
Federal Refunds	\$1,830,801.00	\$4,547,399			
State Refunds	\$829,328	\$1,789,144			
Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) <i>(income limit \$68,675 per household)</i>	\$1,008,766	\$3,402,193			
California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) <i>(income limit \$32,900 per household)</i>	\$374,891.00	\$864,876			
Total Refunds and Credits		\$10,603,612			

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Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) (SRV 3o) Applications (Note: duplicate of Federal Tax Returns Completed)	Month	YTD	Goal Adjusted	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Applications (New/Renewal)	48	81	200	24%	41%
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)					
State refunds and CalEITC amounts are estimates due to the inability to retrieve a State Paper Report. State tax returns for ITIN holders are higher this month. This happens when ITIN applications are processed. Once an ITIN number is issued by the Federal (IRS), the State side of the tax return (FTB) can be submitted and processed. Also, is higher State returns completed due to the inability to separate tax returns using SIDN in order to calculate tax returns completed by California Farm Workers Foundation (CFF), and be able to added to their own report.					
Program Strategic Goals			Progress Towards Goal		
Persist in fostering connections within rural communities to extend outreach and engage with a larger number of clients.					
Sub-contractor: United Way Central Eastern California e-filed returns 2023-25	Month	YTD	Goal Adjusted	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Federal		119	3,250	0	4%
State		119			
UWCEC 2020-22 Paper Filed, and Prior Year Returns (total YTD added to Federal YTD)	Month	YTD			
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (federal)		5			
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (state)		5			
Sub-contractor: United Way Central Eastern California Refunds and Credits	Month	YTD			
Federal Refunds		\$168,560			
State Refunds		\$58,213			
Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (income limit \$66,819 per household)		\$145,166			
California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) (income limit \$31,950 per household)		\$26,175			
Total Refunds and Credits	\$398,114	\$398,114			
Sub-contractor: MAOF 2023-25 e-filed returns	Month	YTD	Goal Adjusted	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Federal		0	400	0	0
State		0			
MAOF 2020-22 Paper Filed, and Prior Year Returns (total YTD added to Federal YTD)	Month	YTD			

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Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (federal)		0						
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (state)		0						
Sub-contactor: MAOF Refunds and Credits	Month	YTD						
Federal Refunds		\$0						
State Refunds		\$0						
Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (income limit \$68,675 per household)		\$0						
California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) (income limit \$32,900 per household)		\$0						
Total Refunds and Credits		\$0						
Sub-contactor: California Farmworkers Foundation (CFF) 2023-25 e-filed returns	Month	YTD				Goal Adjusted	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Federal		186				300	0	0.62
CFF 2020-22 Paper Filed Returns (total YTD added to Federal YTD)	Month	YTD						
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (federal)		5						
Sub-contactor: CFF Refunds and Credits	Month	YTD						
Federal Refunds		\$314,950						
Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (income limit \$68,675 per household)		\$181,612						
Total Refunds and Credits		\$496,562						

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Month	1-Mar	Program/Work Unit	Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)			
Division/Director	Fred Hernandez		Program Administrator	Jacqueline Guerra		
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026					
Program Description						
The CAPK Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program provides free tax preparation and filing assistance to eligible taxpayers, with a primary focus on individuals age 60 or older. Services are designed to support seniors, persons with disabilities, and taxpayers with limited English proficiency by ensuring access to accurate tax preparation and information. Additionally, CAPK provides ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) services through IRS Certified Acceptance Agents (CAAs). CAAs are authorized by the IRS to assist individuals who do not qualify for a Social Security number but need an ITIN for tax filing purposes.						
(SRV 3o)	Month	YTD	Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress	
Federal	365	974	1,500	24%	65%	
Social Security Number (SSN)	350					
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	15					
State	367	978				
Social Security Number (SSN)	350					
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	17					
CAPK 2020-22, Paper Filed Returns (total YTD added to Federal YTD) (SRV 3o)	Month	YTD				
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (federal)	5	6				
Social Security Number (SSN)	5					
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	0					
Paper-filed, and Prior year returns (state)	5	6				
Social Security Number (SSN)	5					
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)	0					
CAPK Refunds and Credits (SRV 3o)	Month	YTD				
Federal Refunds	\$236,203.00	698,888				
State Refunds	\$75,299	203,708				
Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) <i>(income limit \$68-675 per household)</i>	\$86,725	275,888				
California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) <i>(income limit \$32,900 per household)</i>	\$20,662.00	68,733				
Total Refunds and Credits		\$1,247,217				

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Month	March-26	Program/Division		2-1-1 Call Center Program			
Division/Director	Freddy Hernandez	Program Manager		Sabrina Jones			
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026						
Program Description							
The 2-1-1 Kern is a 24/7 information and referral service that provides local residents with comprehensive information and links to community health and human services at no cost. The 2-1-1 Kern has a database of 1,300 social service agencies that are available to the public through the 2-1-1 Kern Online Resource Directory at www.211KernCounty.org. The program has over 18 years of experience in providing and linking community members to vital services, and currently serves multiple communities in the Central Valley including Fresno and Madera, Kings, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare through the United Way partnerships.							
Most Requested Services	Food Pantries	Utility Payment Assistance	Homeless Diversion Programs <input type="checkbox"/>				
Top 3 Unmet Needs	Soup Kitchens	Clothing	Homeless Drop In Centers				
Information and Referral Services (I&R) Calls Handled (SRV 7c)							
	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress		
Fresno & Madera County	4793	13,883	40,000	12%	35%		
Kern County	2622	7,736	40,000	7%	19%		
Kings County	242	690	3,500	7%	20%		
Merced & Mariposa County	105	366	2,000	5%	18%		
Stanislaus County	1192	3,470	13,000	9%	27%		
Tulare County	744	2,333	11,000	7%	21%		
Total County-based I&R Calls Handled	9,698	28,478	109,500	106%	26%		
Average Wait Time	0:38						
Average Handle Time	5:00						
Other Service Call Types Handled (SRV 7c)							
	Month	YTD					
LIHEAP (SRV 7b)	1687	5,076					
Mental Health (SRV 7c)	119	524					
Total County-based and Other Calls Handled	11,504	34,078					
Staffing vs. Call Volume				Current Staff	Staff Needed Per Call	Staff Over/Short	
2-1-1 staff designated for calls handled across all counties contracts with the expectation of 42 calls per staff for an 8-hour shift.				14	10.2	3.84	
Grant Funded Services		Activity	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Cal-Fresh (SNAP) Application (SRV 3l)		34	16	16	350	5%	5%
KIC Referrals (SRV 7c)		116	113	113	1,200	9%	9%
2-1-1 Website Visitors		Month		YTD	Annual Goal	Month Progress	Annual Progress
Duplicated Visitors (<i>i.e., accessing 2-1-1 e-services and database resources</i>)		69,736		189,162	225,000	31%	84%
Referrals		Month		YTD			
Food-related Calls (SRV 7c)		447		1,819			
Health and Human Service Referrals (SRV 7c)		672		2,795			
Housing and Homelessness Calls (SRV 7c)		216		864			
Utility Assistance Calls- Discount Internet or Utility (SRV 7c)		139		578			
Total Other Services		1,474		6,056			

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Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)	
<p>2-1-1 is determined to meet or exceed monthly and annual goals. Call volumes are consistent and align with the influx of calls for tax preparation needs to support Fresno and Madera counties. The program continues to provide application assistance, assessments, and outreach to bring awareness of services within the community. Calls, applications, and assessments are monitored and reviewed to determine appropriate methods and material needed for outreach events. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>□</p>	
Program Strategic Goals	Progress Towards Goal
<p>1. Enhance recruitment initiatives to attract and hire well-qualified candidates. This includes enhancing employee retention and foster opportunities for professional growth.</p>	<p>When vacancies are available, the program seeks to acquire skilled candidates by streamlining the recruitment process of internal Human Resources. The program aims to offer competitive wages, language fluency and competency incentives, and opportunity for growth. 2-1-1 is staffed with 18 Full Time Information and Referral (IR) Specialists to handle Low-Income Home Energy Assistance and standard calls. The program enriches employees through strategic schedule planning, honoring traditions, and celebrating achievements or milestones. Additionally, it supports opportunities for professional development and an incentive for IR's who obtain certification as a Community Resource Specialist.</p>
<p>2. Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our call center operations in the coming year by thoroughly evaluating and optimizing the use of our tools and technologies, including CRM systems. Focus will be placed on improving call handling performance, streamlining workflows, and identifying opportunities to align staffing levels with operational needs.</p>	<p>The program is in consistent collaboration with the Information-Systems (IS) and Technology (IT) Team to improve the database by optimizing technology through the implementation of automation to ease the process of system navigation, documentation of call outcomes, and the collection of caller satisfaction surveys. The IS Team has developed an Intelligent Virtual Agent process to test prior to the pilot for afterhours calls. The AI Agent will be devoted to guiding callers with non-complex needs that do not require high engagement, problem solving, advocacy, or continuous interaction.</p>
<p>3. Prioritize retaining existing contracts, such as partnerships with United Ways, while actively exploring and proposing new opportunities to better serve our community members. Leverage the full potential of the call center by pursuing additional fee-for-service contracts and expanding services to maximize impact and efficiency.</p>	<p>2-1-1 continues to build upon its existing partnerships by effectively communicating and meeting with partners and contract grantors to share performance data and discuss progress relative to its objectives, deliverables, and goals. The program aims to meet reporting expectations of all funding sources and maintaining a trusting relationship to increase the opportunity for existing contracts to be retained. □</p>
Program Highlights	
<p>The program began its Tobacco Cessation contract on 3/1/26 to screen callers and submit referrals to Kick It California (KIC). The initiative offers an incentive to the program as well as those who participate in the coaching processes to obtain treatment or other supports in the smoking cessation journey themselves or familiar individuals.</p>	



Operations

Data Services
Facilities & Maintenance
Information Technology
Information Systems
Risk Management

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Month	March-26	Program/Work Unit	Operations Division	
Division/Chief, Director	Emilio Wagner CFTO, Maria Contreras Director of Facilities	Program Managers	Emilio Wagner, Maria Contreras, Rommel Almanza, Mohamed Ahmed, Laurie Sproule	
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026			
Division Description				
The Operations Division is a dynamic and multifaceted division that plays a pivotal role in ensuring the seamless functioning of our organization. This division is responsible for spearheading new construction projects, overseeing fleet management, maintaining our physical facilities, mitigating risks, and managing all aspects of Information Technology (IT) and Information Systems (IS).				
Information Systems				
Activity	Requested	In-Progress	Processed	Processed YTD
IS Tickets	39	11	37	97
Paginated Reports/ Power bi reports/ Dashboards	4	6	3	11
Background Processes	8	0	7	22
Power App Enhancements	7	4	7	24
Projects		Description of Status		Current % Status
211 After Hours AI		In development		60%
Energy Intake Website		On Hold - pending 211 Completion		70%
Needs assessment survey and Report		In progress		50%
Head Start Parent Survey and Report		In progress		40%
VSS		Project Completed		100%
Sage Intaact to Primarius		Python Script in development - Primairus API Down		70%
Field Service		Project Scope expanded		20%
CDP Optimizations		In progress		60%
Community Youth Access Program		Completed		100%
Activity	Requested	In-Progress	Processed	Processed YTD
Facility Work Orders	420	694	381	1071
Construction Projects		Description of Status		Current % Status
Homekey+ Ramkibir		Pending funding award. Building plans are in City Building Department for review.		
McFarland & Tehachapi Modulares		Modular building out to bid. McFarland site plan development in progress. Funding awarded for McFarland. Pending funding for Tehachapi.		
Barnett House		Project paused, due to funding carryover request with Office of Head Start.		
Major Maintenance Projects		Description of Status		Current % Status
MCAP Stine Second Floor		Additional leasing space/2nd floor for MCAP on Stine		95%
Stockdale HS		Signage		12%
Mojave Afghan Solar/Playard		Install shade structure and Solar to mobile park community		8%
VSS		Decatur Home Depot Flooring		80%
Harvey Hall Phase 2 & 3		New Kitchen & Breakroom		25%
Sterling Remodel Phase 3		Awarding Contract		100%

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Sterling Block Wall		Property Line Site Survey		10%
Alberta Dillard		Survey Complete Working of Property Line Discrepancy's		8%
SJC Tiny Powers		Facility Ready and Licensed Pending Children Sink Installation		90%
SJC Filipino Plaza		Fire & Alarm Monitoring Playard Mod		75%
SJC		University Park		35%
Activity	Requested	In-Progress	Processed	Processed YTD
Help Desk Work Orders	528	130	500	1335
Information & Technology Projects		Description of Status		Current % Status
Yubikey Phase 1		Go Live April 17th		97%
E-Rate		submitted		100%
Absolute Software adoption		Quote approved		60%
Risk Management				
		Reported		Reported YTD
Students / Parents / Volunteers / Clients		0		0
Property		1		5
Vehicle Incident / Grand Theft Auto		1		2
Motor Vehicle Accident		1		2
Over Doses / Death		0		0
Total		3		9
Program Strategic Goals		Progress Towards Goal		
Description	Description of Status		Current % Status	
Develop a facility deferred maintenance program.				
Develop and implement a Data Governance strategy.				
Improve the customer experience by assessing it through factors such as response time and customer sentiment.				
Program Highlights				



Community Development

Grant Development
CAPK Foundation
Outreach & Marketing

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Month	March-26	Program	CAPK Foundation
Division/Director/Chief	Pritika Ram	Director	Catherine Anspach
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026		
Program Description			
The Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Community Action Partnership of Kern, established to strengthen and expand CAPK's impact across Kern County. As a 501(c)(3) supporting organization governed by its own independent Board of Directors, the Foundation focuses on fundraising, community outreach, and building long-term financial sustainability to advance CAPK's mission.			
Program Category Funding			
Homelessness & Housing	\$50		
Food Insecurity	\$36,570		
Veterans Supportive Services	\$0		
Youth & Families	\$805		
VITA	\$0		
Foundation (General)	\$345		
Gourmet for Good	\$21,210		
External Events			
Homelessness & Housing	0		
Food Insecurity	Regal Cinemas - \$750 LDS Church-\$24,039		
Veterans Supportive Services	0		
Youth & Families	Dutch Bros/Oasis -\$805 Cal Portland Golf Tourney(EKFRC) - \$14,698		
Other	0		
Special Initiatives			
Finalized the draft of the O'Reilly grant application requesting \$25,000 for Oasis FRC			
Partnership meeting with Maritza Jiminez with Kern Family Health Care for annual sponsorship support			
Received a \$1,000 award notice from Community West Bank and scheduled a meet-and-greet to explore additional support opportunities			
Met with Alta One Credit Union and established two annual campaigns: Back-to-School (June-July) and Holiday Giving (October-November)			
Conducted grant research for the Stater Bros. grant application to support EKFRC			
Created Save the Date and ticket sales social media graphics for Gourmet for Good and scheduled posts across Instagram and Facebook.			
Created social media graphics for the M Street Navigation Center Hygiene Drive and scheduled posts across Instagram and Facebook.			
Connected with the Arvin Kiwanis Club and scheduled an April presentation on the Foundation and the program campaigns they can support.			

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Connected with U.S. Bank and scheduled an introductory call to discuss potential partnership opportunities
Brainstormed and collected design concepts for the Apple Wall Campaign, including planning for a new annual donor wall installation
Appeared on Univision to discuss the Foundation and highlight ways the community can support fundraising for CAPK programs
Toured the M Street Navigation Center, Central Kitchen, M Food Bank, and Friendship House with the SOS Recycle team
Promoted and attended the Anthem Medi-Cal Workshop as part of our agreement
Organized four demo calls with CAPK leadership to explore different CRMs for the Foundation.
Attended two tastings for Gourmet for Good. Vetted designer for G4G. Conducted site visit with to review layout and scope of project.
Met with M Street to develop the "Good Neighbor Project."
Assisted with the setup and planning of the check presentation for the LDS Church
Hosted and presented at an event with the Kern High School District to showcase CAPK programs to over 10 high schools, and discussed ways schools can support CAPK programs with the help of the CAPK
Developed Fundraising Page for Backpack Drive and also Street Rides & Street Bikes event both to benefit Friendship House
Community Outreach
Attended CRC Easter visits at Head Start centers in Shafter and Taft
Attended the Mojave Resource Health Fair
Attended the KAN workshop on fundraising for nonprofits
Attended the BARC Gala.
Attended the BC Foundation Gala.
Attended the Cal Portland Golf Tourney to benefit EKFRFC
Attended the Kern County Stroke & Heart Walk Executive Breakfast

Program Strategic Goals	Progress Towards Goal
Expand Fundraising Capacity. Leverage the Board to establish a formal development committee and increase individual donor base by 40% through targeted campaigns and board-led cultivation events.	Engaging our board by tasking them with fundraising initiatives and goals. Adding program presentations at our board meetings to empower them to represent the Foundation in the community.
Launch Veterans Program Funding Campaign Secure \$40,000 in dedicated funding for our new Veterans (homeless or at-risk of homelessness) program through targeted outreach to veteran-focused foundations, corporate sponsors with military initiatives, and individual major donors with military connections. Establish 3-5 strategic partnerships with veteran service organizations by Q3 2026.	Continued meeting with SOS Recycling and toured them on other program sites. Determined date for KGET-TV Drive to collaborate with SOS Recycle for event. All proceeds to benefit VSS Stand Down.

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Supporting CAPK's Strategic Plan (2026–2029).	Leading monthly meetings with our team to stay on track for goal setting.
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Month	March-26	Program	Community Development
Division/Director/Chief	Pritika Ram	Program Managers	Savannah Oates
Reporting Period	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026		

Program Description

The services under the Community Development Division range from fund and grant development/research to outreach and media/public relations, as well as new business development. This includes project management of agency level initiatives, such as the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan and CAA-related plans, and special projects.

Outreach Social Media	Month	YTD	Annual Goal	Annual Progress
Website User Sessions	22,762	70,295	260,000	27%
Facebook Impressions (i.e., number of times users see content)	185,144	646,353	4,000,000	16%
Other Social Media Impressions	137,839	409,510	1,750,000	23%

Highest Performing Post

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/806304435143406>

Outreach Special Projects

- Continued Planning of 2026 Staff Development Day
- Promoted Financial Literacy workshops hosted at Shafter Youth Center in collaboration with Strata Credit Union
- Assisting VITA program with social media deliverables for CSD requirements
- Scheduled Media interview with 23abc to highlight a client who discussed the impacts of the M street hygiene drive to the community.
- Developing new collateral for MCAP team
- Assisted programs with registering for Senator Shannon Groves and City Serves Easter event
- Provided media support for VITA Tacos and Taxes Event
- Hosted KHSD liaisons from 10 different school sites and shared CAPK service lines
- Promoted HVAC giveaway in collaboration with EMCOR/CAPK Energy at KGET 17
- Filmed 3 segments on Univision's around the valley discussing VSS, M street hygiene drive, and WIC
- Provide media support for CAPK foundation head start easter visits in collaboration with CRC in Taft and Shafter
- Attended Valle Verde Family Picnic and Resource Fair
- Organized, executed, and provided media support LDS America 250 donation and press conference at the food bank
- Media covered Reading Across America

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Media covered Food Bank Agency Partners: Children First, Shafter Free Will Baptist Church (Wonderful Farmers Market), Catholic Charities, & Garden Pathways.

[Assisted with the hosting of students for Volunteer Big Kern at the Food Bank and Documented Volunteer Big Kern](#)

[Hosted CSUB ethics department for their Annual Wendy Wayne Day of Ethics and Documented Wendy Wayne Day of Service](#)

Outreach Advocacy

Began planning for CALCAPA Advocacy day set for May 2026

Food Bank team is working with Senator Hurtado's Office to coauthor SB1025

Advocacy Watch-list

HR 1748

HR 1

CalFoods

CSBG

Instrument Opportunities Report - April 6, 2026

Projects: Community Development, Housing and Supportive Services, Youth & Community Services, Veterans & Supportive Services, and Health & Nutrition Services

Statuses: Abandoned Awarded - Closed Declined Awarded - Active LOI In Progress LOI Submitted Application In Progress Application Submitted

Date Range: Mar 01, 2026 - Mar 31, 2026

STATUS

\$0

Awarded

0 opportunities

\$275,000

Submitted

2 opportunities

\$572,450

Declined

1 opportunity

Displaying 5 opportunities

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NAME	DEADLINE	STATUS	AMOUNT	NEXT TASK	NOTES
March 2026					
Community Health Worker, Promoter, and Representative (CHW/P/R) Ini... California Department of Health Care ... Housing and Supportive Services	RM Mar 30, 2026	Application Submitted	Requesting \$250,000		This grant will provide direct supportive services to CalAIM's Community Health Workers with training, technology, and travel support.

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NAME	DEADLINE	STATUS	AMOUNT	NEXT TASK	NOTES
March 2026					
Basic Needs and Income Creation Bank Of America Charitable Foundation... Youth & Community Services	Mar 2, 2026	Application Submitted	Requesting \$25,000		If awarded, this grant will help the EKFRFC and OFRC stock their pantries with shelf-stable food to assist low-income households and...
Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veter... US Department of Labor: Veterans' Emp... Veterans & Supportive Services	Archived	Abandoned	US \$150,000 - US \$500,000		Abandoned because the Veterans & Supportive Services program does not currently have the capacity to take on this opportunity but plans to pursue it nex...
WKKF Grant Wk Kellogg Foundation Health & Nutrition Services	KL Mar 9, 2026 Rolling	Declined	Requesting \$572,450		Applying on behalf of the Food Bank to convert 25 pantries into Client Choice Pantry in Kern County, requesting \$572,450 for 12 months.
People's Air Grant Program Air District's Community Benefit Fund Youth & Community Services	Mar 19, 2026	Abandoned			Abandoned due to the funding program being outside of CAPK's current scope of work.

Community Action Partnership of Kern Funding Profile

Funding Information			
Funding Type	State	CAPK Program	Cal-AIM
Funding Agency	The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)	Project Name	Community Health Worker, Promotor, and Representative (CHW/P/R) Initiative Pillar 2
CFDA		Target Population	Unhoused
Reapplication (Y/N)	No	Number to be served	120
Estimated Request	\$250,000.00	Division Director	Rebecca Moreno
Award Period	May 1, 2026- November 30, 2027	Program Manager	Carla Nieto
Project Goal (One sentence goal statement)			
Through these funds, CalAIM aims to provide direct supportive services to its Community Health Workers (CHWs) to increase workforce sustainability and strengthen organizational capacity.			
Project Description (Brief one paragraph description)			
The proposed project will strengthen CAPK's CalAIM Community Health Workers (CHWs) by expanding workforce support services and infrastructure that directly benefit frontline CHWs. Through its CalAIM contract with Kern Health Systems, CAPK delivers Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) to individuals with complex health and social needs. Grant funds will be used to enhance CHW training and professional development, provide mobile technology and linguistic support tools, and support billing and system infrastructure essential to CalAIM service delivery. These investments will increase CHW capacity, efficiency, and sustainability, enabling CHWs to serve more participants while maintaining high-quality, culturally and linguistically responsive care. The project will strengthen workforce retention, improve service coordination, and support long-term program sustainability while advancing health equity for CalAIM participants across Kern County.			
Estimated Budget Summary			
The estimated project budget prioritizes direct investment in Community Health Worker (CHW) workforce support, with at least 51% of total funds allocated to CHW/P/R Workforce Support Services, in alignment with grant requirements. This includes training and professional development, technology upgrades, linguistic and translation tools, and support with the current billing system. The remaining 49% of the budget will be dedicated to general operating expenses.			
Recommendation			
Staff recommends approval to submit the funding application and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract if awarded, and any subsequent amendments throughout the duration of the contract term.			

Approvals:

1. Division Director	Rebecca Moreno	Date: 2026-03-24	4. Chief Financial Officer	Tracy Webster	Date: 2026-03-24
2. Chief Business Development Officer	Pritika Ram	Date: 2026-03-24	5. Chief Facilities and Technology Officer	Emilio Wagner	Date: 2026-03-24
3. Chief Program Officer:		Date:	6. Chief Executive Officer	Jeremy Tobias	Date: 2026-03-25

Date Presented / Approved:

PRE Approval: _____ B&F Approval: _____ Executive Approval: _____ Board Approval: _____

**Community Action Partnership of Kern
Small Funding Request (\$50,000 or less per year)
March 2026**

Funding Type	Private	CAPK Program	EKFRC & OFRC
Funding Agency	Bank of America	Project Name	Basic Needs and Income Creation
CFDA		Target Population	low-income individuals and families
Request	25,000.00	Division Director	Freddy Hernandez
Award Period	1 year	Program Manager	Anna Saavedra
Description	EKFRC and OFRC plan to distribute emergency food to roughly 1,737 low-income individuals and families. The FRCs will purchase food through CAPK's Food Bank, Amazon, and Dollar General Market. Produce, poultry, and shelf-stable foods will be purchased for their choice model food pantries.		

Recommendation	Staff recommends approval to submit the small funding application(s) up to \$50,000 per year and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract if awarded, and any subsequent amendments throughout the duration of the contract term.
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Date Presented/Approved

Policy Council: _____ PRE Presentation : _____ B&F Approval: _____ Board Approval: _____

Month	Apr-26	Program/Work Unit		Head Start Preschool & Early Head Start		
Division/Director	Head Start/State Child Development Division/ Yolanda Gonzales	Enrollment and Attendance Manager		Carol Hendricks		
Reporting Period	March 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026					
Program Description						
Head Start provides high-quality, early childhood education to children ages zero to five years old through part-day, full-day, and home-based options. The program has a holistic approach, not only addressing the needs of the child but teaching parents to become advocates and skilled providers for their children through its Parent Policy Council and Family Engagement programs. CAPK offers Head Start and Early Head Start services throughout Kern and San Joaquin counties.						
Early Head Start (ages 0-3) (FNPI 2a, 2b, 2c, 2c.1,2d, SRV 2b, 7a)		Month	Target	Annual Goal	Annual Progress	
Reportable/Funded Enrollment		737	753	753	98%	
Disabilities		256	10%	10%	37%	
Over Income 101%-130% (up to 35%)		17	n/a	n/a	2%	
Over Income 131% and up (up to 10%)		52	n/a	n/a	7%	
Head Start Preschool (ages 3-5) (FNPI 2a, 2b, 2c, 2c.1,2d,SRV 2b, 7a)		Month	Target	Annual Goal	Annual Progress	
Reportable/Funded Enrollment		936	936	936	100%	
Disabilities		127	10%	10%	14%	
Over Income 101%-130% (up to 35%)		16	n/a	n/a	2%	
Over Income 131% and up (up to 10%)		72	n/a	n/a	8%	
Head Start Preschool San Joaquin County Office of Education - (ages 3-5) (FNPI 2a, 2b, 2c, 2c.1,2d,SRV 2b, 7a)		Month	Target	Annual Goal	Annual Progress	
Reportable/Funded Enrollment		61	153	153	40%	
Disabilities		9	n/a	n/a	15%	
Over Income 101%-130% (up to 35%)		5	n/a	n/a	8%	
Over Income 131% and up (up to 10%)		0	n/a	n/a	0%	
Home Visiting Program (SRV 2cc, 7a)		Monthly	Year-To- Date	Annual Goal (Contract Limit 310)	Annual Progress (Calendar)	Annual Progress (Program Year)
Enrollment		223	440	308	72%	51%
Central Kitchen		Total Meals Delivered		Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
Meals and Snacks		67,173		23,944	19,285	23,944
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (Note: The data represents information from February 2026)		Total Meals Delivered		Meals Allocated (CACFP/HS)	# of Meals Served	% of Meals Served
Meals and Snacks (SRV 5ii)		68,692		(49,399/19,293)	54,577	79%
Eligibility Determination (SRV 7b) (January 2025-December 2025)		61	239			
Total Community Services		61	239			
Explanation (Over/Under Goal Progress)						
As of March 2026, the enrollment benchmark established by the Office of Head Start has been successfully met. Ongoing challenges within Early Head Start persist, primarily related to staffing and licensing requirements.						

Goals	County Super
<p>Goal IV: School Readiness: Increase families and staff capacity to support children's school readiness and to implement a quality program by enhancing the environment to strengthen teacher and child interactions.</p>	<p>Objective D: The Program will secure MOU's with 25% of school districts to provide specialized services to children served, including transitions for school readiness. Progress: MOU has been written and shared with Kern County Superintendent of Schools, KCSOS, for review and approval. Approval of this MOU will strengthen special education services provided to families in partnership with SELPA within the Head Start Program.</p>
Program Description	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Every Wednesday in March, Application Clinics were held at Enrollment and Attendance Department 2. March 14, 2026, Baskets Bunnies, & Blessings, City Serve 3. March 14, 2026, Vineland Elementary TK & Kindergarten Registration 4. March 14, 2026, Health Fair at Alicante Elementary 5. March 27, 2026, MLK Community Center's Eggstravaganza 6. March 28, 2026, Spring it On Wasco Parks. 7. The Education Team would also like to share that during the month of March we celebrated Read Across America. During this time community members and staff volunteered to read books to the children and participate in activities in the centers. 8. The Education Team also celebrated STEM week by engaging the children in activities that promoted language, literacy, and cognition supporting optimal school readiness. 	



MEMORANDUM

To: Program, Review, and Evaluation (PRE) Committee

From: Mohamed Ahmed, Information Systems (IS) Administrator

Date: April 15, 2026

Subject: *Agenda 5d.*: CY 2025 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Annual Report – Info Item

As part of our contract with the Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), we administer the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract. Annually, we report on the performance of the agency using the framework of the Community Development Block Grant (CSBG) domains and indicators, which includes the number of individuals served (unduplicated), types of services offered, and financial review.

The annual report covers the programmatic activities from January 1 through December 31 and is broken into the following modules, as well as a section of success stories:

- Module 1: State Administration
- Module 2: CSBG Eligible Entity Expenditures, Capacity, and Resources
- Module 3: Community National Performance Indicators
- Module 4: Individual and Family (FNPIs), Services, and Characteristics

In the calendar year 2025, the agency provided services to 137,201 unique individuals and 112,110 households, an increase of 1,031 and 2,977 when compared to CY 2024. The enclosed presentation will offer an overview of the services received by clients, trend data including programmatic and fiscal information, and areas identified for enhancement in the upcoming reporting cycle.

Attachment

CY 2025 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Annual Report presentation

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) CY 2025 Final Report

CSBG is designed to provide a range of services to assist low-income families and individuals in attaining the skills, knowledge, and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. CSBG funds services and activities that have a measurable impact on the causes and conditions of poverty in local communities across the state.

January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Date Submitted: February 03, 2026 (v.1)

Date Submitted: February 23, 2026 (v.2)

Date Approved: March 4, 2025



Module 1: State Administration

- Agency Success Stories
- Innovative Solutions Highlights
- State and CSBG Eligible Continuous Improvement

Module 2: CSBG Eligible Entity Expenditures, Capacity, and Resources

- Section A: CSBG Expenditures
- Section B: Capacity Building
- Section C: Allocated Resources

Module 3: CNPIs Community National Performance Indicators (initiatives)

- Community Level Initiatives, National Performance Indicators (NPIs), and Community Strategies

Module 4: Individual and Family (FNPIs), Services, and Characteristics

- National Performance Standards (NPIs)
- Services Indicators (SRVs)
- Characteristics – Client Demographics

Seven (7) Main CSBG Domains



Employment



Education and Cognitive Development



Income and Asset Building



Housing



Health and Social/Behavioral Development



Civic Engagement and Community Involvement



Serves Supporting Multiple Domains

Module 1: State Administration

CSBG Eligible Entity Management Accomplishments

In September 2025, CAPK's Board of Directors adopted a new multi-year **Strategic Plan** (through 2029) focused on four priorities, Community Investment, Partnerships, Culture, and Data-Driven Decisions, to advance its anti-poverty mission and strengthen its capacity to serve over 137,000 individuals annually in Kern County.

Innovative Solutions Highlight

In March 2025, CAPK completed a strategic merger with the California Veterans Assistance Foundation, establishing a new **Veterans & Supportive Services Division**, highlighted by the 12-unit Covey Cottages permanent supportive housing development, to significantly expand housing and wraparound services for veterans and youth experiencing homelessness across Kern County.

State and CSBG Eligible Entity Continuous Improvement

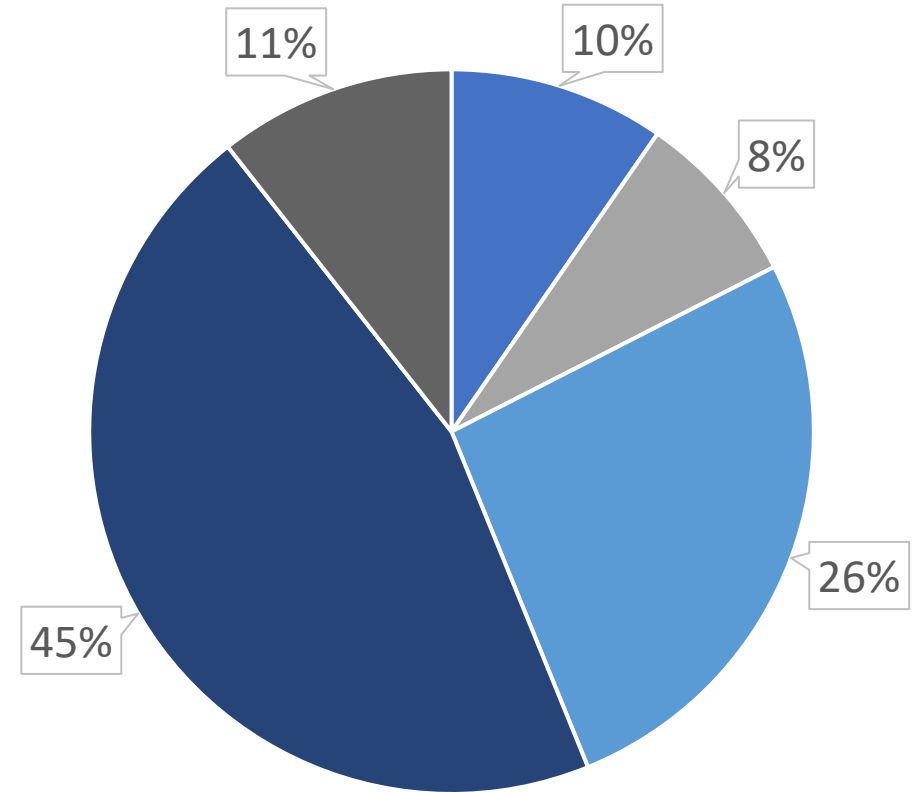
CAPK is implementing a unified **continuous improvement system**, anchored by its transition to the Sage Intacct **financial platform**, that integrates fiscal management, program performance, and strategic planning to strengthen transparency, accountability, and data-driven decision-making across the organization.



CSBG Module 2, Section A & C Financial Summary

2025 Section A - CSBG Expenditures

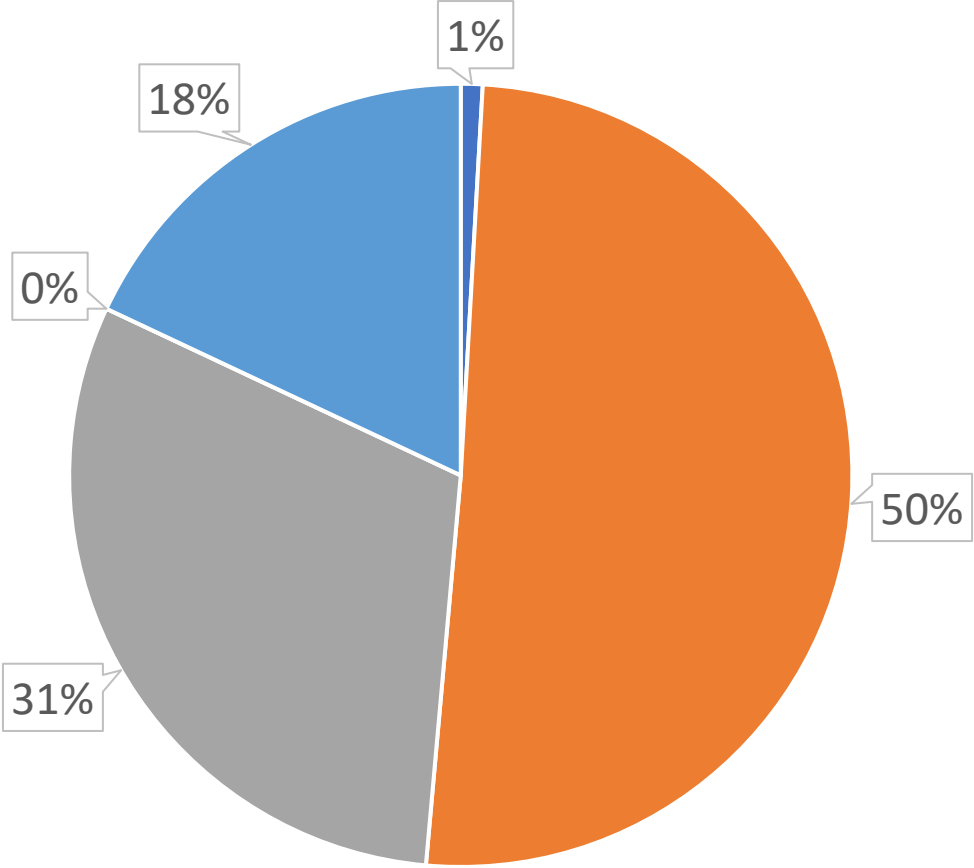
CSBG Expenditures Domains	Amount
Income, Infrastructure and Asset Building	\$176,058
Housing	143,660
Health and Social / Behavioral Development (includes nutrition)	481,941
Linkages (e.g partnerships that support multiple domains)	832,759
Services Supporting Multiple Domains	193,697
Total CSBG Expenditures	\$1,828,115



- Income, Infrastructure and Asset Building
- Housing
- Health and Social / Behavioral Development (includes nutrition)
- Linkages
- Services Supporting Multiple Domains

2025 Section C - Allocated Resources

Source	Amount
FY 2025 CSCG allocated	\$1,828,115
Federal Resources (Other than CSBG)	102,958,971
State Resources	62,309,168
Local Resource	-
Private Sector Resources	36,687,472
Total Resources	\$203,783,726



- FY 2024 CSBG
- State Resources
- Private Sector Resources
- Federal Resources (other than CSBG)
- Local Resources

Year by Year Comparison – Sources of Funding

Source	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
FY 2023 CSCG allocated	\$2,281,826	\$2,305,039	\$1,791,327	\$1,828,115	\$1,828,115
Federal Resources (Other than CSBG)	75,161,721	92,019,499	98,609,995	100,178,250	102,958,971
State Resources	20,091,128	34,262,222	55,095,048	58,475,566	62,309,168
Local Resource	45,000	45,036	-	45,502	-
Private Sector Resources	37,048,608	22,099,196	41,682,727	33,075,436	36,687,472
Total Resources	\$134,628,283	\$150,730,992	\$197,179,097	\$193,602,869	\$203,783,726

51% Growth in Revenue from 2021 to 2025



CSBG Module 2, Section B Capacity Building

Hours of Agency Capacity Building & Volunteer Hours (Module 2, B.3 & B.4)

Hours of Agency Capacity Building

Hours

Hours of Board Members in aacr building activities

1,178

Hours of Agency Staff in aacr building activities

11,160

Volunteer Hours

Hours

Total number of volunteer hours donated to the agency

62,502

Of the above, the total number of volunteer hours donated by individuals with low incomes

46,876

The number of staff who hold certifications that increase agency capacity to achieve family and community outcomes (Module 2, B.4)

The number of staff who hold certifications that increase agency capacity to achieve family and community outcomes, as measured by one or more of the following:	Number
Number of Nationally Certified ROMA Implementers	7
Number of Staff with a child development certification	44
Number of Staff with a family development certification	45
Number of Staff with Home Energy Professional Certifications	3
Number of Energy Auditors	3
Number of Quality Control Inspectors(QCI)	3
Number of LEED Risk Certified assessors	10
Number of Building Performance Institute(BPI) certified professionals	3
Number of Classroom Assessment Scoring System(CLASS) certified professionals	42
Number of Certified Housing Quality Standards(HQS) Inspectors	3
Other (Please specify others below):	
Site Coordinator Training Completion Certificate (VITA)	135
Safe Serve Certificate	6
Certified Lactation Educators (WIC)	4
Mental Health HighRisk Low Risk Training	6
CPR/First Aid Certifications	41
Civil Rights Certificate	51
Substance Abuse 101	17
Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) - Head Start & Early Head Start Trainers	5
Certified Community Resource Specialist- Database Curator (CRS) 2-1-1	2
Food Handler Certificate	30
Volunteer Standards of Conduct Certificate (VITA)	135
Degreed Nutritionist (WIC)	7
Handling Problem Interaction with Law Enforcement	2
Intake interview and quality review certificate (VITA)	135
Advance Tax Preparer Certificate (VITA)	135
Violence Intervention Certification	3
WIC Nutrition Assistant (WNA) Certification (WIC)	26
International board certified lactation consultant (WIC)	1
Bilingual Language Proficiency Certifications	193
Forklift Certification	24

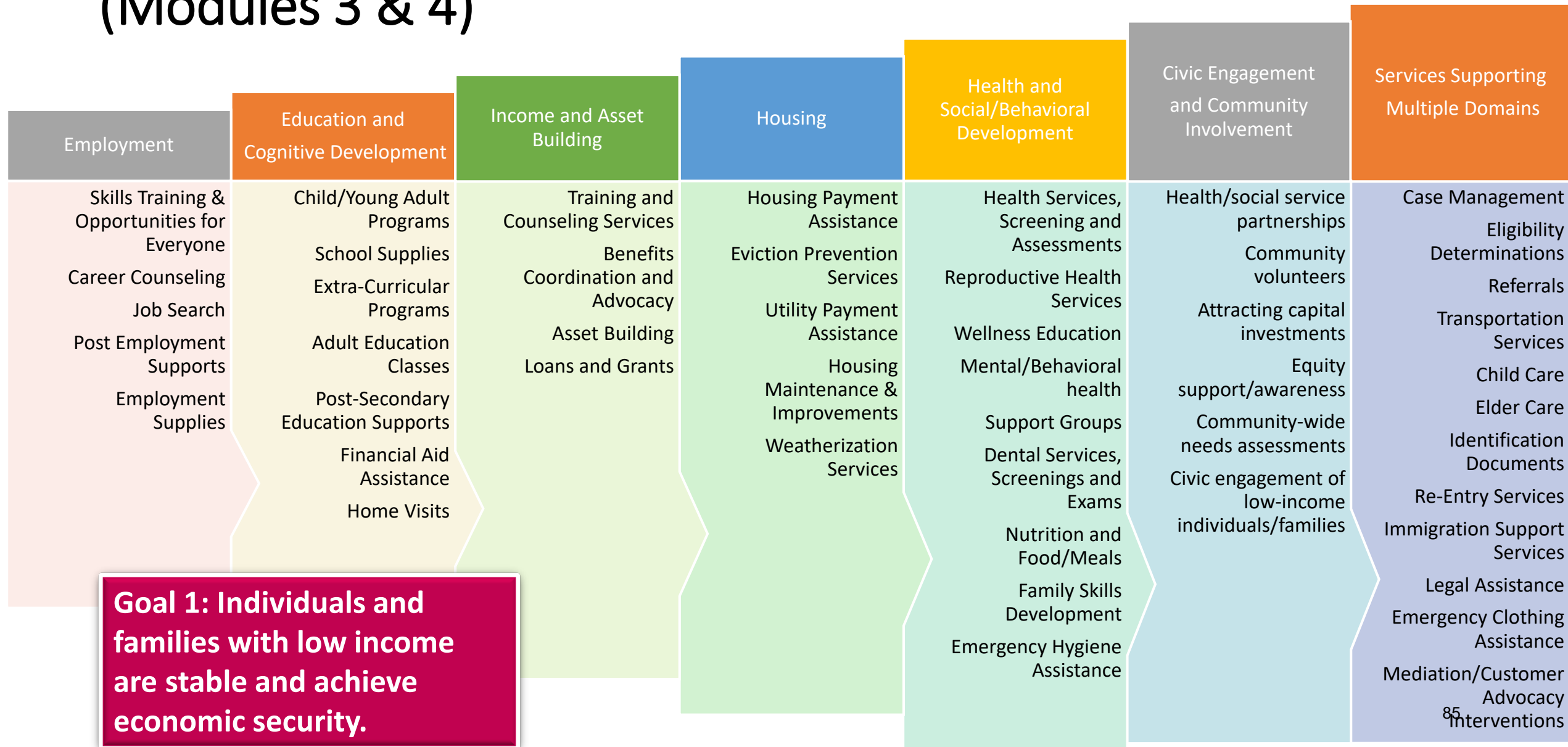
The Number of organizations, both public and private, that the CSBG Eligible Entity actively works with to expand resources and opportunities to achieve family and community outcomes (Module 2, B.5)

Number of organizations, both public and private, that the CSBG Eligible Entity actively works with to expand resources and opportunities in order to achieve family and community outcomes:	Number
Non-Profit	235
Faith Based	171
Local Government	40
State Government	6
Federal Government	8
For-Profit Business or Corporation	58
Consortiums / Collaborations	43
School Districts	32
Institutions of Post-Secondary Education/ Training	18
Financial / Banking Institutions	17
Health Service Organizations	46
Statewide Associations or Collaborations	20



CSBG Module 4, Section A National Performance Indicators (NPIs)

CSBG Individual and Family Performance Indicators (FNPI) (Modules 3 & 4)



Module 4 National Performance Indicators
Section A FNPIs
Domain: Education & Cognitive Development

FNPI Education and Cognitive Development Indicators	I.) Number of Individuals Served	II.) Target	V.) Performance Target Accuracy
FNPI 2a. The number of children (0 to 5) who demonstrated improved emergent literacy skills.	2,768	2,600	106%
FNPI 2b. The number of children (0 to 5) who demonstrated skills for school readiness.	2,851	2,700	106%
FNPI 2c. The number of children and youth who demonstrated improved positive approaches toward learning, including improved attention skills. (auto total).	3,263	3,000	109%
FNPI 2c.1. Early Childhood Education (ages 0-5)	3,263	3,000	109%
FNPI 2d. The number of children and youth who are achieving at basic grade level (academic, social, and other school success skills). (auto total).	3,263	3,000	109%
FNPI 2d.1. Ages 0-5 in Early Childhood Education	3,263	3,000	109%

Module 4 National Performance Indicators

Section A FNPIs

Domain: Housing & Health and Social/Behavioral Development

FNPI Health and Social/Behavioral Development (includes nutrition) Indicators

	I.) Number of Individuals Served	II.) Target	V.) Performance Target Accuracy
FNPI 5a. The number of individuals who demonstrated increased nutrition skills (e.g. cooking, shopping, and growing food).	380	350	109%
FNPI 5d. The number of individuals who improved skills related to the adult role of parents/ caregivers.	63	65	97%
FNPI 5e. The number of parents/caregivers who demonstrated increased sensitivity and responsiveness in their interactions with their children.	48	50	96%
FNPI 5i.1. Youth (ages 14-17)	21	25	84%
FNPI 5i.2. Adults (ages 18+)	17	20	85%

Module 4 National Performance Indicators

Section A FNPIs Domain: Housing

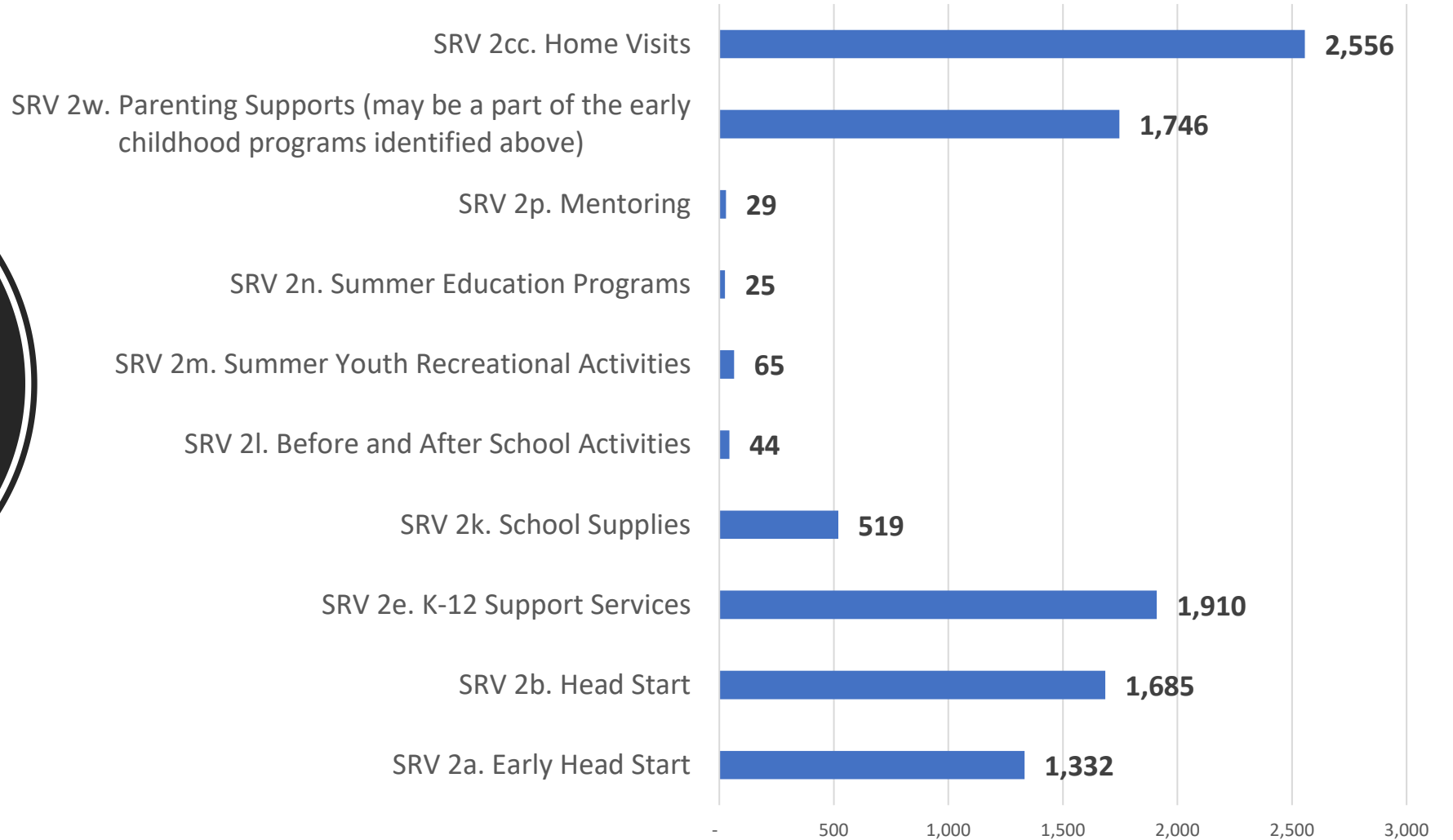
FNPI 4a. The number of individuals experiencing homelessness who obtained safe temporary shelter.	1,539	1,500	103%
FNPI 4b. The number of individuals who obtained safe and affordable housing.	385	400	96%
FNPI 4e. The number of individuals who avoided eviction.	73	75	97%
FNPI 4h. The number of individuals with improved energy efficiency and/or energy burden reduction in their homes.	133	150	89%
FNPI 4z. Number of individuals who avoided a utility shut-off.	5,784	5,000	116%
FNPI 4z. Number of individuals who improved physical access in their living space (wheel chair ramps, grab bars etc.).	12	15	80%



CSBG Module 4, Section B Services (SRVs)

Education and Cognitive Development Indicators
Unduplicated Number of Individuals Served

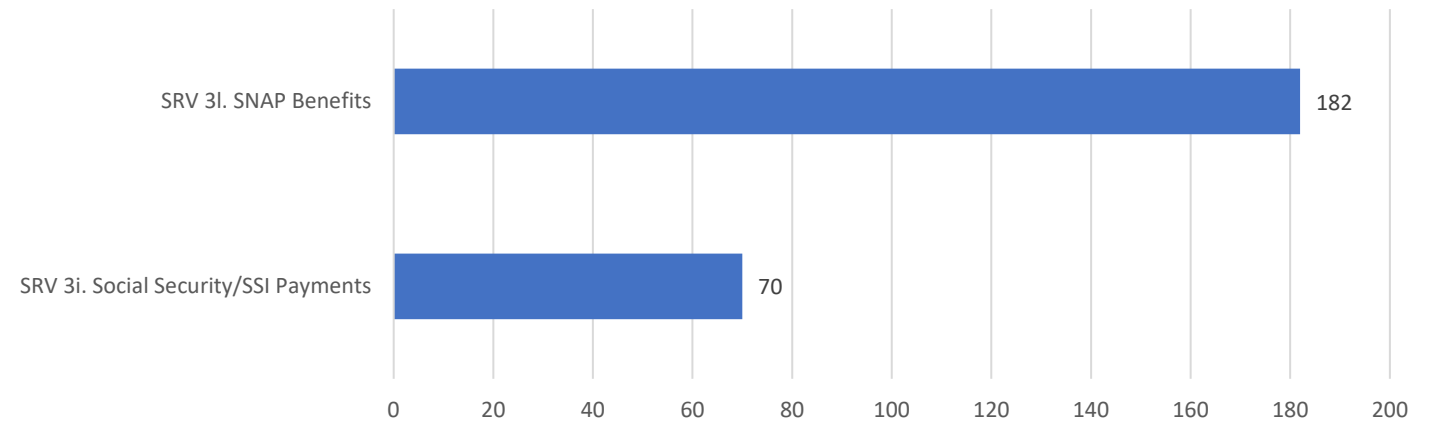
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Module 4 Service Indicators *Section B* *SRVs*

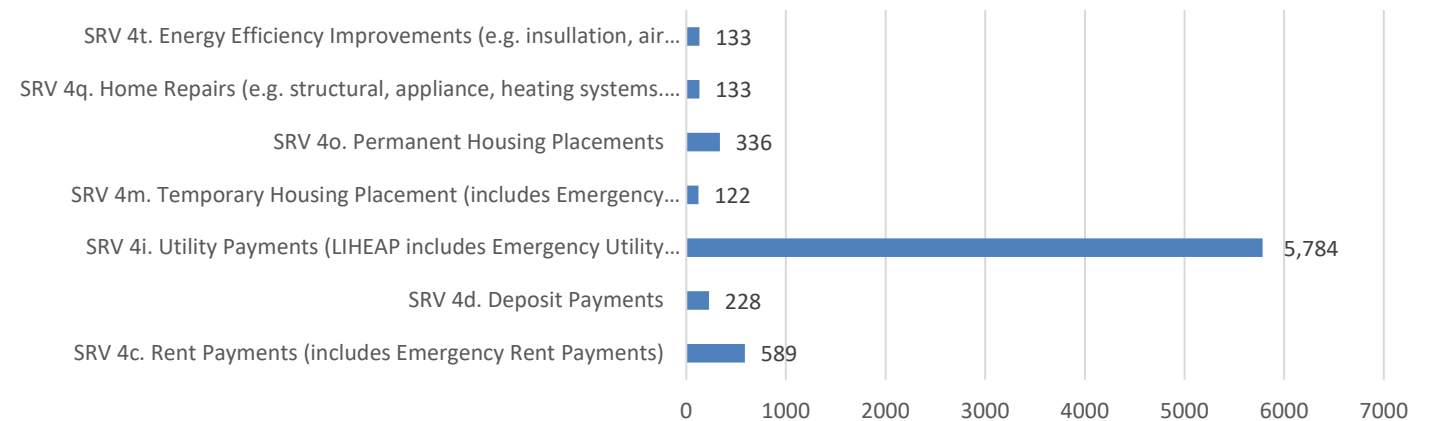
Income, Infrastructure, and Asset Building Indicators

Unduplicated Number of Individuals Served



Housing Indicators

Unduplicated Number of Individuals Served



Module 4 Service Indicators Section B SRVs

FNPI <i>Health and Social/Behavioral Development (includes nutrition) Indicators</i>	Unduplicated Number of Individuals Served
SRV 5c. Developmental Delay Screening	2,366
SRV 5d. Vision Screening	1,752
SRV 5g. Maternal/Child Health	19,685
SRV 5l. Family Planning Classes	38
SRV 5ff. Skills Classes (Gardening, Cooking, Nutrition)	380
SRV 5hh. Incentives (e.g. gift card for food preparation, rewards for participation, etc.)	432
SRV 5ii. Prepared Meals	3,341
SRV 5jj. Food Distribution (Food Bags/Boxes, Food Share Program, Bags of Groceries)	1,129,847
SRV 5ll. Life Skills Coaching Sessions	46
SRV 5mm. Parenting Classes	19

FNPI <i>SERVICES SUPPORTING MULTIPLE DOMAINS INDICATORS</i>	UNDUPLICATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED
SRV 7a. Case Management	31,271
SRV 7b. Eligibility Determinations	44,772
SRV 7c. Referrals	104,617
SRV 7d. Transportation Services (e.g. bus passes, bus transport, support for auto purchase or repair, including emergency services)	255
SRV 7f. Child Care payments	749
SRV 7m. Emergency Clothing Assistance	1,019



 Module 4 Service Indicators
 Section *B* SRVs



CSBG Module 4, Section C Client & Household Characteristics

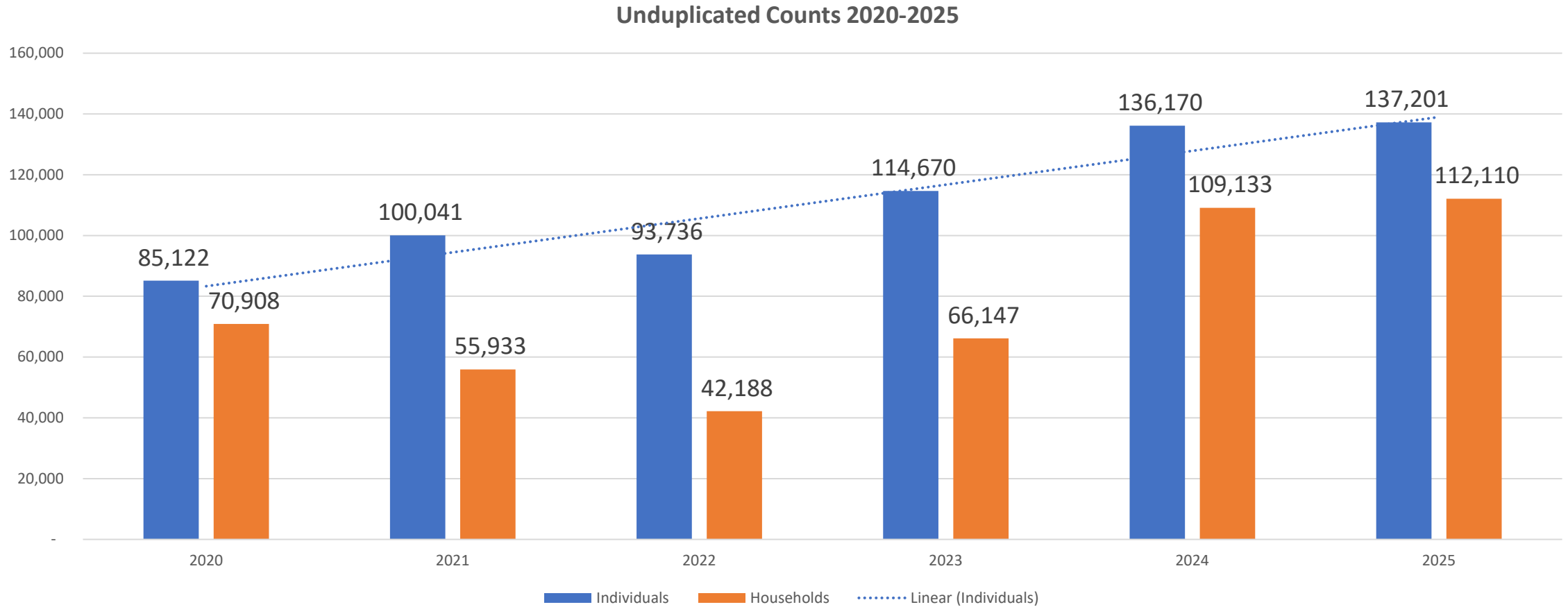
Module 4
Characteristics
Section C
Client
Demographics

Agency Level, including all
programs and service areas

Unduplicated Individuals
137,201

Unduplicated Household
112,110

Counts over the Years



Client Demographic Categories

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS

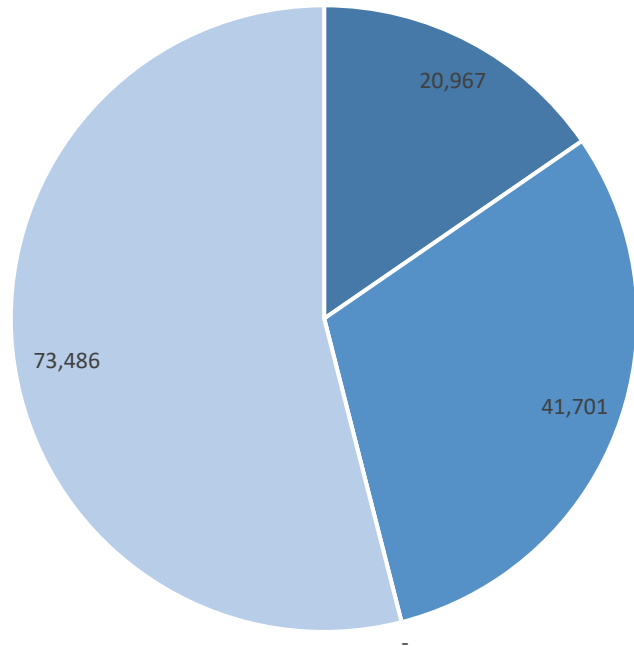
- Gender and Age
- Education
- Health
- Health Insurance
- Ethnicity
- Race
- Military Status
- Work Status

HOUSEHOLD LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS

- Type
- Size
- Housing (situation)
- Income Level
- Source of Income
- Other Source
- Non-cash Benefits

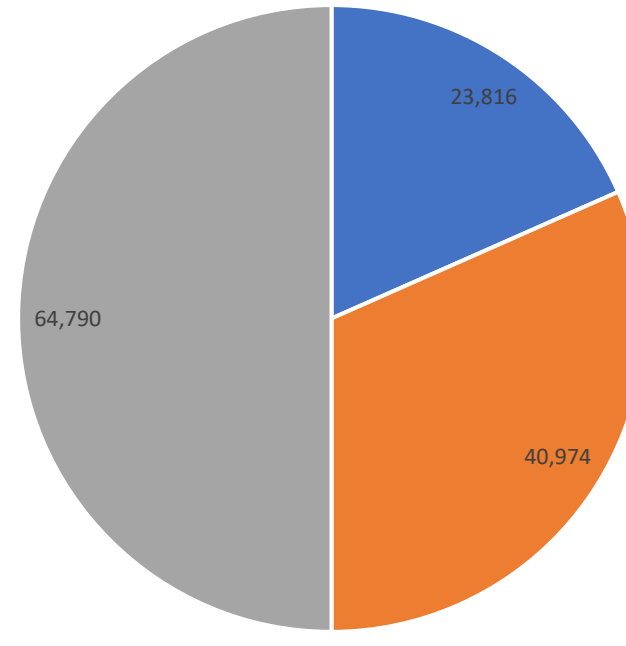
Individual Level Characteristic: Gender

Number of Individuals 2024



■ a. Male ■ b. Female ■ c. Other ■ d. Unknown/not reported

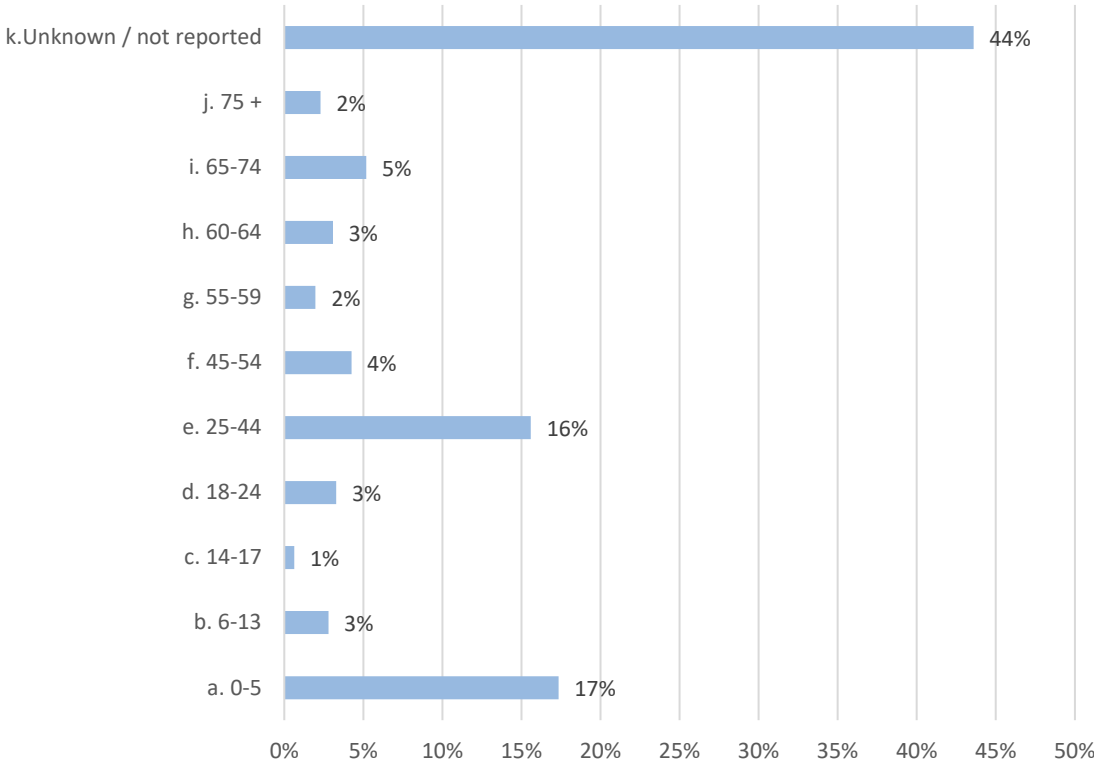
Number of Individuals 2025



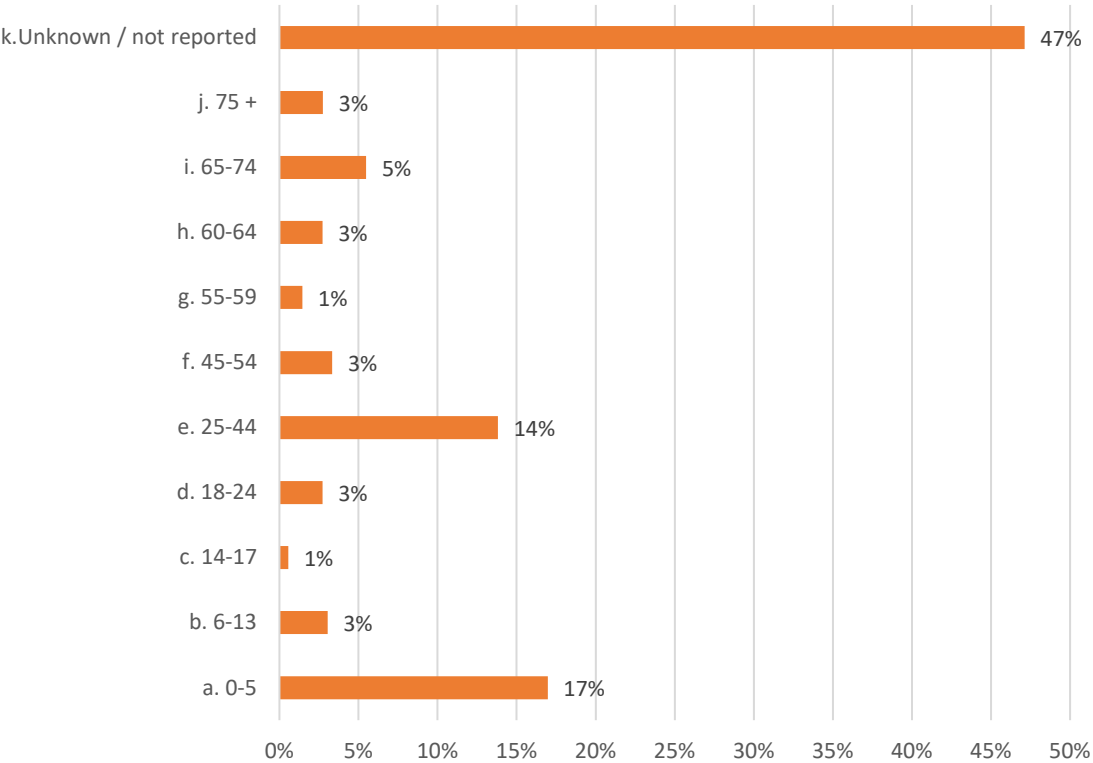
■ a. Male ■ b. Female ■ e. Total

Individual Level Characteristic: Age

Age
2024

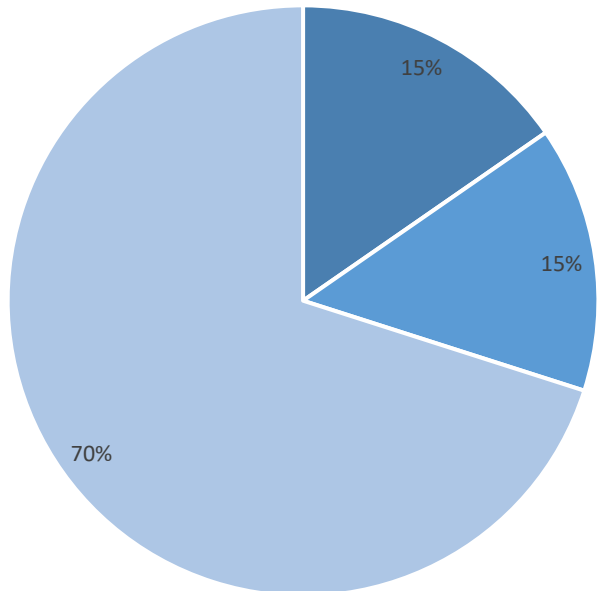


Age
2025



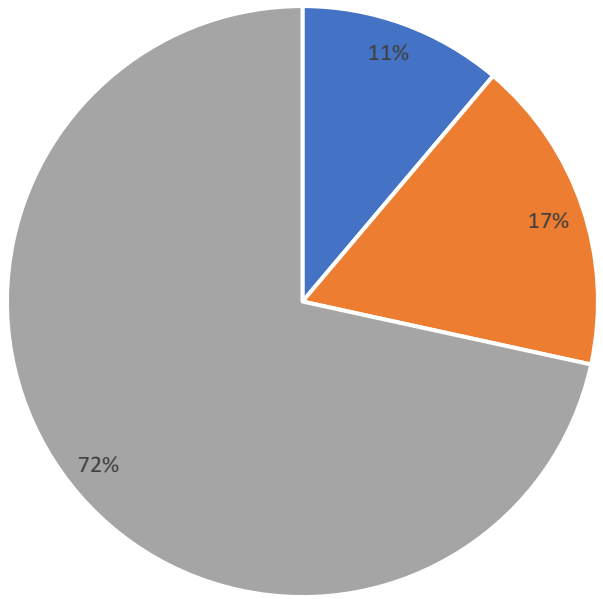
Individual Level Characteristic: Ethnicity

Number of Individuals 2024



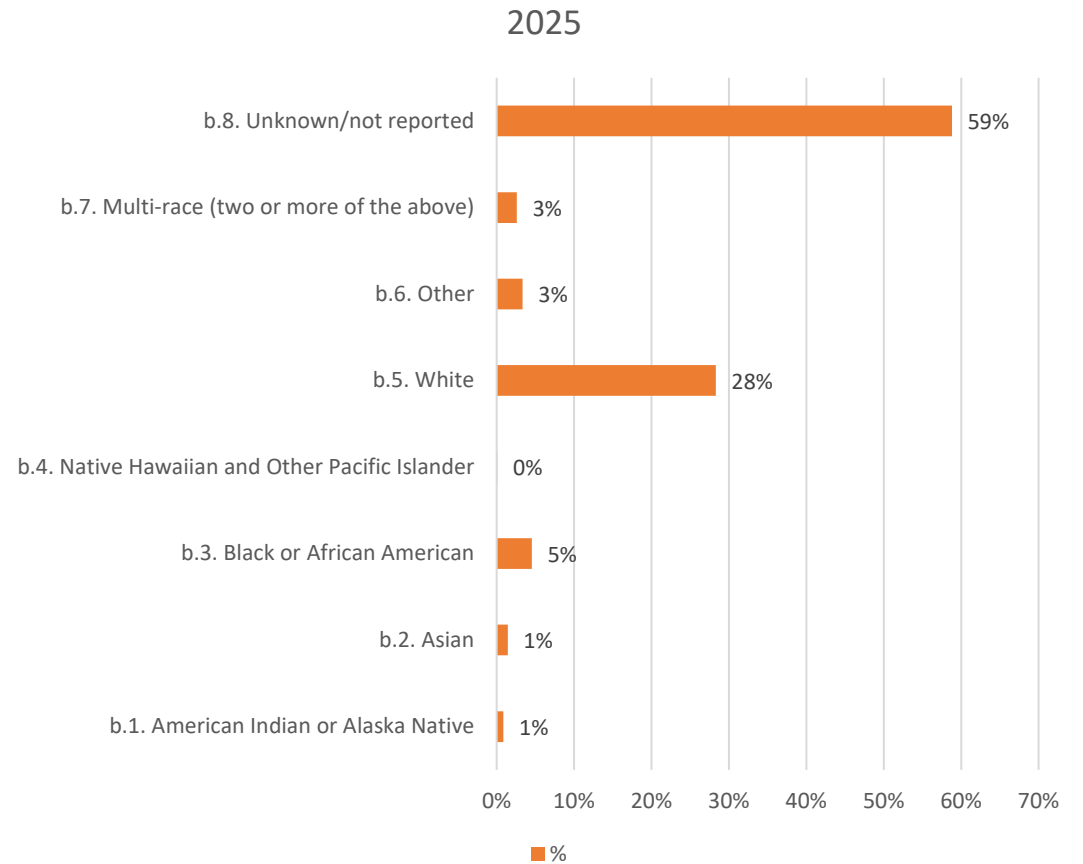
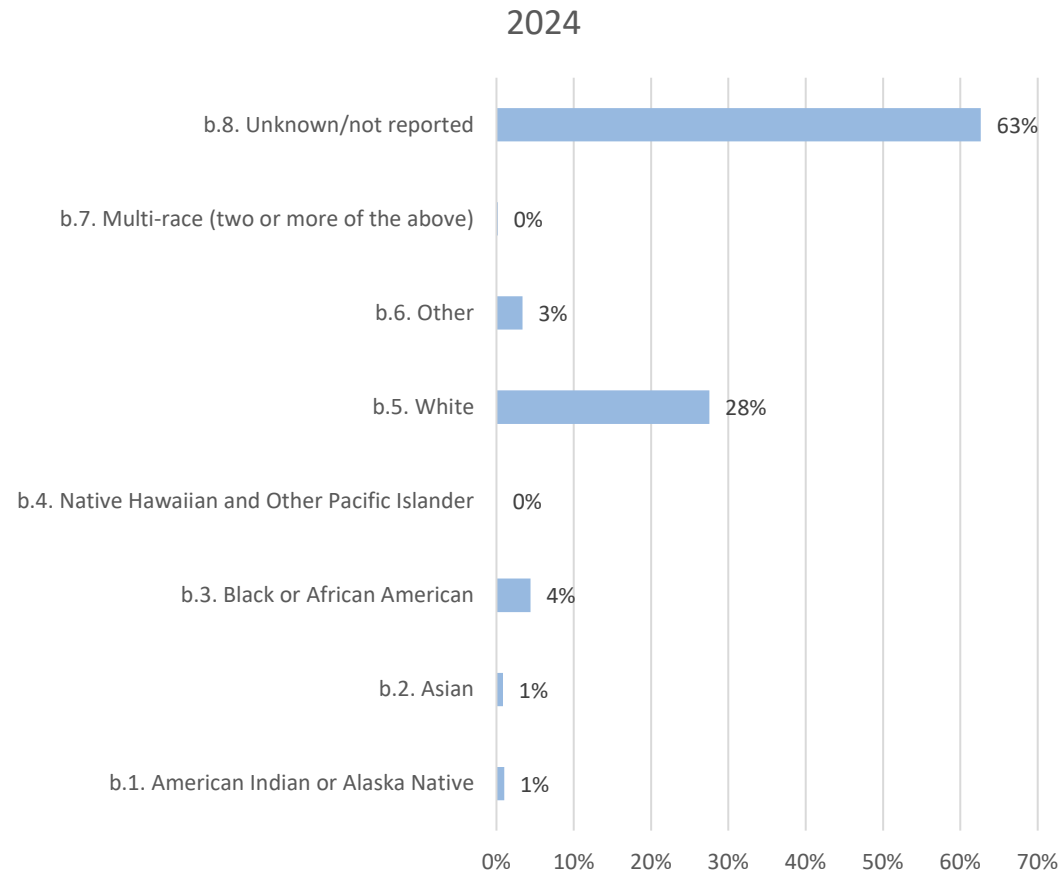
- a.1. Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins
- a.2. Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins
- a.3. Unknown/not reported

Number of Individuals 2025



- a.1. Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins
- a.2. Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins
- a.3. Unknown/not reported

Individual Level Characteristic: Race



Numbers excluded from agency records

a. Unduplicated number of INDIVIDUALS served in Program	Number of Individuals
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance	11,731



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CalFresh Healthy Living: Program FFY 2019-2026

PRESENTED BY:

ADMINISTRATOR-ALAN RODRIGUEZ

DIRECTOR-SUSANA MAGAÑA



Program Overview



CalFresh Healthy Living

CAPK CalFresh Healthy Living improves the nutritional health of low-income Kern County residents by providing access to nutrition education, physical activity education, and leadership toward healthy community initiatives.

LIVE Domain: Healthcare Clinics and Hospitals

- Nutrition standards
- Water access and appeal
- Nutrition standards: Community

SHOP Domain: Food assistance sites, food banks, and food pantries

- Access to farmers markets
- Improving existing markets

LEARN Domain: Before and After-School Programs & Schools (K-12, Elementary, Middle, High)

- Portion Size Limits
- Nutrition Standards
- Daily Quality Physical Activity



Last Years Goals

- Create more partnerships with organizations to increase pantries participation in the Nutrition Pantry Program (NPP)
- Support the California City FM in implementing the Food Navigator Program.
 - Support new program implementation and evaluation.
- Expand Access to the F-St FM by promoting WIC and KCAAS Food Vouchers
- Expand the Food Insecurity Screening process PSE to 2 additional Sites.
- Partner with Blue Zones of Bakersfield to promote changes in the processes and environments in schools.
- Provide Nutrition education to the other CAPK Programs.
- Use the CAPK needs Assessment and Strategic Plan to support and/or Guide our CFHL work.
- Create County Ordinances for
 - Food Insecurity Screeners
 - Universally accept EBT in Farmers Markets in Kern County or Bakersfield City
 - Facilitate a process for schools opening of Food Pantries
- Rebrand CFHL and have the Community (including CAPK) stop referring to the program as CalFresh-Food

Bill H.R 1

- On July 3, 2025, H.R. 1, known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill,” was signed into law. This legislation includes an amendment that maintains the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) in statute; however, ending federal funding, thus resulting in the conclusion and closure of the CalFresh Healthy Living program effective September 30, 2025.
 - This was presented to the full BOD on 8/20/2025 and the closure plan received approval.
- Following the Board’s approval of the initial closure plan, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued FY 2026 carry-in allocations specifically for closing the Cal Fresh Healthy Living (CFHL) program which extended the official closure period to April 30th, 2026.
 - This was presented to the Budget and Finance Committee on 9/17/2025 and was approved by the full BOD on 9/24/25.



Goals for FFY 2026-2027



2026-2027 Goals

Program extended from 10/1/2025-4/30/2026

- Sustainability within current projects
 - LIVE Domain Food Insecurity and Referral Screening tool inside of Clinics (or ECM's)
 - Currently active in 3 sites
 - Modifying processes to continue the service without our staff.
 - SHOP Nutrition Pantry Program
 - 15 active sites and staff are working through the certification process
 - Certification gives sites access to Free Leah's Pantry resources
 - Continue to implement CFHL Activities in Kernville CA via our Subcontractor **Kernville FRC**
- Smooth and accurate Fiscal and programmatic close out
 - Not anticipating to have an annual Audit in FFY26 and did not have an annual audit in FFY25.
 - CFHL SharePoint site has been shared with Tracy, Susana, and the IT/IS team in case of any programmatic audits after CFHL staff are no longer with CAPK.
- All previous program activities are allowable, but sustainability and program closure are the priority. CFHL will not onboard new partners unless staff is confident that the partnership will yield sustainable results before April 2026.

KUSD KRV FRC Nutrition Program's Partnership with CAPK



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Kernville Elementary School

Establishing School Garden



WES Garden Remodel with Students



Woodrow Wallace Middle School



South Fork Elementary School

Establishing
Garden &
Nutrition
Education



Community Events Library Partnership



Community Events Church Partnerships





Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities

- Engage in **active** partnerships
- Establish sustainable projects quickly
- Embed CFHL Inspired goals in internal and external workgroups
- Bridge gaps created by Bill H.R 1.
 - Such as assisting partner sites with establishing work programs for Able-Bodied CalFresh Food Clients
- Save and host nutrition resources in CAPK's infrastructure and website
- Conduct Train-the-Trainer sessions for CFHL Curriculum
- CAPK ECM partnership
- CAPK Food Bank partnership

Challenges

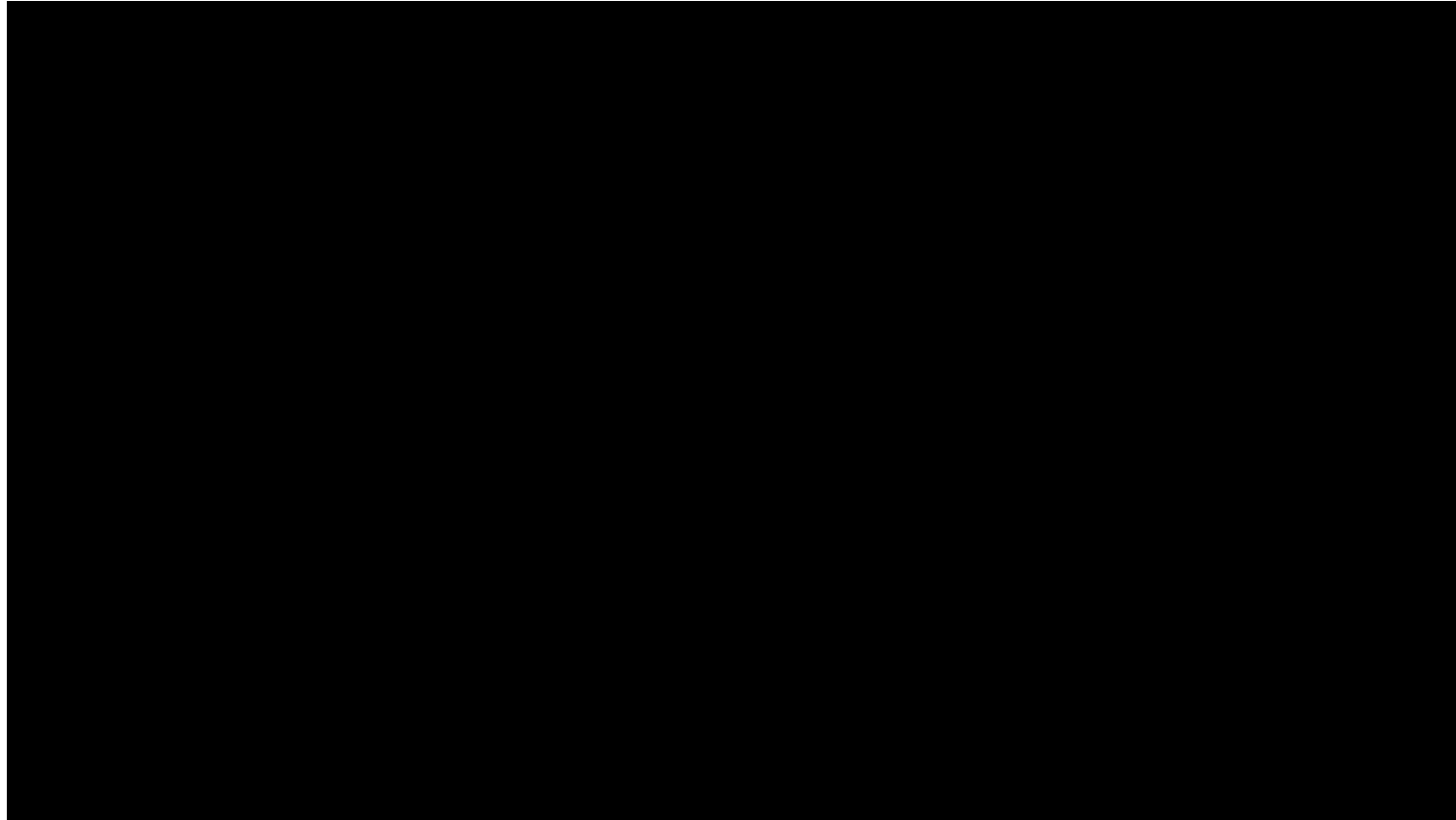
- Staff turnover
 - Considering temps to support remaining staff and continue CFHL activities
- Time
- State support and guidance



Notable Accomplishments and Community Influence/Representation

- Chosen as 1 of 3 exemplary programs for our [Rethink Your Drink Day event](#)
 - [CDPH paid to have a professional video recorded and produced for us.](#)
- Transitioned all CFHL Materials to a Virtual SharePoint site with the goal of hosting them on our CAPK website
- Selected to join Leah's Pantry Nutrition Pantry Program (NPP) Advisory Committee
 - Our program's process for recognizing certified pantries was used as the gold standard and our recommendations during the Advisory Committee were granted in NPP processes.
- 2 Staff Chosen to be a part of NPAB's Programmatic Priorities Toolkit advisory Committee
 - Only program who had more than 1 representative actively participating
- 1 of 5 Model Peer Facilitator for Statewide CFHL Support
- Member of the newly reconstructed Kern County Food Policy Council
- Members of Kern County Health Equity Partnership
- 0 Findings in State Audits and Observations in the last 3 years

CFHL Overview and closing remarks






Questions?



MEMORANDUM

To: Program Review and Evaluation

From:  Sylvia Ortega, Quality Assurance Administrator

Date: April 15, 2026

Subject: *Agenda Item 5f.*: Head Start/State Child Development Risk Assessment Notification Monitoring Review- **Info Item**

The Head Start/State Child Development program had an Office of Head Start (OHS) Risk Assessment Notification (RAN) Review on February 19, 2026, for one of our contracted Child Care Partners, Garden Pathways. The RAN reviews occur when the OHS requires more information about an incident affecting the health and safety of children. RAN reviews are designed to identify any program or management issues that may have contributed to the incident, share corrective actions that are needed and provide feedback and support to strengthen program management approaches and prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. It is the program's expectation to share all head start monitoring reviews with the Board of Directors.

It was determined that the contracted Child Care Partner had two deficiencies under performance areas: safety practices and system for program management, and improvement, which require a timeline for correction and guidance from the OHS Program Specialist:

- **Safety Practices:** The grant recipient did not ensure all (Child Care Partner) staff refrained from behaviors that had the potential to maltreat and endanger the health and safety of children. Head Start Program Performance Standard (HSPPS) 1302.90(c)(1)(ii).
- **System for Program Management and Improvement:** The grant recipient (Child Care Partner) did not report immediately but no later than 7 calendar days following any incident affecting the health and safety of program participants. HSPPS 1302.102(d)(1)(ii).
 - On December 17, 2025, January 15, 2026, and January 26, 2026, Community Care Licensing (CCL) conducted three complaint inspections at Child Care Partner regarding an allegation of personal rights violation. CCL provides oversight and enforcement for Child Care Centers by ensuring centers meet established health and safety standards through the monitoring of facilities.
 - Child Care Partner staff received coaching and received targeted and consistent training in care and supervision, zero tolerance, personal rights, "see something, say somethings", and other pertinent training. Office of Head Start Regional Training and Technical Assistance Staff provided support and feedback to the Child Care Partner since 2025. Mentor Coach, Program and other support services staff have visited the Child Care Partner center to continue to provide support. Program revised key policies and procedures to strengthen language, specifically: standards of conduct, incident reporting and zero tolerance policy. The program also developed a Matrix assessment to utilize with all Child Care Partners annually to evaluate each partner's performance.
 - Based on multiple licensing citations, health and safety concerns, and compliance concerns, the program determined the continuation of the partnership presented an unacceptable level of risk to CAPK, the contract with the Child Care Partner, Garden Pathways, was cancelled effective 2/28/26.

Attachment:
Risk Assessment Notification Monitoring Review Program Performance Summary Report



Program Performance Summary Report

To: Authorizing Official/Board Chairperson

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From: Responsible HHS Official

Date: 03/24/2026

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On February 19, 2026, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a monitoring review of Community Action Partnership Of Kern. This report contains information about the grant recipient's performance and compliance with the requirements of the Head Start Program Performance Standards (Performance Standards) or Public Law 110-134, Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007.

The Office of Head Start (OHS) would like to thank your governing body, policy council, parents, and staff for their engagement in the review process. Based on the information gathered during this review, it has been determined that your program has at least one area of deficiency.

This report provides you with detailed information in each area where program performance did not meet applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. If you anticipate that you will not be able to correct all deficiencies within the correction time specified in this report, you must submit a letter to your ACF Regional Office requesting an extension, with an explanation as to why an extension is necessary. The letter requesting an extension must be submitted prior to the expiration of the original corrective action time period. Failure to correct a deficiency within the approved timeline may result in termination of the grant.

In order to allow for sufficient time to consider extension requests, we ask that you submit your request within 10 days following receipt of this report. Extension requests shall not be considered approved unless you receive such approval in writing before the deadline for correction.

Please contact your Regional Office for guidance should you have any questions or concerns. Your Regional Office will follow up on the content of this report and can work with you to identify resources to support your program's continuous improvement.

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