

Community Services



The CAPK Energy Program is dedicated to helping income-eligible residents reduce their energy costs. We offer comprehensive financial relief and professional home weatherization at zero cost to the community:

- **Financial Support:** Direct assistance with electricity, gas, and propane bill payments.
- **Weatherization Services:** After an assessment, we offer insulation and weatherstripping to eliminate costly energy leaks.
- **Appliance & HVAC Upgrades:** Repair or replacement of outdated windows, doors, heating/cooling systems, and appliances to ensure your home runs efficiently.



Get expert help with your taxes AT NO COST. We provide low to moderate-income residents with trusted, year-round tax preparation to ensure your finances are handled accurately:

- **IRS-Certified Experts:** All services are conducted by certified professionals and IRS-certified volunteers.
- **Maximum Refunds:** We work diligently to secure your highest possible return by taking full advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other credits.
- **ITIN Services:** Certified Acceptance Agents (CAAs) are available to assist with new and renewal ITIN applications.



Serving as a cornerstone of Southeast Bakersfield, FHCC is dedicated to uplifting local families and youth (ages 6–18). We offer a safe space to learn, play, and grow at absolutely no cost:

- **Enrichment & Mentoring:** Free year-round programs, including afterschool and summer camps packed with educational and recreational activities.
- **Campus Features:** A dynamic facility complete with a computer lab, indoor gymnasium, sports field, and covered playground for youth to enjoy.



Serving communities throughout Eastern Kern County, this center provides a welcoming safety net for local families. Located in Mojave, we offer a wide range of supportive services to keep our community strong:

- **Comprehensive Family Support:** Enriching early childhood programs, including Play and Learn and Summer Bridge, backed by First 5 Kern.
- **Direct Needs Assistance:** Relief for daily necessities, offering immediate access to a food pantry, emergency clothing, diapers, open laundry services, and utility assistance.
- **Homeless Drop-In Center:** Provides housing support and emergency materials for individuals fighting homelessness.



Dedicated to uplifting the Ridgecrest and East Kern community, this center provides a welcoming safety net for local families. We offer a wide range of supportive services to keep your household strong:

- **Comprehensive Family Support:** Enriching early childhood programs, including case management services with home visits, and summer bridge backed by First 5 Kern.
- **Direct Needs Assistance:** Relief for daily necessities, offering immediate access to a food pantry, emergency clothing, diapers, and utility bill assistance.

Housing and Supportive Services



Cal-Aim connects eligible individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability to Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports that address both health and social needs. Services focus on housing navigation, care coordination, and stabilizing participants by linking them to resources that improve overall well-being and support long-term housing stability.

- **ECM:** Provides intensive, person-centered care coordination to help members navigate health, behavioral health, housing, and social service systems while working toward stability and improved outcomes.
- **Move-In Assistance:** Financial support for housing deposits, furnishing costs, and landlord engagement to ease the transition into your new residence.



Operated in partnership with the County of Kern, our 147-bed, 24-hour shelter provides a critical stepping stone from homelessness to permanent housing. We offer inclusive support tailored to the unique needs of our unsheltered community, including substance use disorder (SUD) services:

- **Housing Navigation:** Housing navigation services that offer individuals and families experiencing homelessness a safe place to stabilize while connecting them to housing-focused case management and supportive services.
- **Health & Economic Resources:** Connecting residents with essential mental health support, immediate medical attention, and economic assistance programs.



CAPK provides adult reentry services that support individuals transitioning from incarceration back into the community by connecting them to housing, case management, employment resources, and supportive services. These services are designed to reduce barriers, promote stability, and help participants successfully reintegrate while working toward long-term self-sufficiency.



Serves as the centralized access point for individuals and families experiencing homelessness to be assessed, prioritized, and connected to appropriate housing and supportive services. Through this system, CAPK helps ensure that limited housing resources are distributed equitably and efficiently, with a focus on serving those with the highest level of need.



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Community Resources

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Kern County

2-1-1 Kern serves as your free, around-the-clock connection to over 1,200 local health and human service programs. Our dedicated staff is always ready to help you find the support you need:

- **24/7 Referrals:** Call anytime to be instantly linked with community health and social services tailored to your situation.
- **Application Support:** Let our team help you navigate the application process for CalFresh and LIHEAP and provide Referral Support for Tobacco Cessation.
- **Online Database:** Easily search for local public resources on your own schedule by visiting www.211KernCounty.org.



Veteran Supportive Services (VSS): Connects veterans experiencing housing instability with housing assistance, case management, benefits navigation, and resources to promote long-term self-sufficiency.

- **Grant Per Diem Bridge (GPD):** Offers short-term transitional housing and support to help veterans transition into permanent housing and secure long-term stability.
- **Supportive Services for Veterans and Family (SSVF):** Focuses on rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention for veterans and their families through rental assistance, case management, and stability support.

Head Start/Child Development



Dedicated to early childhood success, CAPK provides holistic education and support for pregnant women and children ages zero to five across Kern and San Joaquin counties:

- **Early Childhood Education & Support:** High-quality learning experiences available in part-day, full-day, or accessible home-based formats, alongside dedicated prenatal and postnatal services for pregnant women.
- **Parent Leadership & Advocacy:** Teaching parents to be their child's first and best advocate through robust Family Engagement programs.
- **Community Decision-Making:** Encouraging active family participation and leadership through the Parent Policy Council.



Dedicated to uplifting new parents, this program connects enrolled CalWORKs families with trained professionals who provide essential, in-home guidance and support:

- **Skill Building:** Hands-on assistance to help you develop the practical life skills necessary to create a strong future for your children.
- **Health & Prenatal Care:** Direct referrals and connections to crucial prenatal services and early childhood programs.
- **Community Connections:** Expert assistance navigating local resources to overcome poverty and ensure your family thrives.

Health and Nutrition Services



Dedicated to supporting California's agricultural workforce, the MCAP program offers reliable childcare subsidies tailored to your family's needs, serving children from birth up to 12 years of age (children with special needs may receive services up to age 21):

- **Continuity of Services:** Families can migrate for work anywhere in California and keep their childcare services without interruptions.
- **Accessible Enrollment:** Simple enrollment process available through six central entry counties: Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare, and Fresno.



Dedicated to the health and well-being of young families across Kern and San Bernardino counties, the WIC program connects eligible mothers and children under age five with vital resources:

- **Quality Nutrition:** Providing direct financial assistance to purchase healthy, nourishing foods for your household.
- **Education & Guidance:** Empowering parents with comprehensive nutrition education and specialized breastfeeding support.



Dedicated to fighting hunger across Kern County, the CAPK Food Bank works with a network of more than 150 community partners to provide nutritious food to children, families, seniors, and individuals facing food insecurity.

- **Food Bank Network:** Each month, the Food Bank distributes more than 1.5 million pounds of food through 200+ food distribution sites across the county.
- **Senior Food Program:** Provides more than 5,000 eligible adults age 60 and older with a monthly box of nutritious food at convenient distribution locations and home delivery in every community throughout Kern County.

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