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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Superintendent Christine L. Frazier
with recipient Jayme Stuart

Jayme Stuart, the Kern County Network for Children's (KCNC) first employee, who did much to shape the organization into what it is today, was named 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

"Jayme is truly a shining example of the quality of leadership that has served as a foundation for our community's ability to better provide the educational and social services needed to improve the lives of our children," Deputy Superintendent John Lindsay wrote in recommending Stuart for the recognition.

KCNC was founded to improve cooperation, collaboration and service delivery to children and their families. Today, the network partners with businesses, schools, local government and communities on behalf of our children. The network also operates the Dream Center and Coffee Shop to help foster youth transition to independence.

Upon receiving the award Stuart said, "To work at a job that you love and feel passionate about for 17 years is amazing. To be recognized for that work is unexpected and truly appreciated. It's truly an honor to be part of an organization that is filled with such talented and highly dedicated employees."

In 1992 Stuart, then a social worker at the county Department of Human Services, was tasked with developing a structure for the Kern County Network for Children. In 1994, the county supervisors approved a joint powers agreement that provided for the county superintendent to administer the network for children. Stuart became the network's first employee, and today serves as a Child and Family Services Facilitator.

"Jayme's can do attitude and her ability to bring schools and communities together has truly impacted the lives of children in our county in a positive way. Jayme exemplifies the hard work and dedication that can be found in a KCSOS employee," said Tom Corson, KCNC Director.

Stuart's achievements since joining the network include:

- Implementing the first annual Children's Summit in 1993.
- Helping establish relationships among agencies that provide services to children and their families. This in turn helped make the network for children a powerful voice in our county.
- Authored the Recipes for Community Success, a guide that helps residents develop neighborhood partnerships which have expanded from the original four to 22.
- Helped implement many other services that focus on prevention and improved protection for our children.

2009 PROJECT D.R.E.A.M. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

"B.STRONG" was the student motto this summer during the 7 week summer leadership academy sponsored by Foster Youth Services, CSUB, and the Kern High School District.

Thirty foster students filled the seats this summer to gain a valuable education on what it means to be educated, responsible, honest, creative, and most of all STRONG! Each Friday the students read through an established curriculum designed by CSU Professor Dr. Kristina LaGue and then given the opportunity to "act out" what they read, as a means of reinforcing the subject matter. "It was absolute magic riddled with hilarity," said Stefanie Blythe of Foster Youth Services, who was inspired by the colorful acting - "It was wonderful watching them open up." In the afternoons students were met with volunteers from CSUB and given either art lessons or physical activity exercises, like juggling & cup stacking. The students would round out each Friday with a specific exercise that explored humanity, relationships and leadership.



This year, a new component was added to the academy; work. Each student was assigned a job by the KHSD Career Resource Department. The students were placed to work Monday-Friday and then they were able to report out to their peers each Friday about their week in work and exchange successes and frustrations. One student worked well beyond his Monday - Friday hours, and volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club every weekend because he said he felt needed and the little kids expected to see him. Although some of the youth were apprehensive because they had never worked before, each job was a concrete stepping stone toward the foundation of a resume, which each of them will need to establish a future.

As Project DREAM Academic Mentoring begins again this week at CSUB, staff are already looking forward to another fruitful Leadership Academy in the summer of 2010.

For details or more information about Project DREAM, please visit <http://www.kcnc.org/FYS> or call 661-636-4488.

BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FREE SES* TUTORING

Supplemental Educational Services* are offered under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. Students who attend a Title I-funded school that is identified for Program Improvement (PI) year 2 or beyond **and** qualifies for free/reduced lunch is eligible to receive **FREE TUTORING** which provides extra help to qualifying students in reading, math or science from state-approved tutoring companies.

Applications:

- Are mailed home to qualifying students or can be picked up at BCSD Education Center, 1300 Baker St. 93305

Deadlines to submit completed applications
October 9, 2009 or December 18, 2009

Meet the Free Tutoring Companies:

- Thursday, September 24th 5:00 - 8:00 at Longfellow Elementary
- Thursday, October 1st 5:00 - 8:00 at Ramon Garza Elementary

Qualifying Schools:

College Heights, Curran, Emerson, Fremont, Garza, Horace Mann, Jefferson, Longfellow, McKinley, Mt. Vernon, Munsey, Noble, Owens Int., Owens Primary, Pauly, Sequoia, Sierra, Stella Hills, Stiern, Washington, Wayside, Williams



For additional information or directions, please call BCSD's Academic Improvement & Accountability department at 661-631-4752.



Become A Leader

KCNC Leadership Development Program

Applications for the 2010 Class will be available
at www.kcnc.org on October 1, 2009!

Nurturing Natural Leaders

The 6-month KCNC Leadership Development Program nurtures natural leaders in communities and organizations where they are already engaged in local collaborative groups and citizen action mobilization efforts.

The program offers 36 hours of instruction time in subject areas that enhance the leadership skills of participants and expose them to local community organizations and issues:

- Community Mobilization
- Resource Development
- Time Management
- Effective Community Meetings
- Strategic Planning
- Public Speaking
- Media/Marketing
- Legislative Advocacy
- Conflict Resolution
- Local Leader Spotlight Presentations



"It has added to my desire to learn more about the true leaning of leadership. It has reaffirmed that everyone has it in them to be a leader. The class has added to my fire to change our community!"
2009 Leadership Graduate



"This class has been an honor and privilege to be a part of. It's more than just the training - it's community friendships and partnerships. It's not just networking - it's a chance to get going!"
2009 Leadership Graduate

Explore New Possibilities

Working with a small group of Leadership Development Program classmates, participants select and complete a class project benefiting children in Kern County.

In addition to offering participants an opportunity to collaborate with classmates towards a common goal, these projects also provide participants opportunities for community involvement.

During the last class of the program, each team will share the results of the project with the rest of the class.

All classes are held one Friday a month, with the exception of the first class meeting. All trainers are individuals with expertise in each topic area.

STAND UP FOR CHILDREN SO THEY'LL HAVE A CHANCE

Have you been thinking about getting involved in your community, doing something to really make a difference? If you want to reach out to children in need but are unable to open your home as a foster parent, perhaps becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate is right for you.

What is a CASA volunteer?

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is a trained citizen who is appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of a child in court. Children helped by CASA volunteers include those for whom home placement is being determined in juvenile court. Most of the children are victims of abuse and neglect.

What is the role of a CASA volunteer?

A CASA volunteer provides a judge with carefully researched background details about the child to help the court make a sound decision about that child's future. Each home placement case is as unique as the child involved. The CASA volunteer must determine if the best interest of the child is staying with their parents or guardians, being placed in foster care, or being freed for permanent adoption. The CASA volunteer makes a recommendation on placement to the judge and follows through on the case until it is permanently resolved.

How do CASA volunteers investigate a case?

To prepare a recommendation, the CASA volunteer talks with the child, parents, family members, social workers, school officials, health providers and others who are knowledgeable about the child's history. The CASA volunteer also reviews all records pertaining to the child-school, medical, case worker reports and other documents.

Is there a "typical" CASA volunteer?

CASA volunteers come from all walks of life and possess a variety of professional, educational and ethnic backgrounds. There are more than 70,000 CASA volunteers nationally. In Kern County there are close to 200 CASA volunteers assigned to nearly 300 children. Aside from their CASA volunteer work, 64 percent of Court Appointed Special Advocates nationally are employed in full- or part-time jobs; the majority tend to be professionals with 58% college or university graduates. The majority (82%) of the volunteers nationwide are women.

How do CASA volunteers advocate for children?

CASA volunteers offer children trust and advocacy during complex legal proceedings. They help explain to the child the events happening involving the case, reasons they are in court and the roles of the judge, lawyers and case workers. While remaining objective observers, CASA volunteers also encourage the child to express his or her own opinion and hopes about the case.



How effective are CASA programs?

Preliminary findings show that children who have been assigned CASA volunteers tend to spend less time in court and less time in the foster care system than those who do not have CASA representation. Judges have observed that CASA advocated children also have better chances of finding permanent homes.

How much time is required to volunteer?

Each case is different. A CASA volunteer usually spends about 10 hours doing research and conducting interviews prior to the first court appearance. More complicated cases take longer. Once initiated into the system, volunteers work about 10 hours a month.

If I want to learn more, what is the next step?

The first step is to complete an application, which you can download for our website: www.kerncasa.org or call and one will be mailed to you. Complete the application, attend a one hour orientation, be interviewed and accepted to training, which is 35 hours and begins October 6th. For more information, please call Kate Kenney (661) 631-2272.

DODGEBALL "THE TOURNAMENT" IS BACK!

Dodgeball – is a game in which players try to hit other players with balls and avoid being hit. The main objective of each team is to eliminate all members of the opposing team by hitting them with thrown balls, catching a ball thrown by a member of the opposing team, or forcing them to move outside the court boundaries when a ball is thrown at them. *"The great thing about dodgeball is that anyone can play,"* Barry Hill, Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County, Associate Executive Director. *"We hope everyone will walk away from the tournament having laughed a lot and had a great time."*

Get your team together (cost per team is \$150) and join "Dodgeball The Tournament" at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County (801 Niles Street) on Saturday, November 7, 2009. *"We are excited to have Dodgeball back at the Boys & Girls Club. It's going to be a lot of fun,"* Hill said. This event is put on by the Boys & Girls Club staff to raise funds that will allow more children in our community to participate in after-school activities at no cost to their families. For more information and to sign up your team, call 661-325-3730 today as the tournament is expected to sell out!

KINSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

KSSP Advisory Committee - In June, Kinship Support Services Program held its first bi-monthly advisory committee meeting at the outreach office, at 316 H Street. The goal of the committee is to provide a forum for agencies and caregivers to discuss issues related to raising the children of family and friends. Representatives of both law enforcement agencies and a variety of social agencies including DHS, GBLA, Family Law Facilitators, AARP, ETR, Housing Authority, Aging and Adult Services, Children's Mental Health, Superintendent of Schools, BC Foster and Kinship Education were represented as were caregivers from the KSSP program. One of the issues discussed at the first meeting was ways to let agencies and the public know about the KSSP program. A suggestion was made by Commander Castaneda of the Sheriff's Office that if officers had access to cards with KSSP services, they could distribute them to family members when children were removed from the home and placed with family. Since the first meeting, cards have been printed with both English and Spanish sides and distributed to Law Enforcement. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Any agencies interested in participating in the committee or in learning more about KSSP services should contact Rob Rephan, Program Coordinator at 661-377-0377.

Haven Counseling Center

Kinship Support Services Program

- Case Management
- Counseling For Adults and Children
- Tutoring/Homework Help
- Guardian Assistance
- Support Groups
- Kids Night
- Kinship Family Night

316 H Street
Bakersfield, CA 93304
(661) 377-0377



Help for people raising children of family and friends

BAKERSFIELD ANTI-GRAFFITI TASK FORCE NOW ON FACEBOOK

Graffiti is a cancer, and if left untreated, will negatively affect the lives and health of our neighborhoods and the lives of the families that live here. And just like cancer, graffiti will spread to other parts of our community if not treated quickly and aggressively.

Bakersfield residents fed up with graffiti in their neighborhoods and community can now become a Facebook fan of **Stop Graffiti Now**. Keep Bakersfield Beautiful is teamed up with the Bakersfield Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, City of Bakersfield General Services Division, the Arts Council of Kern, Kern County Probation Department, and other vital partners to create new methods to find solutions to combat graffiti. The mission of the Facebook site is to bring awareness, educate the public, encourage volunteerism and show ways to eradicate graffiti. When on Facebook simply search for Stop Graffiti Now to find out more about us and become a fan.



Stop Graffiti Now, is a venue for adults to blog and brainstorm about new and innovative ways to win the battle against graffiti in Bakersfield. Become a Facebook fan and "Stop Graffiti Now" in Bakersfield.

October Events



Pink Ribbon Tying

October 1, 2009 - 11:00 am

This event takes place at the Liberty Bell on the corner of Truxtun and Chester Avenue and will highlight the proclamations from both the Kern County Board of Supervisors and Bakersfield City Council declaring October 2009 Paint the Town Pink month. The media intends to cover the event and breast cancer survivors will ring the Liberty Bell as a celebration of life. After the bell ringing, volunteers throughout Kern County tie pink ribbons on trees, lamp poles, etc. to celebrate life.



Lace'n It Up

October 1, 2009 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lace'n It Up for Links for Life will be a kick off walk to celebrate survivors, remember the individuals we have lost and encourage the ones just diagnosed with breast cancer. This year you may choose between two locations:

The Liberty Bell on the corner of Truxtun and Chester Avenue — with a walk throughout downtown.
The Park at Riverwalk — with a walk on the Parkway.

Participants can choose between two routes, a one-mile or a 1/2 mile path. A donation of \$10 provides you with a box lunch and small memento. The lunches will be available at the end of your walk and can be carried back to your workplace or eaten onsite with other participants.



Jazz & Jewelz

October 3, 2009, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm

This event is truly the talk of the town. Enjoy a delightful evening in an amazing Seven Oaks home with the sound of jazz while live models showcase an assortment of diamonds from local jewelers. Heavy hors d'ouvers will be served. Limited to 150 attendees.



"Color Me Mine" Painting Party

October 8, 2009, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Grab your girlfriends and join us for a fun evening of pottery painting at Color Me Mine at the Marketplace on Ming Avenue. Your \$30 donation includes studio fee-choice of a \$15.00 piece of pottery (may upgrade for a fee). Light refreshments will be served. For information and to pay for your reservations call Color Me Mine at 664-7366. Space is limited.



"Pretty Pink" Pedicure Party

October 11, 2009, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

This pedicure party benefits the Links for Life, Mary Anne Walz Scholarship Fund. The event will be held at "All About Nails & Tanning", 2720 Calloway Drive, Suite B. Your \$50 donation includes a Spa Chair pedicure, refreshments, finger food, and door prizes. Appointments are on the half hours with spaces limited. Paid reservations are a must! For more info and to book your appointment, contact Janis Varner, 587-8157.



The Petroleum Club Dinner benefiting Links for Life

October 12-17, 2009

The Petroleum Club of Bakersfield, 5060 California Avenue, invites you to join them in their charitable support while enjoying Bakersfield's premier dining facility, 12 stories above the city. During the week choose casual dining in the Sky Bar & Grille or fine dining in the Three Sixty dining room. Open nightly 5:30-9:00 pm, excluding Sunday. Please call 324-6561 for reservations & Board sponsored guest pass.



Paint the Town Pink Fashion Show

October 15, 2009, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This year's theme for the event is "Give Breast Cancer the Boot" and will take place once again at the DoubleTree Hotel. This spectacular afternoon includes lunch, fashion show, and shopping galore. Reserve your table early—last year was a sell-out.



Christine's Bunco

October 20, 2009, 6:30 pm

Christine's will host its annual "Bunco to Benefit Links for Life." What could be more fun than a group of women throwing dice for a great cause? Paid reservations are a must—be sure to visit Christine's to sign up or call 834-3068. Refreshments and Brighton prizes complete the evening.



Victoria's "Kisses for Cures" Bingo

October 28, 2009, 6:30 pm

Victoria's, along with Bakersfield's finest firemen will host its annual Kisses for Cures Bingo to benefit Links for Life. Join us for a girls' night out, hors d'ouvers, prizes, and firemen! What more could a girl ask for? All in support of Links for Life. Be sure to reserve your spot in advance by calling 665-8300.

SHAFTER HEALTHY START

Once again, the community of Shafter has provided for the underprivileged children in our community. Do to the generosity of our community, students who attend school at the Richland School District will begin the school year with new school supplies, backpacks and gently used clothing. On August 15, 2009, Shafter Healthy Start hosted a Back to School Clothing and School Supplies Drive. The event took place from 8 a.m - 12 p.m. at the Aquatic Center Parking lot in Shafter.

The event was held not only to provide children with much needed clothing and school supplies but the confidence and excitement to a new school year. Shafter Healthy Start understands the importance of self-esteem, excitement, and motivation children must have to succeed in their education. A confident and motivated child is more likely to have positive goals in life and accomplish them.

The community of Shafter donated 70 new backpacks and boxes full of brand new school supplies, other items that were donated included: new socks, new underwear, gently used clothes, and 10 gift cards for brand new shoes.

Shafter Healthy Start would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to the generous nonprofit services clubs, businesses, and community members that donated items. After such an event comes to fruition, it's easy to understand that the community of Shafter is not afraid of hard work and to collaborate for a good cause.



Healthy Start

HOLIDAY FAMILIES 2009

Each year the Henrietta Weill Memorial Child Guidance Clinic hosts a holiday giving program. As you may know, the holidays can be a very difficult time for many of the families we serve who lack sufficient financial resources. To help during these times, we match clients and their families, who are struggling financially, with generous companies, community organizations and individuals who provide them with food and gifts for the holiday season. Due to the economic downturn, the need is greater than ever.

Since our goal at the Clinic is to serve children and families, it is extremely important to us that they do not feel isolated during this time of year. Due to the community's generosity during last year's holiday season, we provided Thanksgiving baskets for 58 Clinic families, totaling 302 persons, and we gave gifts and food to 63 families, consisting of 173 children and 66 adults, throughout December.

As stated in an article about the 2008 Holiday Families Program, written by Marlene Morales, Director of Marketing for Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, "One KSFCU Branch (Downtown, 2424 Chester Ave) raised over \$2,300.00 for their family. When they received their family of 8 children and a single mother, they initially thought they could not pull enough funds together, so they creatively put together two raffle

baskets that included concert tickets to Snoop Dog, restaurant gift certificates, bowling, salon makeovers, etc. They also had Santa Claus in the lobby taking pictures with children and members. Everyone got in the spirit of giving. 'It was so touching to see my employees get caught up in the spirit of giving to the less fortunate...They were so excited and the goal was to raise \$500.00, then it went to \$1,000 and they kept raising the bar. It was unreal.'" Cyndy Engesvik, Downtown Branch Manager One, summed it up beautifully stating, "When you give from the heart, you touch the heart and that's exactly what they did for this family."

This is an amazing example of how local companies, families, and community members make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and families. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, supporting the program financially, or donating new toys or other items for the 2009 Holiday Families Program, please call the Clinic at 661- 322-1021 or visit our website at www.hwmcgc.org.



GIRL SCOUTS

When you think of Girl Scouts, what comes to mind? Most people think of the famous *Girl Scout Cookies*, but there is much more to being a Girl Scout than at first meets the eye. And Fall time is the perfect time to find out why! Each year as thousands of children head back to school, the Girl Scouts fling their doors wide open to welcome each and every girl to become a sister Girl Scout!

Girls Scouts participate in a wide variety of activities, from scrapbooking to bowling, career workshops to international travel. Even as some events are wrapping up, the fun does not stop because there are always many more activities planned. While they are enjoying a diverse selection of activities, Girl Scouts are always learning to be girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Girls build self-esteem, learn how to work in a team, and develop leadership skills. Girls Scouts strives to build on the traditions and give girls the practical life skills they need to be responsible citizens in the future. If you are looking for fun activities for your daughter, Girl Scouts is the answer. To sign up your daughter or become a Girl Scout Troop leader, contact Maritza Medina at 661-327-1409 ext. 244.



Girl Scouts of Central California South is pleased to present the [2009 Women Inspiring Girls Awards Luncheon](#) on October 15, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Stars Theatre. The luncheon celebrates women who have distinguished themselves in Bakersfield through exemplary achievements in the community, their professions, and as role models for girls. This year we are pleased to announce that Judi McCarthy will be our Honorary Chairperson. She, along with those attending the luncheon, will be welcoming the following three outstanding honorees into the Inspiring Girls Society: Sue Benham (Chief Development Officer at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital & Councilmember, Ward 2), Barbara Grimm-Marshall (Co-owner of Grimmway Farms), and Sandra Serrano (Chancellor of the Kern Community College District). For more information or tickets, contact Rosie Shriver at 661-327-1409 ext. 215.

A graphic for the Good Neighbor Festival. It features a large, stylized green starburst design on the left and right sides. The text is centered and reads: **Good Neighbor Festival**, **Honoring Hidden Heroes**, **November 7, 2009**. Below this, it says **Sponsored by Southeast Neighborhood Partnership**, **11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**, and **Martin Luther King Park**.

WIC PROGRAM CHANGES



On October 1, 2009, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will change its food package offerings. Changes include the addition of fruits, vegetables, and

whole grains to the food coupons while reducing the amount of milk, eggs, and juice provided to make the changes cost-neutral. A new policy change will be that the WIC program will no longer be routinely offering infant formula in the first 30 days of the infant's life. This allows for a more successful establishment of the vital breastfeeding relationship between mother and baby. Early introduction of formula interferes with a mother's ability to produce enough milk for her baby.

The Clinica Sierra Vista (CSV) WIC program has many support services to help mom and baby successfully breastfeed. Every CSV WIC staff member has a minimum of 20 hours of breastfeeding training and are available in the clinics or by phone to answer questions or aid the mom and her family in breastfeeding. CSV WIC offers prenatal classes on

breastfeeding, as well as infant feeding classes after birth that give information on continuing breastfeeding throughout the first year.

Breastfeeding moms, upon request and when determined to be necessary, are able to borrow electric or manual pumps for short-term use. Other supplies given include nursing pads, brochures on successful breastfeeding, and breastfeeding support bags that offer samples and coupons for breastfeeding supplies. WIC program food package benefits are also increased for fully breastfeeding mothers because of the increased calorie needs of breastfeeding. These moms receive more cash for fruits and vegetables and more quantity of a greater variety of foods. Breastfeeding is best, and CSV WIC is ready, willing, and educated to support a family's decision to breastfeed their baby.

Janelle Webb
WIC Liaison
Clinica Sierra Vista
(661) 862-5380



SAVE THE DATE!

Have you heard? **Wrightslaw** is coming to Bakersfield.

This one day conference is for parents, educators and special education lawyers and advocates. Our featured speaker for this one day event is Pete Wright, Esq. As part of the registration fee you will also receive a copy of **Wrightslaw: Special Education Law, 2nd Edition** and **Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy, 2nd Edition**.

- DATE:** March 18, 2010
- LOCATION:** Doubletree Inn, Bakersfield, California
- COST:** Early Bird Registration is \$100 per person
After January 29, 2010 the cost is \$125 per person
- REGISTRATION:** Opens October 1, 2009



For more information call H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection at 661-328-9055 or 800-210-7633.

KCNC GENERAL INFORMATION

KCNC GENERAL COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS 2009 - 2010 SCHEDULE

3rd Thursday of each month
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

All meetings will be held at (unless otherwise noted):
University Square
2000 'K' Street ~ Room US-1, Bakersfield, CA

October 15, 2009	November 19, 2009	December 17, 2009
January 21, 2010 (KC Supt. of Schools 1300 17th Street - Rm. 1A)	February 18, 2010	March 18, 2010



Thank you
for caring for
Kern County families



Since February of 2009, over 1,090 items of food, baby supplies, school supplies & personal hygiene products have been donated by General Collaborative attendees to benefit accredited local collaboratives!

Make a difference & donate at these upcoming Collaborative Meetings!

October - Foster Youth Drive
November - Warm Clothing Drive
December - Book Drive

Together we are building brighter futures & strong families!

UPCOMING KCNC TRAININGS

November 2009 - No training this month

December 8, 2009

How to Manage People Without Managing People:
Strategies for Effective Leadership in the Workplace & Beyond

Presenter: Brandon Evans

8:00 am to 12:00 pm - University Square Bldg., US-1

Space is limited, so please register online at <http://www.kcnc.org/registration>. If you would like to be added to our e-mail training list please e-mail your information to Martha Gomez at magomez@kern.org.

If you have any ideas for future trainings, please call Michelle Humecky at (661) 636-4488.

GUIDE TO LOCAL COLLABORATIVES

Kern County's diverse communities have set the pace for California in developing community strengths through local collaboration. Neighborhood-based coalitions identify and address local issues ranging from joblessness to gang violence to graffiti removal. Many communities have brought together health and social service agencies to offer locally based family-centered services.

Note: In the following list, FRC = Family Resource Center.

34th St. Neighborhood Partnership - KCNC Accredited

Sandy Morris (661) 326-3051
Community meeting, 2nd Wednesday monthly, 9 am at the Kern County Museum, 3801 Chester Ave, Bakersfield

Arvin Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Arvin Union School District, 737 Bear Mtn. Blvd., Arvin, CA 93203
FRC: 207 South A St., Arvin (661) 854-6525
Karen Davis (661) 854-6526
Community meeting, 1st Thursday monthly, 9 am at the Haven Drive Middle School Cafeteria

Buttonwillow Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Buttonwillow School, 400 McKittrick Hwy., Buttonwillow, CA 93206
Lucette Garcia (661) 764-9405
Community meeting, 4th Monday bi-monthly, 3:30 pm

Delano Neighborhood Partnership

Community Connections Center, 1842 Norwalk, Delano, CA 93215
Linda Hinojosa (661) 721-7036
Community meeting, 1st Tuesday monthly, 9:30 am

East Bakersfield Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Boys and Girls Club, 801 Niles St., Bakersfield, CA 93305
Renee Stancil, (661) 631-5878
Community meeting, 1st Wednesday monthly, 12:15 pm

East Kern Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

15662 K St., Mojave, CA 93501
Vicky Henzel (661) 824-2649
Community meeting, 2nd Thursday monthly, 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Fairfax/Brundage Partnership

FRC: 1408 Marion Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93307
Mailing: P.O. Box 70892, Bakersfield, CA 93387
Angela Acunia (661) 331-8143
Community meeting, 3rd Friday monthly, (except Dec. 2nd Friday) 8:30 am - 10 am

Frazier Park Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Mountain Communities FRC: 3015 Mt. Pinos Way #102
Healthy Start: P.O. Box 1902, Frazier Park, CA 93225
Anne Weber (661) 245-4303
Community meetings, call for date & time

Greenfield H.E.L.P.S. Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Greenfield Family Resource Center
FRC: 5400 Monitor St., Bakersfield, CA 93307
Linda Raygoza (661) 837-3720
Community meeting, 2nd Thursday monthly, 9 am

Indian Wells Valley Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

FRC: 825 N. Downs, Ste. A, Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Nancy Ribultan (760) 375-4357
Community meeting, 2nd Wednesday monthly, 10 am at the Kerr McGee Center

Kern River Valley Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

PO Box 2905, Lake Isabella, CA 93240
FRC Main Office: 5109 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella
FRC Outreach Office: 6401 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella
Nancy Puckett (760) 379-2556
Community meeting, 4th Thursday monthly, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Kern Senior Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Aging & Adult Services, 5353 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93309
Kris Grasty (661) 868-1051
Community meeting, 2nd Friday quarterly - Oct. 9, Jan. 8, 1:30 pm

Lamont/Weedpatch Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Lamont School District (Lamont Family Service Center)
8201 Palm Ave., Lamont, CA 93241
FRC: 7839 Burgundy Ave., Lamont
Jennifer Slayton (661) 845-2724 ext. 300
Community meeting, 2nd Thursday monthly, 10 am

Lost Hills Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Lost Hills Union School District Office
FRC: 14823 Office Lane Lost Hills, CA 93249
Alesha Hixon (661) 797-3042
Community meeting, call for day & time

McFarland Community Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

McFarland Unified School District
601 Second St., McFarland, CA 93250
FRC: Browning Rd School, 410 E Perkins Ave, McFarland
Margie Perez (661) 792-5524
Community meeting, 2nd Tuesday monthly, 3:00 pm at the Browning Road School Cafeteria

Oildale Community Collaborative

Standard Family Advocate Services & Resources
1200 N. Chester Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93308 Lourdes Cortez (661) 392-2110 x118 or Glynda Martin (661) 392-2110 x106
Community meeting, 3rd Wednesday bi-monthly, 8:30 am

Richardson Special Needs Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Richardson Center, 1515 Feliz Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93307
Bill Reifel (661) 336-5482
Community meeting, call for day & time

Rosedale Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Liberty High School, 925 Jewetta Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93312
Mailing address: P.O. Box 511, Bakersfield, CA 93302
Clara Roy (661) 631-6859
Community meeting, 4th Tuesday monthly, 8:30 am (Conf. Rm. 1)

Shafter Healthy Start Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Richland School District, 331 Shafter Ave., Shafter, CA 93263
FRC: Lerdo Hwy at South Valley Rd.
Jesus Cordova (661) 746-8690
Community meeting, 3rd Wednesday monthly, 9 am - 10 am at the Shafter Police Department, 201 Central Valley Hwy.

Southeast Neighborhood Partnership - KCNC Accredited

FRC: 1509 E. 11th St., Bakersfield, CA 93307
Linda Estell (661) 322-3276
Collaborative meeting, last Thursday monthly, 10:30 am at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center

South Chester Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

FRC: 800 Ming Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93307, (661) 631-5945
Debbie Wood (661) 631-5895
Community meeting, 3rd Thursday monthly, 1pm

Taft Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

Greater West Side "Together We Can"
FRC: 915 North 10th St., #20, Taft, CA 93268
Sandy Koenig (661) 765-7281
Community meeting, 2nd Wednesday bi-monthly, 5 pm

Wasco Community Collaborative - KCNC Accredited

1950 Palm Ave, Wasco, CA 93280
Patrick Flores (661) 720-5835 or Becky Balderas (661) 746-7592
Community meeting, 2nd Thursday monthly, 8:15 am at the Sunset Villa Complex (corner of Palm and Filburn)

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THE WAR ON IDENTITY THEFT

One of the fastest evolving crimes in this country is identity theft and identity fraud. The growing truth is that this crime affects approximately half a million new victims each year. The terms identity theft and identity fraud refer to any type of crime which someone unlawfully, usually for financial gain, obtains and uses another individual's personal information in some manner that involves fraud or deception.

Identity theft is committed in number of ways. In public places criminals that are nearby may be watching you and engaging in "shoulder surfing" as you input telephone calling card numbers, PINS or credit card numbers.

Other criminals go through your garbage cans, dumpsters or trash bins, "dumpster diving" for your personal information. They find this information on discarded checks, credit card or bank statements and other records that contain your private information.

"Phishing" is another way criminals use to access your sensitive information. They pass themselves off as financial institutions or other companies through either e-mail or telephone calls. In these correspondences the criminals usually ask you to re-affirm your very sensitive information for "security reasons." Often the message or caller tells you there is an immediate need to take care of this or your account will be closed.

Still another way of stealing your identity is by "skimming." A special hi-tech method, skimming captures your personal and account information from your credit cards, driver's license or even your passport. The hi-tech "skimmer" can be found on line for as little as \$50.00. The magnetic strip on the card is "skimmed" and then stored on the appliance or attached computer.

Defending your personal information is the best deterrence. Buy a good quality shredder, a cross shredder is your best choice. SHRED everything with your name or other personal information on it. This includes credit card offers, refinancing offers and even magazine and catalog covers. Don't forget to pull out the order form from catalogs that often is already filled out with your information.

Never carry your social security card in your wallet. Give the number out only when absolutely necessary, such as a new job. Do not write your social security number on your checks.

Unless you initiate a call or e-mail, never provide your personal information through these means. Type a web address familiar to you in your browser rather than clicking on a link that is sent to you.

Personal information should be kept in a secure place at home. Passwords should contain a combination of letters and numbers and should not be obvious such as your birthdate or the last four digits of your social security number. Be suspicious of things such as bills not arriving on time, unexpected bills or account statements, calls or letters regarding purchases that you did not make or denials for credit. Review financial statements thoroughly whether on line or by hard copy looking for charges not made by you.

The three major nationwide consumer reporting companies – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion are required by law to provide you with one free copy of your credit report each year. Utilize this service efficiently and you can have a free credit report every four months.

Should you suspect identity theft, place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit reports and review the reports carefully. Creditors will follow certain procedures before they open new accounts in your name or make any changes to your existing accounts. A call to one of the credit reporting companies is sufficient as they all communicate with each other. (Provided below.)

Close accounts that you believe have been opened fraudulently or have been tampered with. Contact the security or fraud departments of each company where accounts have been opened without your permission. Follow up with copies and document conversations including a date regarding the theft.

Lastly, file a police report with your local law enforcement agency. Filing a report assists law enforcement officials across the country with their investigation of all the fraudulent activity.

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289
Experian: 1-800-EXPERIAN (397-3742)

Article by: Leslie Devitt - Bakersfield Police Department



**4th Annual H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection
Bunko Tournament
Fundraiser**



November 7, 2009

1st Time Player Clinic 4:00 p.m.
Dinner Served 5:00 p.m.
BUNKO Begins 6:00 p.m.
\$25 Entry Fee (includes dinner)

Norris Veterans Hall
400 W. Norris Rd.



Registration Deadline: November 2nd



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2009 CHEVRON SPIRIT AWARDS

On a hot summer afternoon in August, the Energy Center doors opened to welcome the excited recipients of the 2009 Chevron Community Spirit Awards. This year, Chevron generously donated over \$126,000 to 28 non-profit organizations through a grant application program.

The Community Spirit Award grants are administered by Chevron's San Joaquin Valley Business Unit (SJVBU) Policy, Government and Public Affairs, headquartered in Bakersfield. The goal of the Community Spirit Awards is to support community programs in the areas of basic human needs; education and training; small and medium sized business development; and quality of life (civic and community, arts and culture, and environment).

Adam Alvidrez, Public Affairs Representative hosted the event, and greeted the award recipients and their guests with a warm smile and brief opening comments. The event began with the recognition of the Judges who reviewed all the submitted applications and chose the final recipients. Joining Adam on this year's awards committee were Bill Phelps, Chief of Programs at Clinica Sierra Vista ; Diane Duran, Contracts Supervisor in Supply Chain Management, Sam Chow, HR Resource Advisor , and Roger Christy, Public Affairs Representative for Chevron.

For Chevron, the Community SPIRIT Award program provides a clear and formal application process, and allows responses to be made in a timely manner. For the community, the grants help support the many local agencies that provide programs and services throughout the County and central California. "At the end of the day, we want to tell a story, that we worked together to improve the conditions of the communities where we live and work. To accomplish that goal, the partnership with nonprofit organizations is vital. We can't do it alone", Alvidrez explains.

Nancy Chaffin, President of *A Life Interrupted*, mentioned in her acceptance comments that, "Continuing this program would not possible without Chevron's support. The Bakersfield Police Department can continue to reach out to numerous high schools, parent clubs, youth events, businesses and community organizations with the goal of decreasing the number of teen auto fatalities, and increasing awareness about driving more responsibly.



Other organizations that received a Chevron Community Spirit Awards Grant were the YMCA of Kern County to fund the re-structuring of After-School programs for children and the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House, which will use funds to provide families with low cost accommodations, family support services and emergency financial assistance to cope with their children's' life threatening illness.

These agencies are providing Kern County citizens with basic human needs an adequate living environment, an improved quality of life, and better educational opportunities. Chevron is doing its part by giving back to the community through grants that help support non-profit organizations. This is part of making California a better place to live.

SAVE THE DATE

Kern County School Age Seminar

December 12, 2009

8:00 am - 12 pm

2000 K Street, University Square

Cost \$10

Four workshops with trainers from the California School Age Consortium
For more details call Tammy Burns at 661-636-4444.

HOMELAND SECURITY THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A typical Neighborhood Watch consists of ten to fifteen households on a represented block. Neighborhood watches are set up block by block. Below are a few points you should be aware of and how to establish a plan with your Neighborhood Watch in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack.

Be familiar with daily routines in your neighborhood. By doing so, you will be able to much easier spot something or someone out of the ordinary. Be aware of abandoned packages especially in crowded areas.

Get to know your neighbors. If you don't have a neighborhood watch, set one up it is easy as one, two, three. Neighborhood Watch is the first step for an emergency preparedness plan.

Always take what you hear very seriously when it comes to harmful threats made against citizens. Anyone who proclaims membership of terrorist group should be immediately reported to law enforcement.

Establish an emergency plan with your neighborhood watch. Establish and include all neighbors on a phone tree designating who will call whom. Know your neighbors professions, for example who is the nurse, who is the fireman, policemen, teacher, etc. Have a resource list for tools, talents, equipment and materials. Your neighborhood will be its own community in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack. You will need to rely on each other for some time, possibly three or four days.

Organize emergency preparedness kits that include:

- Extra blankets and clothes. Shoes suitable for walking through debris.
- A three day supply of water; one gallon for each person per day.
- Non-perishable foods and don't forget a manual can opener. Also include baby food, formula and pet food if applicable.
- First aid kit including prescription and non-prescription medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, Aleve, etc.
- Battery operated radio, extra batteries, flashlights and cell phones.
- Personal items such as toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, diapers, trash bags, etc.
- A portable generator is a huge plus!

Know what to do if instructed to evacuate your home or neighborhood. Each family member should know how to get a hold of the rest of the family. Family members should all know how to get out of the house with two ways out of each room. Be familiar with the evacuation plan of the complex if you live in an apartment building. Family members should all agree on a meeting place to assure each others safety. Make a plan how to take care of pets in the event of an evacuation. With the exception of service dogs, pets are usually not allowed in shelters.

Learn how to shut off utilities such as water and gas. Only turn off gas if you suspect a gas leak and never try to re-light the gas pilot yourself. That is a job for the utility company professionals. Know how to preserve and obtain clean water from your home's hot water heater. It is a very simple and can glean you forty to sixty gallons of fresh water.

To set up your Neighborhood Watch or enhance an existing one, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 661-326-3053.

Article by: Leslie Devitt - Bakersfield Police Department



"Every moment is an experience."

Jake Roberts

KERN COUNTY MUSEUM FAMILY EVENTS

Olde Time Peddler's Faire

Saturday, October 10; 9:00am - 5:00 pm / Sunday, October 11, 2009; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Early bird at Vendor's Gate Saturday at 7:00am

Two hundred vendors will unpack their wares throughout the museum's 16 acres for the Old Time Peddler's Faire organized by Ace Antiques. Jazz music, great food vendors and historic displays round out the fun. Early Bird admission through the Vendor Gate is available Saturday at 7:00 am for \$12. General admission \$8, children under 8 free with adult. Members admitted free.

26th Annual Safe Halloween

Friday, October 30 & Saturday, October 31, 2009; 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Dozens of local businesses and organizations will sponsor trick or treat stops on the grounds of the museum as a fundraiser for the Kern County Museum Foundation. Other activities include children's carnival and entertainment. Tickets should be purchased in advance as this event is sure to be a sell out. \$8 per person, \$5 for members. For more information call 661-852-5020.

My Favorite Things Holiday Exhibition

On View Saturday, November 21 - December 30, 2009

Open during regular business hours: Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

What are your favorite things? This exhibition features a room-full of artfully decorated trees centered around the theme of My Favorite Things. Prepare to be surprised and enchanted by the wonderful array of "favorite things," including pets, shopping, sci-fi toys, and baseball.

Holiday Lamp Light Tours

Saturday, December 5, 2009; 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Start the holiday season off with an event evoking holiday celebrations of the past. Festive decorations, including over 100 old-fashioned lanterns on the museum grounds and buildings, set the mood for this unique celebration of the holiday season. Old West encampments and beautifully dressed costumed interpreters set a backdrop for a holiday experience you won't forget. Costumed interpreters and free Subway® cookies are featured in the 1891 Howell House. Food and entertainment is also available in the Historic Fellows Hotel. Strolling minstrels, carolers, bell choirs and much more make this an event not to be missed. This year's holiday exhibit of trees and wreaths showcasing My Favorite Things will also be open throughout the evening. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children; member price \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Advanced sale tickets are available, and group rates for 20 or more can also be arranged in advance. Refreshments and carriage rides are an additional fee.



Cookies at the Clock Tower

Saturday, December 19, 2009; 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Enjoy a family day at the Lori Brock Children's Discovery Center with plenty of cookies and hot drinks. My Favorite Things will be the theme for great craft activities for the children. Everyone gets a chance at the raffle prizes, family activities, and entertainment including magicians and visits with Santa! Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 3 - 12. Children under 3 and museum members are admitted free.



There's a ton of family fun at the Kern County Museum! For more information, check out the museum's website www.kcmuseum.org or call 661-852-5000.



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The October 28 general dinner meeting will feature Curtis Creel who will discuss the Bay Delta Water Conservation Plan. This controversial plan centers on the best use of the Sacramento and American river waters. Do we provide water for salmon, delta smelt, and other at-risk species of fish? Will such a plan allow Central Valley farmers to continue to grow crops that are important to the economy?

Curtis Creel is well qualified to speak to this issue. During his nineteen years with the Department of Water Resources, he has participated in a variety of technical and policy driven activities concluding with Chief State Water Project (SWP) Operations Planning Branch. His responsibilities ranged from making recommendations to the Director on SWP allocations to acting as the Department's lead representative on the development of biological opinions to cover the operations of the Central Valley Project and SWP and their interactions with federally listed fishery species.

Once more Californians are caught in a war of words between the water-rich northern third of the state and the dry southern two thirds over the supply and use of water. The political resolution of this battle will affect the economies and life styles of communities for years to come.



Come to the League of Women Voters of Kern County dinner meeting October 28th, 5:45 pm, at the Petroleum Club for more information about this vital commodity. Call the League Line (661) 634-3773 for reservations. To hear the speaker only, join us at 7 pm.

2009 DVAC UPDATE

The Domestic Violence Advisory Council (DVAC) was established in 1999 by the Kern County Board of Supervisors and placed under the umbrella of the Kern County Network for Children as an issues-based collaborative. General partners include representatives from various governmental agencies, departments, the courts and community members whose mission is to reduce partner and family violence through effective collaboration. By sharing knowledge, training and other resources, our community is working together to end partner and family violence. The goal of DVAC is to provide a collaborative environment where interested persons and community organizations can meet to discuss partner and family violence and work together to find solutions.

I would like to say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU! I greatly appreciate the many hours of volunteer service you have selflessly rendered as domestic violence advocates in our community. You are greatly appreciated! Thank you to Tom Corson and the Kern County Network for Children for the support and guidance given to the Domestic Violence Advisory Council this year and throughout the years.

In preparing for our upcoming annual conference on Domestic Violence on September 24, 2009, I was reviewing what all of you, as DVAC members, have accomplished so far in 2009 and I am amazed and impressed at the hard work and dedication you have shown. I would like to list some of this year's accomplishments thus far...

- **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week** - Developed by a very dedicated team, DVAC implemented the very first campaign for Teen Dating Violence Awareness in February. With media coverage, volunteers on high school campuses, and presentations in classrooms, information about teen dating violence went directly into the hands of students to raise awareness to this important issue. We received a Proclamation from Supervisor Rubio and developed a Teen Dating Violence brochure for distribution. Thank you to all who supported and participated in this great work.
- **Older Adult Issues Committee** - Led by Kris Grasty and chaired by Paul Rozell, DVAC's newly formed Older Adult Issues Committee gathered community partners together to assist Aging and Adult Services in their annual conference in May regarding domestic violence with older adults. It

2009 DVAC UPDATE (cont.)

was an excellent conference with record attendance and a brochure was developed that could be utilized by all domestic violence advocates in our community.

- **Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Committee (CEDV)** - This committee was formed this year to address the primary recommendation in the Domestic Violence Death Review Team (DVDRT) presented to the Board of Supervisors in 2008. This team is developing protocol for a Domestic Violence Crisis Response Team to be implemented when there are children who have witnessed a domestic violence homicide, suicide or incident resulting in great bodily injury to parent or primary caregiver. An excellent team including law enforcement, mental health providers, probation/victim witness, CSUB, and other domestic violence advocates in our community, are currently in process of developing and implementing this Crisis Response Team. Stay tuned for future updates...
- **Domestic Violence Death Review Team** - This very important team meets bi-monthly to discuss domestic violence homicides and suicides. The DVDRT Report identifies important factors in these incidents and makes crucial recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. We look forward to their upcoming report later this year. Thank you for your dedication to this effort!
- **DVAC** has participated in many presentations and trainings this year, including high schools, colleges, adult schools, CSUB, Boys and Girls Club, other businesses and faith-based organizations. I was even so fortunate to take a road-trip to the Women's Center High Desert to provide training to their excellent staff and see their impressive and beautiful facilities.
- **DVAC** has participated in a record number of resource fairs and outreach events this year. Thank you to all who have helped in any way!
- **DVAC General Collaborative** monthly meetings have included eight (8) 1-hour trainings on topics related to domestic violence from various local advocates, clinicians and professionals. Thank you to all of our Lunch 'N Learn presenters!
- **Domestic Violence Conference 2009 - "Sin by Silence"** promises to be an excellent event. If you haven't already signed up, please do so as soon as possible. We fully anticipate this Conference will reach maximum capacity.
- **Hot off the presses...** we just received notification of reward on two grants written earlier this year, one from Target Corporation and one from Junior League of Bakersfield. These grants were specifically written to bring a very important training to Bakersfield. Presented by **Jacquelyn C. Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN**, the **"Danger Assessment" Tool** was developed to identify risk factors for intimate partner homicide. When this training is completed, participants will receive certification in using the Danger Assessment Tool. Due to the generous grants received from Target and Junior League of Bakersfield, we will be able to offer this training FREE to selected community partners whose goals align with DVAC objectives and committees. We will need to limit the number of participants receiving this training and certain agencies will receive preferential consideration, but please let me know if you or your agency would like to be considered as a recipient of this training. More details will be forthcoming...

Sadly, this has been a record-breaking year for domestic violence homicides in our community. There is much work yet to be done, but together we can accomplish great things. We welcome your ideas, concerns and feedback regarding domestic violence. Caring means doing and you have done much this year. Please know that your volunteer efforts make a difference, especially to the individuals you serve. Thank you again for your service to our organization and our community.

Sincerely,
Glenda Love
DVAC President
www.kerndvac.com



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