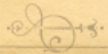


Fireworks!

The Pandemic forced all major events to be cancelled, also spring sporting events to be called off, then the end of the school year field days and graduations to be axed. As our STRTP boys moved into their summer break, it also looked very different than usual. As the July 4th holiday approached, many of our boys were wondering how they can enjoy a Fourth of July without traditional events, parades, or parties.

It's a Kern Bridges tradition to take the boys living in their group homes to firework shows every year. In the past, our boys have attended Bakersfield College Firework Show, River Walk, Venture Beach, Santa Cruz, Huntington Beach, and Bakersfield Speedway Firework Show. Similarly, young children love fireworks and that goes for many adults who turn into children around fireworks.

Fireworks bring all of us back to evoke fond memories of summertime. This year, we allowed our boys to do their own fireworks at both facilities. This July 4th activity was highly supervised, and we emphasized keeping our boys safe. The boys had a blast eating BBQ while relaxing and having fun doing fireworks. At the same time, our Direct Care Staff were educating all the boys about our nation's birthday.



Upcoming Trainings

September 5, 9:00 - 11:00am

“Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Non-minor Dependents”

with Marina Hernandez
marina@kernbridges.com

October 7, 6:00 - 8:00pm

“Effects of Drug and Alcohol Abuse on Children and Non-Minor Dependents”

with Mike Ramirez

CPR/1st Aid

CPR and First Aid trainings are on an as needed basis at this time.

Contact your KBYH Social Worker if you need to renew your certification.

ISFC Training & Support Group

Trainings are open to any Kern County approved ISFC Resource Family and include child care (over 2 years old) and dinner.

RSVP to Carrie Wombacher
carrie@kernbridges.com

September 22, 6:00 - 8:00pm

“Teenagers and Unique Challenges”

October 27, 6:00 - 8:00pm

“Positive Parenting”

SAFETY

The following is the first of several articles we will provide regarding teen driving. The following is an excerpt take the National Safety Council on nsc.org.

Teens' Biggest Safety Threat is Sitting on the Driveway

Half of all teens will be involved in a car crash before graduating from high school. Parental involvement doesn't end when a child gets a license. Teen drivers who continue to practice with their parents increase their chances of avoiding a crash. This report [from the Governors Highway Safety Association](#) offers more information.

[Visit DriveitHOME](#) for a variety of helpful resources to help your teen get the experience they need behind the wheel.

No state has laws strong enough to fully protect new teen drivers. Household rules about passengers, nighttime driving and cell phone use can fill gaps in state laws. The [New Driver Deal](#) outlines these rules.

September



Child Birthdays

- Xavier M. 9/10 16 years
- Nalayah L. 9/17 5 years
- Victor G. 9/27 14 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

- Richard Arguello. 9/13
- George Kline 9/18
- Laura Daniels. 9/20
- Megan Kline 9/22
- Susanna Chavez 9/25

KBYH Staff Birthdays

- Ana Landeros 9/15
- Vernetta Carter 9/16

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Keisha Davis 18 years
- Elvia Alvarez 3 years
- Bianca Ruiz 3 years
- Kathy Irwin 23 years
- Sharon Harman-Fry 3 years
- Miguel Alvarez 4 years





Family Spotlight:

George and Megan Kline have been resource parents for a short time, but in that time have made a big impact. They have shown a willingness to open their home to children not only from Kern County, but out of county as well. Last minute requests for placement are never an annoyance and they happily open their home with no hesitation. They have provided respite homes for several children and always have the child's best interest at heart, no matter how long the child is staying in the home or what behavior issues are occurring with the child. Even if it is short term, they work on securing as many resources and programs available to further assist the child once the child has left the Klins' home.

Recently, when working with Stanislaus County, I had the opportunity to hear from a supervising social worker how grateful they were for Megan and George, stating the Klins were "cooperative and easy to work with, calm and caring with the child. They went out of their way for the child." It is nice to know the Kern Bridges resource parents can extend this kindness and caring not only locally but extend to other counties as well.

Also, Happy September Birthday to the both of them!

Child Spotlight:

KBYH is proud to recognize August's Child of the Month, Ignacio R. Ignacio is a 16 year-old junior at Independence High School. He resides in the home of C. Caudillo. Ignacio has shown much improvement since coming to Kern Bridges. Not only is he respectful, he also has a great sense of humor. Recently, Ignacio has started giving back to our community through his volunteer work with the Reach For Greatness Program.

Congrats Ignacio and keep up the good work! You're awesome!