

## Lillian Adkins Retires

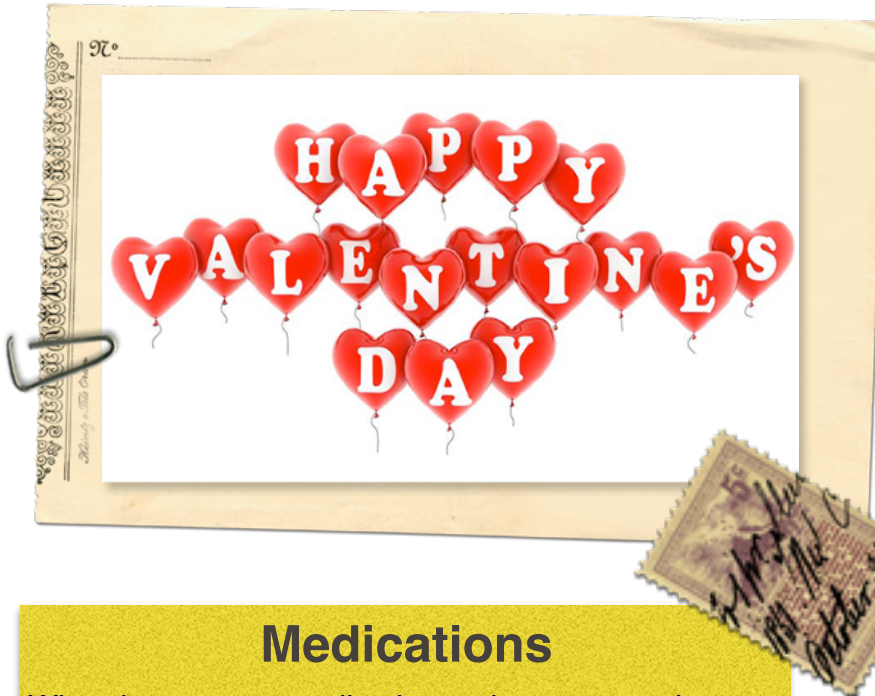
Farewell note from Lillian:

Thank you past, present and future KBYH staff for the retirement luncheon, cards, and gifts. Jim's speech was an awesome rendition of my foster parent awards speeches. It was great to see Dan, Rhonda and Robin again. I also want to thank the foster parents for the dedication they have shown to the foster children. I will miss them. I am proud of the foster children who have been motivated to make their lives better by setting goals and not giving up on life. Working at KBYH has been an invaluable experience which forced me to grow in many ways.

-Lillian Adkins

Lillian joined KBYH in 2000 and for 17 years, faithfully worked hard to care for the children and families of Kern Bridges. In total, Lillian devoted over 30 years of her life to social work and always with dedication, persistence, and a deep care for those she served. 1/31/17 was Lillian's last day and we wish her all the best in her retirement. Thank you, Lillian, for your many years of service, for entertaining us, checking on us, for always seeing things through, and for making us all better people.





## Medications

When it comes to medications, please remember:

- All medications must be secured and locked away, including over the counter medications
- Whenever possible, and as directed by a physician, foster youth should be assisted in "self-administration" of medications. Self-administration means that as much as possible and is appropriate, a child manages the process of taking their medication, however, they must still be supervised at all times and the medication secured when not in use.
- Always ensure that instructions are followed as outlined by the appropriate medical professional
- Medication must be stored in the original container with the original unaltered label
- Always keep the 6 "Rights" in mind: Right medication, Right dosage, Right route (i.e. oral, nose), Right documentation, Right time, and Right child

## Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

**March 6, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez

**April 15, 9:00-11:00AM:** "Supporting Children and Non-minor Dependents in School" with Bibi Carrasco

**May 10, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Prudent Parent Standard" with Jessica Mosley

**May 17, 6:00-8:00PM:** "Managing Aggressive Behavior" with Mark Dominguez

## Ongoing Trainings

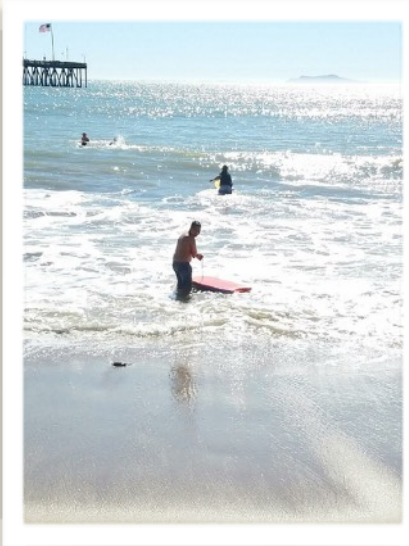
Mark Dominguez will be offering the following trainings on an ongoing basis (participants must RSVP by the Monday of the week of training):

**CPR/1st Aid Recertification** (*for anyone who has previously had CPR/1st Aid training*): First Thursday of every month from 10:00am-Noon and from 6:00-8:00pm.

**CPR/1st Aid-Initial Course** (*for those who have never had the training before*): First Saturday of February, May, August, and November, 10:00am-3:00pm.



Kern Bridges Group Homes are taking all the right steps to prepare for adventure. Our boys really enjoy all the travels that allow them to live in the moment and experience plenty of thrills. The boys create new memories in a rich location on trips that can be remembered for a lifetime. Every single adventure makes for an incredible escape where the boys have plenty of fun and enjoy many surprises along the way. We believe adventure brings out the best in our boys. Their comfort zones are shattered, their inhibitions are tested, and the boys are rewarded with incomparable feelings of achievement.



### Child Birthdays

- March 4: Cristian R.
- March 13: Eziekle G.
- March 17: Trisden R.
- March 24: Victor G.



### Foster Parent Birthdays

- March 1: Sheila Drummer
- March 1: Maurice Harice
- March 4: Jorge Martinez
- March 6: Jennifer Mercier
- March 12: Linden Goodwin
- March 14: Christen Suorsa
- March 18: Laura Cruz
- March 24: Anita Caudillo
- March 24: Chris Dozhier
- March 29: Eric Viramontes

### KBYH Staff Birthdays

- March 8: Marco Richard
- March 19: Mark Dominguez
- March 26: Carrie Wombacher

### KBYH Staff Anniversaries

- Ronny Copeland: 2 Years
- Jose Soto: 2 years



## Welcome Jennifer Robbins!

KBYH is proud to welcome Jennifer Robbins to the Kern Bridges team. Jennifer graduated from CSUB with a Masters in Social Work in 2007 and has 15 years of child welfare experience in Santa Clara County and Kern County. Jennifer most recently worked for the county of Kern in the adoptions unit. Jennifer is widely regarded as a caring and competent worker and we are fortunate to have her come aboard. Jennifer will be working as an FFA Social Worker, replacing the recently retired Lillian Adkins.

## Foster Family of the Month: The Goodwin's

Although they were just certified in November of 2016, Linden and Indira Goodwin have performed their foster parent responsibilities that rival some of our most experienced families. They are currently taking care of 2 siblings that are 1 year apart, 2 months and 14 months. These children have numerous health issues that required many trips to Madera Children's hospital and other specialized appointments. In this short time they have gained the respect of this Agency's social workers and the social worker's from the Department of Human Services. They have also received accolades from the Department of Human services on how well they have taken care of these two children placed in their home. The Goodwin home is truly an asset to KBYH and is deserving of this recognition.

## Social Worker Spotlight: Isabel Liu

This month we are proud to present Isabel Liu as Kern Bridges Youth Homes' selection of Social Worker of the Month for February. Isabel graduated from CSUB with a Masters in Social Work in 2012 and began working for the Department of Human Services in 2013, first in the Adoptions unit and most recently in the Wraparound unit. Isabel is a highly competent, knowledgeable and professional Social Worker who works very effectively as an advocate for children, especially in the Wraparound unit where children have many unique needs. Isabel always makes herself available to assist and provide the sound guidance needed to support foster families and service providers. Isabel has gained the respect of social workers and families with her calm and friendly manner and we value her commitment to the well-being of children.





# SAFETY

## Safety Belts

Because safety belts provide a level of protection from injury in motor vehicle collisions, California law requires the following:

- Vehicles must contain **properly functioning** seat belts.
- Any **operator** of a motor vehicle **must wear a safety belt** at all times.
- All **passengers** 8 years old and **older** that are **at least** 4 feet 9 inches tall or **taller**, to wear a seat belt.
  - Children that are 8 years old and **younger** that are **under** 4 feet 9 inches tall must use a **child safety seat**.

Any driver and/or passenger who is found in violation of these rules is subject to a traffic ticket, should you be pulled over by an officer. If you are found to be driving with an un-belted passenger **under the age of 16 years old**, you (the driver) are at risk for a separate citation.

## Child Safety Seats

**Depending on your child's height and age, he or she may be required to use a child passenger restraint system that is federally approved.**

In California, all children **under 8 years old** must:

- Use a child safety seat or booster.
- Ride in the back seat of the vehicle **UNLESS**:
  - The vehicle has no back seats.
  - Back seats are side-facing.
  - Back seats face to the rear of the vehicle.
  - A child safety seat cannot be installed safely in the back seat.

**NOTE**: Effective **January 1, 2017**, children **under 2 years old** must use a **rear-facing child safety seat** **UNLESS**:

- They weigh **at least 40 lbs.**
- They measure **at least 40 inches tall.**

*-Taken from [dmv.org](http://dmv.org)*

