

## Summer in Winter



Over the Christmas break, our group home boys took advantage of the beautiful weather in California. During the first week of the break, the boys went on a three-day camping trip in San Luis Obispo at the Dunes. For some of our boys, this was their very first camping trip. Many of them learned how to put together a tent and how to bait a fishing hook. The weather was unbelievably sunny so the boys were able to test the ocean waters and play sports such as beach football, frisbee and volleyball. The second adventure for the boys was Santa Monica Beach. Again, it was another beautiful day and the boys played on the beach the entire trip. In addition, the boys had a family picnic on the beach before calling it a day and returning back home.

# Save the Date

Our annual Resource Parent appreciation dinner will be on May 10 at Hodels.



## Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

**March 5, 6:00-8:00PM:** “Managing Aggressive Behavior” with Mark Dominguez. RSVP to 661-865-2352

**April 15, 9:00-11:00AM:** “Supporting Children and Non-Minor Dependents in School” with Bibi Carrasco. RSVP to 661-428-2915

**May 9, 6:00-8:00PM:** “Prudent Parent Standard” with Jessica Mosley. RSVP to 661-396-2357

## 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 to 661-865-2352):

**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.

Congratulations to Resource Parent Kathleen Viramontes, college graduate! Mrs. Viramontes completed the requirements for a Bachelors in Human Services degree from the University of Phoenix.



# Save the Date

Our annual Easter event will be held at Skateland on March 24 from 11:00-1:00.

## Child Birthdays

March 4: Dominique L.  
 March 4: Cristian R.  
 March 13: Eziekle G.  
 March 18: Justin M.  
 March 21: Keeli-Shay D.



## Foster Parent Birthdays

March 1: Shelia Drummer  
 March 1: Maurice Harice  
 March 4: Tony Martinez  
 March 6: Jennifer Mercier  
 March 10: Mark Schaefer  
 March 14: Christen Suorsa  
 March 18: Laura Cruz  
 March 24: Anita Caudillo  
 March 24: Chris Dozhier  
 March 28: Eric Viramontes

## KBYH Staff Birthdays

March 8: Marco Richard  
 March 19: Mark Dominguez  
 March 26: Carrie Wombacher  
 March 29: Kyle Benson

## KBYH Staff Anniversaries

Paul Townsend: 1 Year  
 Leon Smith: 1 Year  
 Jose Soto: 3 Years  
 Ronny Copeland: 3 Years

If you aren't already, make sure you are getting KBYH updates and information by liking us on Facebook.



## Foster Child of the Month: Kaylie C.

We would like to recognize Kaylie C. for her recent accomplishments. Kaylie has made massive strides in school and had a 3.2 GPA this past grading period. Kaylie also participated in Volleyball and did a great job on her science project for school, which was a volcano. We are very proud of Kaylie and would like to congratulate her on all her accomplishments and efforts this school year.

## Resource Parent Spotlight: Ana and Rigoberto Perez

Although they were just approved on 8-22-17, The Perez family has performed their Resource Parent responsibilities in an outstanding manner. Their first placements of 2 boys was extremely challenging. Nevertheless, they provided them with a home that was a very loving and a structured environment. It was apparent that they received the unconditional love, nurturing and parenting they needed to become happy well adjusted children. The boys affectionately called the Resource Parents, "Grandma and Grandpa". The Perez home is truly as asset to Kern Bridges Youth Homes and is deserving of this recognition.

## Social Worker Spotlight: Beatriz Martinez

This month we proudly recognize Beatriz Martinez, MSW as the DHS Social Worker of the Month. Mrs. Martinez is currently a Resource Family Approval Social Worker. Mrs. Martinez has been readily available for any of Kern Bridges Youth Homes requests and needs in a timely manner. Mrs. Martinez' bubbly personality makes for a comfortable work environment. She is dedicated to her families and the service she provides. Mrs. Martinez is highly respected by KBYH and we are grateful for her support and dedication. Thank you Beatriz Martinez for all you do!



# Safety Notes

Get training from your employer on chemicals you are exposed to during your work and information on how to protect yourself from harm. Employers must establish a comprehensive, written hazard communication program (Chemical Hazard Communication). Your employer must label chemical containers, make material safety data sheets with detailed hazard information available to employees, and train you about the health effects of the chemicals you work with, what the employer is doing, and what you can do to protect yourself from these hazards.

The program must list the hazardous chemicals in each work area, how the employer will inform employees of the hazards of non-routine tasks, hazards associated with chemicals in unlabeled pipes and how the employer will inform other employers at a multi-employer worksite.

Get training from your employer on a variety of other health and safety hazards and standards that your employer must follow. These include lockout-tagout, bloodborne pathogens, confined spaces, construction hazards and a variety of other subjects.

Kern Bridges Employees and Resource Family Parents may call Joe G. Ortega at KBYH Safety for information or guidance on matters related to chemicals and hazardous materials.

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