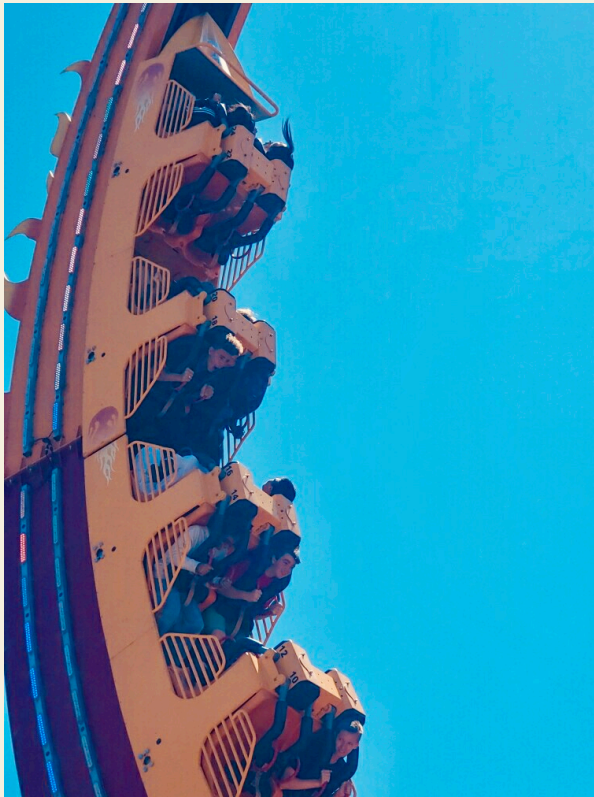


The boys in our STRTP's are really enjoying their summer vacation and having a blast. The boys rented a boat at Lake Success and had the opportunity to fish and scuba dive in the lake. Also, the boys went to Great America in Northern California. They all road roller-coasters and played with sea creatures.



**“Camp Forever” Adoption
Family Camp**

August 23-25

Registration starts July 1. Visit
www.kernbridges.com for registration info.



Training

As a reminder, Resource Parents need to complete 12 hours of training per year, each. Trainings are offered every month, per the schedule listed to the right.

Resource parents can also get training hours by attending the Resource Parent support group, held every second Tuesday of the month from 6-8PM.

Upcoming Trainings

(please RSVP)

August 15, 6:00PM - 8:00PM:
“MAB” with Mark Dominguez. RSVP
to 865-2352

September 7, 9:00AM - 11:00AM
“Effects of Domestic Violence on
Children and Non-minor Dependents “
with Marina Hernandez RSVP to
396-2353

Ongoing Trainings

Mark Dominguez will be offering the following trainings on an ongoing basis (participants must RSVP by the Thursday prior to the training to 661-865-2352):

CPR/1st Aid Recertification (*for anyone who has previously had CPR/1st Aid training*): **First Monday** 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.

ISFC Training/Support Group

Trainings are open to any Kern County approved ISFC Resource Family and includes child care (over 2 years old) and dinner. (RSVP to Carrie Wombacher 396-2352)

July 23, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
“IEP/CFTM Participation”

August 27, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
“Medication Administration”



Congratulations to JoVi Mongold, who on June 23rd was crowned the Miss California Jr. Teen. JoVi continues to make foster care and adoption the centerpiece of her title. Within 24hrs of being crowned, JoVi was advocating for Foster Youth at our state capitol. Over the course of two days, JoVi had meetings with Senator Shannon Grove & Assemblyman Vince Fong as well as attended several hearings and received a private tour.



Follow JoVi's journey on Facebook & Instagram @ JoVi Mongold.

Child Birthdays

July

- Freeland S.-July 1, 15 years
- Micah M. -July 7, 15 years
- Gloria R. -July 13, 17 years
- Ryder B. -July 14, 15 years
- Angelica G. -July 27, 13 years

Resource Parent Birthdays

July

- Laura Mejia: July 5
- Mohealy Palencia: July 8
- Carmen Cercado: July 16
- Brenda Quintino: July 19

KBYH Staff Birthdays

July

- Ruth Jackson: July 4
- Diana Cisneros: July 12
- Lisa Elswick: July 22
- Miguel Alvarez: July 23
- Fernando Ortega: July 23
- Willie Smith: July 28

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

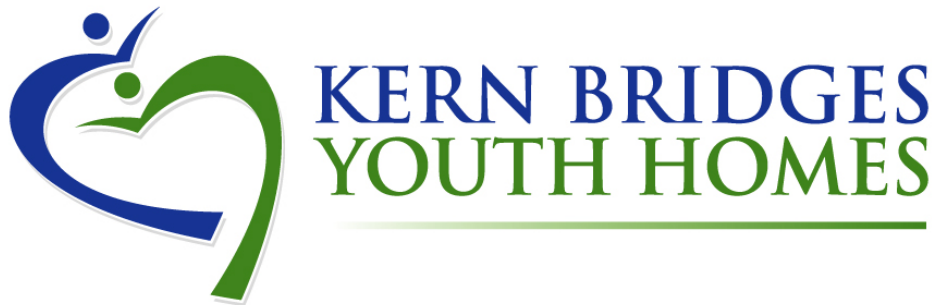
July

- Joe Ortega: 19 years
- Ronnie Wofford: 14 years
- Trina Smith: 11 years
- Carrie Wombacher: 9 years
- Michael Ramirez: 4 years
- Hayward Cox: 1 year
- Lisa Elswick: 1 year



Resource Family of the Month: The Drummers

Although they were approved on 6-1-17, they have performed their resource parent responsibilities with care and skills that rivals some of our most experienced resource parents. The Drummers have taken care of children from 3 months to 16 years of age. They have had challenging placements with severe mental health issues including a child with Shaken Baby Syndrome. They are currently taking care of a sibling set that have numerous health issues that require trips to Madera Children's Hospital and other specialized appointments and assessments. The biological parent of their first sibling set requested they be placed back in their home when they were detained again because they were so impressed with how the Drummers took care of their children. The current biological parents of the current sibling set informed the county social worker and this writer that they do not want the children moved from their placement under any circumstances. The Drummers provide each child with a very loving, structured and stable environment. It is apparent that each child receives the unconditional love, nurturing and parenting that they need to become happy, well adjusted children. The Drummers are a very active family and involve the children in numerous activities in and out of the home. The Drummers are truly an asset to Kern Bridges and are very deserving of this recognition.



Child of the Month: Samantha

This month's Child of the Month is Samantha V. who resides in the Alfaro Resource Family home. She has been in the Alfaro home for three months as an ISFC placement. This is the longest Samantha has been in any placement and she has bonded closely with the Alfaro family. Samantha is a smart, strong, independent and determined young lady. She is now making plans for her future as a non-minor dependent and plans to pursue a psychology major at Fresno State. We want to acknowledge Samantha's progress and wish her the best in her future endeavors. We know that with determination and dedication, the sky is the limit for her!

Safety

Tips on Helping Kids Deal With The Trauma of Experiencing Earthquakes

Sometimes, as adults, we forget that as scary as earthquakes are to us, they are even more frightening to children. With that in mind, FEMA has some suggestions for the smallest victims. In their publication, "Earthquake Preparedness: What Every Child Care Provider Needs to Know", the National Association of School Psychologists states that "Some children and adults may have reactions very soon after the event, while others may experience problems weeks or months later." And to deal with those reactions, FEMA has the following tips.

- Express your own concerns openly, and let students know that it's normal to be afraid.
- Encourage the children to talk about their fears. Help them sort out what is real from what is unreal.
- Watch children for ongoing signs of emotional distress (avoiding things that remind them of the event, appearing numb or withdrawn, having nightmares).

And finally, FEMA says when it comes to kids, don't be afraid to "Let children know that you understand why they are scared. Comfort them with a hug or reassuring words. Tell them they are safe with you & you will look