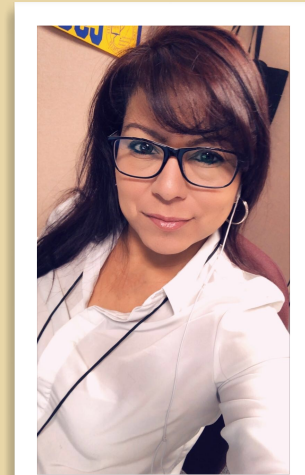




*Congratulations Graduates!*  
**Class of 2021**



### **College Graduates (KBYH Staff)**

- Brianna Ceja has recently Graduated from CSUB with a bachelors in Sociology with a concentration in Human Services.
- Claudia Trevilo has recently Graduated from CSUB with a Masters in Social Work.

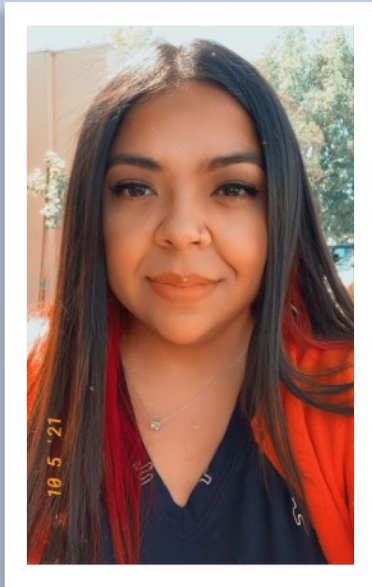
### **High School Graduates**

- Jay C-Valley High School
- David O-Frontier High School
- Jose M- Independence High School.

### **Middle School Graduates**

- Alissa M.-Freedom Middle School
- Journey L-Greenfield Junior High School





Yadira García recently graduated from CSUB with a Bachelors in Liberal Studies. She has 8 years of experience working with children and in education. She is joining the KBYH Intensive Services Foster Care team as a Rehabilitation Specialist. We are excited to have Yadira, who goes by “Yadi”, as part of the KBYH family.

## Upcoming Trainings

**June 5, 9:00 -11:00 am**  
 “Crisis Intervention” with Bianca Ruiz.  
 RSVP to [bruiz@kernbridges.com](mailto:bruiz@kernbridges.com)

**July 14, 6:00-8:00pm**  
 “Trauma Informed Care and Attachment”  
 with Carrie Wombacher. RSVP to  
[carrie@kernbridges.com](mailto:carrie@kernbridges.com)

## 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.  
 RSVP to Carrie Wombacher [carrie@kernbridges.com](mailto:carrie@kernbridges.com)

### **“Medication Administration”**

June 22, 2021  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



**Child Birthdays**

- Isael O.            7    11 years
- Isaiah D.           8    11 years
- Marcelino O.    18   15 years
- Alissa M.          24   15 years

**Resource Parent Birthdays**

- Carlos Caudillo            3
- Timi Mongold              4
- Loana Lugo-Juarez        9
- Haleigh Boss              19
- Maria Carillo              21
- Daniel Quintino          27

**KBYH Anniversaries**

- Chris & Haleigh Boss
  - 5 years
- Shana & Gale Doverspike
  - 2 years



**KBYH Staff Birthdays**

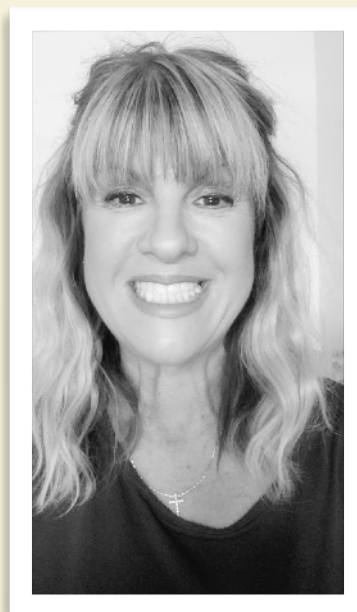
- James Boston            June    9
- John Bacon                June    28

**KBYH Staff Anniversaries**

- Vernetta Carter        15 years
- Robert Carter         21 years
- Donte Williams        15 years
- Mark Dominquez    12 years
- Cindy Perry             1 year

The Gutierrez informed that the stork bomb dived into their home to inflict a direct hit with a girl, Alessi, on 5/5/21.

*Congratulations to the Gutierrez family.*



My name is Lori Lockard. I am super excited to join the Kern Bridges family working as a Social Worker. I have had the opportunity to work in the field of Social Work for over 25 years. It has been a blessing to work with a myriad of families and assist them in accessing resources and providing them with support. I look forward to continuing to broaden my experience in the field at Kern Bridges.



# SAFETY

## Protecting Vulnerable Groups from Extreme Heat including Staff & Youth

Keep kids cool and hydrated

- Never leave infants or children in a parked car, even if the windows are open.
- Dress infants and children in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.

- Make sure they're drinking plenty of fluids. Stay away from really cold drinks or drinks with too much sugar.

Never leave kids in a parked car

- Even when it feels cool outside, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly.
- Leaving a window open is not enough - temperatures inside the car can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes, even with a window cracked open.
- Children who are left unattended in parked cars are at greatest risk for heat stroke, and possibly death.

Tips for traveling with children

- Never leave infants or children in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- To remind yourself that a child is in the car, keep a stuffed animal in the car seat. When the child is buckled in, place the stuffed animal in the front with the driver.
- When leaving your car, check to be sure everyone is out of the car. Do not overlook any children who have fallen asleep in the car.

Learn how to spot heat-related illness

- Seek medical care immediately if your child has symptoms of heat-related illness.

*Excerpt taken from KBYH Workers Compensation Carrier*







## Resource Parent Spotlight

**Kern Bridges Resource Parents of the Year for 2019:**

***Michael and Sheila Drummer***

Michael and Sheila Drummer are outstanding resource parents who are highly deserving of this recognition. Their journey in Foster Care started in 2005 with the County when they took placement of 3 of their grandchildren. They became affiliated with Kern Bridges when we completed the home study for their adoptions in 2010 and 2016. The Drummer's still had a lot of love to give and became Certified with KBYH in 2017. They have since taken care of children from newborn to 15 years old. They have performed all of their resource parent duties and responsibilities in an outstanding manner. They are very loving, dedicated resource parents who have provided a wonderful home for the children who have been placed in their care. They treat every child as if they were their own and incorporate the child in every facet of their lives. They coach and train every child to behave appropriately at home and in public. They involve the children in numerous activities and family outings. They have received many accolades from the Department of Human Services on how well they take care of the children placed in their care. The Department of Human often inquire if there are openings in their home. They provide each child with a very loving, structured and stable environment. It is apparent that each child receives the unconditional love, nurturing and parenting they need to become happy, well adjusted children.

On 5-30-19, the Drummers started on a long and difficult journey when they took placement of a sibling set of two. The 3-year-old girl had poor boundaries and had severe temper tantrums. The 2-month-old boy was diagnosed with Shaken Baby Syndrome and required numerous trips to VCH in Madera and numerous other specialized appointments and assessments. This child could not have had better advocates. The Drummer's did their due diligence in making sure that he received all necessary services. In the event that he was reunified with his mother, they wanted to make sure that all services were in place. I am happy to report that this child has made outstanding progress with his numerous developmental delays. With positive discipline and consistency, his sister's behavior has improved greatly since placement as well. On 1-13-20, 8 months later, the Drummer's took placement of their newborn male sibling.

I am happy to report that the Drummer's are in the process of giving this sibling set of 3 a forever home. These children have been given a wonderful foundation and their future is limitless. Michael and Sheila Drummer have gone beyond the call of duty as resource parents.

***Thank you for opening up your hearts and home!***



## Resource Parent Spotlight

### Kern Bridges Resource Parent of the Year for 2020

Susanna Chavez was the recipient of KBYH's Resource Parent of the Year award for 2020. Susanna has been a Kern Bridges Youth Homes resource parent for several years. People often say, "It takes a village to raise a child." Susanna exemplifies this in her household. She, along with her children, work together to care for children placed in the home. Her children assist with the foster children in different ways ranging from being a friend, helping with schoolwork and everyday care of a child. From the moment the child meets Susanna, she is welcoming with her kind demeanor and patience towards the child. She has very open communication which helps the child with questions, concerns or issues while adjusting to the home. Through small actions, we have observed Susanna and her family show kindness and warmth to any child in the home. We have witnessed her and her family welcome a child into the home with a welcome banner upon entering the home. Susanna is always ready and accepting of a new child while knowing her limits.



**Thank you, Susanna, for all you do and continue to do for the numerous children who you have welcomed into your home.**