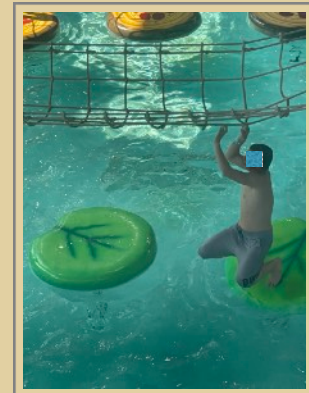
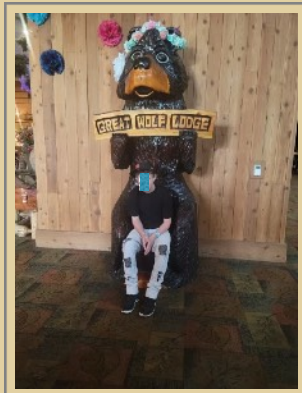


KBYH STRTP NEWS:

## The Great Wolf Lodge Resort

Last month, the boys living in our STRTP's ventured to the Great Wolf Lodge Resort in Anaheim California during their Spring Break. This was one unforgettable adventure that our boys will live with forever! Great Wolf Resorts is a chain of water parks that are indoors, all-inclusive, and have resorts with each of them having restaurants, waterslides, arcades, mini golf, and a ropes course. The Great Wolf Lodge is the largest indoor waterpark within North America and have been providing great experiences for decades. They also include mascots: Oliver Raccoon, Wiley Wolf, Violet Wolf, Brinley Bear, Sammy Squirrel, and Rachel Raccoon. These characters exude the fun guests experience when starting at the water park. The park also includes MagiQuest, where kids can have an interactive adventure game. According to our boys, this was an amazing outing that allowed them to be kids and have lots of fun for 3 straight days uninterrupted.



## Upcoming Trainings

**May 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

“Managing Aggressive Behavior”  
with Mark D. RSVP to  
[mark@kernbridges.com](mailto:mark@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 [marina@kernbridges.com](mailto:marina@kernbridges.com)

### **“CSEC and Runaways”**

May 24, 2022

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **“Medication Administration ”**

June 28, 2022

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



TRAINING



**Child Birthdays**

- Enlil S.            5/10    4 years
- Jonathan O.    5/19    19 years
- Mackenzie P.   5/21    14 years
- Roman R.        5/22    16 years
- Caleb L.         5/23    17 years
- Journey L.      5/24    17 years

**Resource Parent Birthdays**

- Frances Cortez            5/6
- Mary Ybarra                5/13
- Jenifer Royer              5/18
- Pablo Reyes                5/19
- Edward Matthews-Vega   5/20
- Luirelys Mirena            5/21
- Gerado Matthew-Vaga    5/31

**KBYH Staff Birthdays**

- Krizia Garcia              1
- Keisha Davis                2
- Joe Ortega                  11
- Saxton Zachary            11
- Reggie Phillips            14
- Amanda Wood               18
- Sharon Harmon-Fry      21
- Ronnie Copeland          24
- Ryan Buck                  30



**KBYH Staff Anniversaries**

- Yadira García              1 year
- Lori Lochard                1 year
- Serrena Rincon             1 year
- Kylie Krause                1 year
- Amanda Wood.              3 years
- Marina Hernandez         5 years
- Willie Smith                 5 years

**Resource Family Anniversaries**

- Susana & Rosalio Nuno                    1 year



## Resource Family Spotlight: The Reyes family

We take great pleasure honoring Ashley and Pablo Reyes as this month's family of the month. Mrs. and Mr. Reyes are Resource Parents who care for three children. They recently adopted one foster child, and they will soon adopt two additional foster children. Mrs. and Mr. Reyes have proven to be a loyal and dependable Resource Family who cared for young children through at least two years of uncertainty during the COVID-19 period. They proved themselves to be caring parents who shared their lives with their children and gave much love to them.

Mrs. and Mr. Reyes raised their teen child well, encouraging her to perform well in school and taught her to become a good citizen. They taught their preschool children good manners and how to behave at home, school and public. The Reyes' are always seen with a smile, even during stressful times. They tackle challenges without once complaining. Mrs. and Mr. Reyes continue to be valuable assets to this agency.

We thank you Mr and Mr. Reyes for your dedicated service and we hope you continue offering your services as foster parents to meet the needs of the children in our community. Thank you and congratulations.

## Emergency Planning

Taking the time now to prepare for an emergency with every member of your household, especially children, helping to ensure your whole family will be ready to act during an emergency.



Watching [Emergency Planning Tips for Kids](#) with your children is a good first step!

Emergency experts say it is critical that you and your children:

1. Determine a safe meeting location with your family if you are unable to all meet at home.
2. Map out two emergency routes from your home in case one is blocked.
3. Practice your emergency plan every six months with all members of your household, including your pets.
4. Pack an emergency kit with all critical essentials: 72 hours worth of water and non-perishable food, flashlights and fresh batteries, and important medications.
5. Memorize important phone numbers and practice reciting them out loud.



Taking time to plan together as a family will not only help keep your family safe—but your community too.





## Youth Spotlight: Jeremiah O.

Jeremiah had a long history of foster care and STRTP placements before being placed with the Mathews-Vega family in March 2020. Despite the disadvantage of many COVID restrictions in the early part of the placement, Jeremiah bonded with the Mathews-Vega family and together as a family, they overcame many barriers. Edward and Jerry report that they knew fairly early on in the placement that Jeremiah was the missing piece to their family, and Jeremiah in turn, felt that he found his forever home. On April 29, Edward and Jerry made Jeremiah a legal part of their family as they finalized his adoption. We are so thankful for the Edwards-Vega family and can't be happier that Jeremiah has found his forever home.

