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ISFC ADVENTURES

This summer, Kern Bridges Intensive Services Foster Care Rehab Specialists were busy with our ISFC youth. A variety of activities were planned for youth in our program including Island Water Park in Fresno, John's Pizza, Flight and Bowlero Bowling Alley. The youth had a great time interacting with staff and other youth during these fun-filled activities. Thank you, KBYH RS's Alfredo, Cali, Yadi, Paola, Mike and Misty for all the summer fun!









Memorable Fun

When it comes to exposure, nothing holds back KBYH's STRTPs. From self-esteem activities to therapeutic and team building exercises, KBYH embraces them all. Even though our boys are back in school, they are finding time on the weekends to participant in activities. One recent activity was a trip to Venice Beach in Santa Monica, California. The boys and staff took advantage of the nice weather and spent the day riding waves and bikes along the beachfront. Also, our boys like to compete in board games and do arts and crafts when they get some down time. Connect Four, UNO, and Monopoly are all household favorites. Some of our boys have learned how to play the game Dominos so they can team up with staff and play other teams. In addition, our boys love to eat! So the staff at our STRTPs started a cooking group. The boys living in our STRTPs are preparing and cooking full gourmet meals nearly every week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In short, these activities give our boys educational experiences away from and in the STRTP environment. Learning in assorted ways can appeal to various learning styles. This in turn, affords each boy the ability to learn something from exercises, whether they are visual, auditory, or kinetic learners.











Upcoming Trainings

September 3, 9:00-11:00 am

"Effects of Domestic Violence on Children and Nonminor Dependents"

with

RSVP to marina@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

"Teenagers and Unique Challenges"

September 27, 2022 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



KBYH Staff Birthdays

9/15 Ana Landeros

9/16 Vernetta Carter

9/22 Calixto Gamboa

9/22 Lin Rodriguez

KBYH Staff Anniversaries

9/11	Bianca Ruiz	5 years
9/11	Elvia Alvarez	5 years
9/16	Sharon Harman-Fry	5 years
9/17	Kathy Irwin	25 years





Child Birthdays

9/6 Angelica B. 16 years9/12 Aleiayh P. 4 years

9/15 Maria M. 4 years

9/15 Mariana M. 4 years

9/22 Julio M. 6 years

9/25 Joycie B. 9 years

9/26 Bladymir D. 1 year

9/27 Victor G. 16 years

Resource Parent Birthday

9/25 Susanna Chavez

9/29 Laura Daniels

Resource Parent

9/24 Carlos Caudillo 3 years

SAFETY

Be familiar with the family emergency contact list.

Every household should have an emergency contact list, neatly written out or printed and stowed away somewhere central. This way, if a disaster strikes, family members can easily refer to it and contact others if needed. Let your children know where they can and this list and how to use it in the event that they need to.

Main contact information should ideally be memorized (such as parents' phone numbers) but other family members' contacts like grandparents, aunts, and uncles in the immediate area can be noted on this emergency contact list. In addition to family contacts, also include the phone numbers of local paramedics, fire departments, police stations, family doctors, and close friends to be extra prepared. It is recommended to have emergency numbers easily accessible in various places throughout your home.

-Courtesy of: SafeHome.org Team

New Staff Spotlight: Paola Garcia

Paola Garcia grew up in a small town, Wasco. She previously worked for the educational system for the last 6 years. She has a four-year-old daughter. Paola enjoys the outdoors and reading. She is excited to be part of the Kern Bridges Family and will be working as an ISFC Rehabilitation Specialist.



Welcome to the team Paola!





Family Spotlight: The Campos Family

Kimberly and Milton Campos

Kimberly Campos is a Kern County FFA/ISFC resource parent. She has been a resource parent for over ten years. She enjoys children varying in ages. Her husband, Milton Campos, works side by side with Kimberly offering support when he needs to step in, either for her or the foster child. They offer a loving home to children with respect towards everyone. They keep communication open and offer guidance when talking with a child. They treat the child as their own, giving guidance when necessary and teaching values along the way. While being parents to the foster children, they also are supportive of the biological parent-child relationships. They are encouraging yet remember to lookout for the best interest of the child after visits with parents.

Their positive parenting is acknowledged through the many healthy relationships they have been able to keep with foster children and biological parents after families have reunited. Kimberly always tries to look at the good and encourages the goodness to grow.

Thank you Campos family, for all you do!



Please join us at the GRAND OPENING

of our new visitation station.

Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

WESTRA VISITATION STATION

1705 30th St. Bakersfield, CA 93301

