



Kern County Sheriff's Office

Community Relations Unit

COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION SUPPORT



The Kern County Sheriff's Office partners with community-based organizations to assist incarcerated persons while in custody and to also attempt to reduce reoffending by providing resources that help them to heal, grow, and start a better life.

KCSO Community Organization Partnerships

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Through this partnership, onsite services include crisis intervention, risk assessments, psychiatric services such as psychiatric evaluations and medical management, nursing services, checking an individual's welfare, specialized caseload monitoring, therapy, group services, discharge planning such as linkage "warm hand-offs", conservatorship evaluations, and SUD services.

Kern Medical

Through this partnership, onsite services include primary care, dental, radiology, labs, and addiction recovery services. For specialized care such as cardiology, surgery, or gynecology, Kern Medical offers an abundance of resources.

Bakersfield Adult School

Through this partnership, participants can access courses such as GED, anger management, parenting, life skills, SAPP, and the culinary course "Blue Room". Several of these programs offer certifications that help incarcerated individuals build job-ready skills and support future employment opportunities.

The Veterans Affairs (VA)

Veterans Justice Outreach helps Veterans with active criminal cases by helping eligible Veterans access mental health or substance use treatment when courts grant diversion which can lead to charges being dismissed upon successful completion. Courts may revoke diversion if a Veteran does not comply with treatment. The HCRV component provides prison outreach by connecting incarcerated Veterans with VA healthcare and resources before release, including medical and mental healthcare, substance use treatment, housing programs, employment assistance, benefits support, and community resource linkage.

Kern County Child Support Services

Child Protective Services supports incarcerated persons with child support summons and complaints by helping establish or modify child support orders, providing genetic testing, and offering education on legal rights, responsibilities, and available adjustments. Individuals can access services like video conferencing with a Child Support Specialist, custody and visitation guidance, debt-reduction programs, job and training referrals, educational programs, a resource binder to help individuals reintegrate into the community upon release and other reentry resources including expungement and clean slate support.

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Continued Care

Bakersfield Recovery Services

Services offered, but not limited to, include men's recovery, women's recovery, perinatal services, and intensive outpatient treatment.

Cottage of Hope and Gratitude

Provides a safe environment for individuals seeking positive lifestyle changes through sober living housing.

Freedom House / Terra Lynn

Provides a safe environment for individuals seeking positive lifestyle changes through sober living housing and recovery support.

Flood Ministries

Provides housing navigation, case management support, shelter referrals, and resource linkage to support individuals in crisis. Coordinates with community partnerships to offer prevention and intervention services such as meals, showers, mentoring, healthcare, and life skills training.

The Brown Family Home

Provides a safe environment for individuals seeking positive lifestyle changes through sober living housing.

Third Tradition sober Living

Provides a safe environment for individuals seeking positive lifestyle changes through sober living housing.

Garden Pathways

Offers medical and ACA enrollment support, along with mentoring and vocational services.

STEPS

Offers DUI services such as outpatient and intensive outpatient drug-free services, evidence-based counseling, individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, drug testing, prevention services, and DUI classes, along with other educational programs.



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