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Date: 26 January 2023

Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Location: Zoom ([Recording](#))

Introductions & What's New in 2023?

- Collaborative partners reintroduced themselves and shared initiatives or events for 2022, beginning with The Mountain Communities Family Resource Center (MCFRC):
 - Chelsea Palmar (program director), Claudia Cuba (Adult and Senior Advocate), Jessica Hernandez (Family Advocate), Maria Acevedo (Bilingual Family Advocate), Misty Johnston (Advocate and Program Specialist) and Lindsay Call (Director).
 - The MCFRC has been granted a paid internship opportunity from the Bakersfield Jobs Youth Internship program. Priority for this position will be given to a vulnerable youth to develop professional skills and have access to quality mentorship.
 - A HICAP counselor will visit the MCFRC every Third Tuesday from 10:00 - 12:00 PM. The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program is designed to assist seniors and eligible individuals with free and objective information regarding Medicare.
 - The MCFRC will host a monthly Coffee Chat for parents and caregivers. Coffee Chat provides a safe place to discuss all things parenting. Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 28, at 10:00 AM.
 - The MCFRC offers a "Children's Circle" every Wednesday from 11:00 - 12:00 PM. Children Circle is led by our family advocates and provides free activities and social opportunities for young children. During the winter season Children Circle is meeting indoors at Frazier Mountain Community Church located at 3015 Mt. Pinos Way #202.
 - We look forward to coordinating our 3rd Annual Park Day in June which will offer a resource fair and fun activities for families and the entire community.
- Diana Holt, Student Success Facilitator with El Tejon School District
- Carlos Davati, Outreach Coordinator for Henry Mayo Community Education
 - February is American Heart Month and Henry Mayo Community Education will offer several classes and events regarding cardiovascular health. For more information visit <https://www.henrymayo.com/medical-services/community-education/> or call 661-200-2300.
- Kathleen Weinstein, representing Kern Fire Safe Council. Kathleen is also involved with Meals on Wheels. Kern Fire Safe Council is offering a spring school program. 310-562-5844

- Katie Gonzales, Family and Community Liaison for El Tejon Middle School shared that they are in the process of planning and making connections with local resources in order to implement the community schools program in the coming years.
- Stephanie Bishop, Program Specialist with Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club is interested in participating in more outreach and community service opportunities.
 - sbishop@bgclubsofkerncounty.org
 - 661-855-3318
- Ashley Delgado, representing CAPK Medi-Cal Outreach Program
 - adelgado@capk.org
 - 661-439-3793
- Betty Hendrix, representing HICAP with Aging and Adult Services
 - 661-868-1062
 - hendrixb@kerncounty.com
- Debbie Turner, Chamber of Commerce Office, Board member of MCFRC, retired law enforcement officer and acupuncturist based in Frazier Park.
- Pa Kou Cha, Outreach Specialist with the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP).
 - This program offers adaptive phones for people with disabilities.
 - CTAP offers Smart Phone training either online or in person, for more information call 1-866-271-1540 or email: smartphonetraining@ccaf.us
 - California Connect is now the new marketing name being used for this program.
- Sarah Haflich, Superintendent of El Tejon Unified and Principal at Frazier Mountain High School.
 - Frazier Mountain has been focusing on credit recovery with many of their students.
 - El Tejon Unified has introduced a Student Success Coordinator working with El Tejon Middle School and Frazier Mountain High School. Student Success Facilitators will work closely with students and families to meet individual needs.
 - The Director of Student Services, a new position at Frazier Mountain High School will also offer additional support for students and their families.
 - Frazier Mountain High School will hold a college and career fair on March 15, 2022 from 8:30 - 10:30 AM. If you are interested in participating with your agency please contact:
 - Lee Bizzini: 661-248-0310
- Kevin Bartl, communication and media specialist with First 5 Kern.
 - First 5 Kern aims to provide support for families with children 0-5 years old and Funds 39 programs throughout Kern County, including the MCFRC.
- Representing Kern Aging and Adult Services were John Rozo (Program Technician), Daniel Hernandez and Brice Phillips (Kern County Adult Protective Services social workers)
 - John Rozo explains that Home Safe is a program designed to combat homelessness with seniors and disabled adults.
- Corey Hansen, Principal at El Tejon Middle School.
 - El Tejon Middle school is now offering an AVID program for all grade levels.
- Dave Watts, Representing California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF)
 - CVAF offers case management and transitional housing for veterans who are experiencing homelessness.

- Kassie Mullican, Marketing and Communications Coordinator with Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance (GBLA). GBLA offers 22 programs which provide civil legal services for low income individuals and seniors.
- Jazmin Mendez, WIC Regional Breastfeeding Liaison for Kern County representing CAPK and Clinica Sierra Vista and Edreiana Martinez, CAPK and WIC Outreach Public Relations Coordinator. WIC program offers food assistance, health education, breastfeeding support and farmer's Market Vouchers.
 - jmendez@capk.org (Jazmin Mendez)
 - 661-501-2644 ext. 1545 (Edreiana Martinez)
 - edreiana.martinez@capk.org (Edreiana Martinez)
- Michael McNelis, principal at Frazier Park Elementary School shared some important updates:
 - Frazier Park Elementary is working on opening a STEM/Innovation Lab.
 - The elementary school uses the i-READY Program and conducts three student diagnostics throughout the school year. The purpose of these diagnostics is to provide an adaptive and personalized assessment of each student that will help determine your child's needs and identify appropriate support.
 - A psychiatrist visits the elementary once a week to work with children who are in need of behavioral health services.

Poll: Collaborative Priorities

- Mental Health Services was the top priority selected in October 2022. In a run-off poll, Youth Services (42%) and Senior Services (25%) came in second and third.

Presentation: Kern Fire Safe Council, Kathleen Weinstein

- Kern Fire Safe Council was established in 2019 as the Kern County chapter of California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), including members in the Frazier Mtn area, Kern River Valley, and Tehachapi.
- In partnership with the US Forest Service, Kern County Fire Department and several other agencies, Kern Fire Safe Council aims to educate and prepare the Kern County communities to withstand the effects of wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters.
- CFSC recently awarded a County Coordinator Grant to KFSC which will interact with the entire county on matters of Fire Safety and Disaster Preparedness.
- A Household Ignition Zone Survey will be scheduled in April. This class will take place in Pine Mountain Club and offer the opportunity to learn to identify and prevent potential fire risks.
- KFSC offers monthly webinars on fire safety and related topics. Past webinars can be accessed on their website: www.kernfiresafe.org
- For more information regarding school outreach or presentations please contact:
 - 661-246-3955
 - info@kernfiresafecouncil.org

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Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m.

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Participating Agencies

El Tejon Unified School District

Frazier Mountain High School

El Tejon Middle School

Frazier Park Elementary School

Boys & Girls Club

California Veterans Assistance Foundation

Frazier Mountain Community Church

Mountain Communities Chamber of Commerce

Henry Mayo Community Education

Kern County Aging & Adult Services - HICAP

Kern County Aging & Adult Services - Adult Protective Services

Kern Fire Safe Council

Meals on Wheels

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance

California Telephone Access Program

First 5 Kern

Community Action Partnership of Kern - Medi-Cal Outreach

Community Action Partnership of Kern - WIC

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