



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Supporting Whole-Child Success
Across the Central Valley

April 2025

APR & SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATES

The STAC has delayed the release of the APR and Sustainability Plan to **April 14 or 15**.

Key Reminders:

- APR & Sustainability Plan release:
April 14 or 15

- Submission deadlines:

Site APR – June 30 | LEA APR – July 31

- LEA Expenditure Report due:
September 12

Need support? Register for STAC office hours [HERE](#) or reach out the CV R-TAC!

EMPOWER SUMMIT 2025 June 12, 2025 - June 13, 2025 Fresno, CA

The State Transformation Assistance Center (S-TAC) invites you to the California Community Schools **EMPOWER Summit** at the Fresno Convention Center and DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

This event welcomes everyone involved with the CCSPP—grantees, educators, administrators, teachers, counselors, social workers, support staff, and parents or caregivers. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and collaborate across the community schools network.

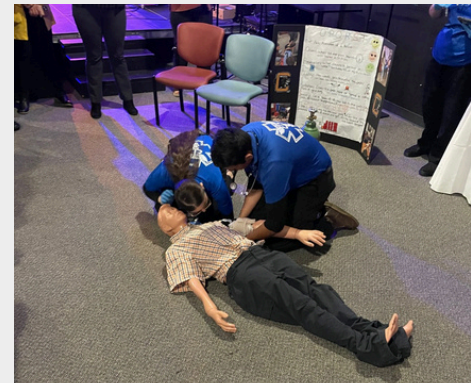
Register by April 30, 2025.

Click [HERE](#) to register.



Bright Spot: Kings County Office of Education

The Kings County Office of Education recently hosted its annual Community Connect 2025 gathering, uniting educators, community service organizations, and local employers in a shared commitment to collaborate on building a brighter future for Kings County students.



This year's convening centered on supporting the whole child through social-emotional learning (SEL), with a special focus on the powerful intersection between Career Technical Education (CTE) and the soft skills that lead to lifelong success. The power of student voice and learning was on display, as students, educators, and community leaders came together to share ideas and meaningful conversations. Attendees had the opportunity to witness firsthand the impressive work happening in Kings County schools through live demonstrations by students in various Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways.

These showcases illustrated how classroom instruction is being connected to real-world applications, helping students build both technical knowledge and essential soft skills for future success. The energy and confidence students brought to their presentations reflected their deep engagement and pride in their learning.



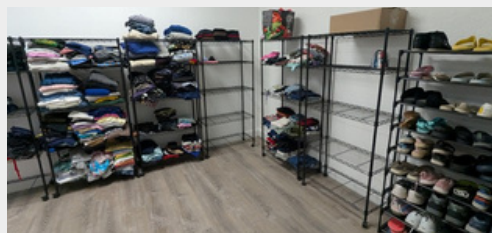
The event also included remarks from Superintendent Todd Barlow and Dr. Victor Rosas, who emphasized the importance of community collaboration in creating meaningful learning opportunities for all students. Their words served as a reminder that strong partnerships are key to supporting student achievement and well-being.

SPOTLIGHT: SIERRA SANDS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

In East Kern County, Sierra Sands Unified School District (SSUSD) celebrated the grand opening of its Family Resource Center, a major milestone in expanding support services for students and families. This new facility serves as a welcoming hub for connection, care, and empowerment for the entire community.

The district has built strong partnerships with local organizations—including Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK), Clinica Sierra Vista, the Salvation Army, the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and many others—to ensure that families have access to a wide range of essential resources. Services at the center will include food distribution, clothing, parenting classes, job skills training, and more!

SSUSD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER



Upcoming Cost of Poverty Experience

The **Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE)** is a 2.5 hour simulation designed to provide a firsthand understanding of the challenges faced by individuals living in poverty, based on real families' experiences.

Date: **May 14, 2025**

Time: **1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Location: **Bakersfield, CA**

Priority given to Site/LEA CCSP Grantees

Register **[HERE](#)**

Community Health: Mobile Clinic Service

The **Kern Medical Mobile Clinic** visits the **Vineland Family Resource Center** every Tuesday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Services include physicals, vaccinations, flu shots, COVID testing, and vision/hearing screenings.

Everyone is welcome – Spanish-speaking providers available. Call **(661) 596-9786** or email **vineland@kernmedical.com** for information, or to schedule a visit. Please share!

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