

# The 3 C's: Community Colleges, Climate Action and Engagement



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# Kern Community College District

- Three Colleges, 34,500 students across 24,800 square miles
- Bakersfield College (BC), Porterville College (PC), Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC)
- All 3 colleges are Hispanic Serving Institutions with a high percentage of students in poverty. Kern, Inyo, Mono, Tulare, and San Bernardino counties

**BAKERSFIELD  
COLLEGE**

**PORTERVILLE  
COLLEGE**

**CERRO COSO**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



# Kern CCD Climate and Energy Initiatives

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Center
  - Renewable Energy Technician training
  - Zero emission Vehicle Technician Training
  - Pre-apprenticeship



- California Renewable Energy Lab
  - Centers of Excellence
  - Clean Transportation
  - Energy Innovation and Microgrids
  - Carbon Management
- Energy Innovation Workforce Coalition

# Kern CCD Climate and Energy Partnerships

- Cities and Counties
  - Emphasize outreach to smaller rural communities (Arvin)
  - DOE Communities LEAP (Local Energy Action Plan)
- Labor
  - Kern Electrical Apprenticeship Pre-apprenticeship
  - Women in Trades Workshop
- Community-based Organizations / Non-Profits
  - Working with groups like CAPK, Dolores Huerta Foundation, Building Health Communities, Kern Black Chamber of Commerce, Kern Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
  - Outreach to under-resourced communities
  - Goal of equitable access to workforce and economic benefits of energy and climate innovation
- Regional Climate Collaborative

# California Energy Commission IEPR Meeting







*Helping People... Changing Lives.*



**The Promise of Community Action:**  
**Community Action** changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



**Mission:** Community Action Partnership will address underlying causes of poverty, alleviate the effects, promote dignity and self-sufficiency in the communities we serve.

**Vision:** We envision communities where all people have equal opportunities to achieve greater self-sufficiency and attain their version of the American Dream.

**Organizational Values:** Respect, Teamwork, Transparency, Continuous Improvement, Servant Leadership

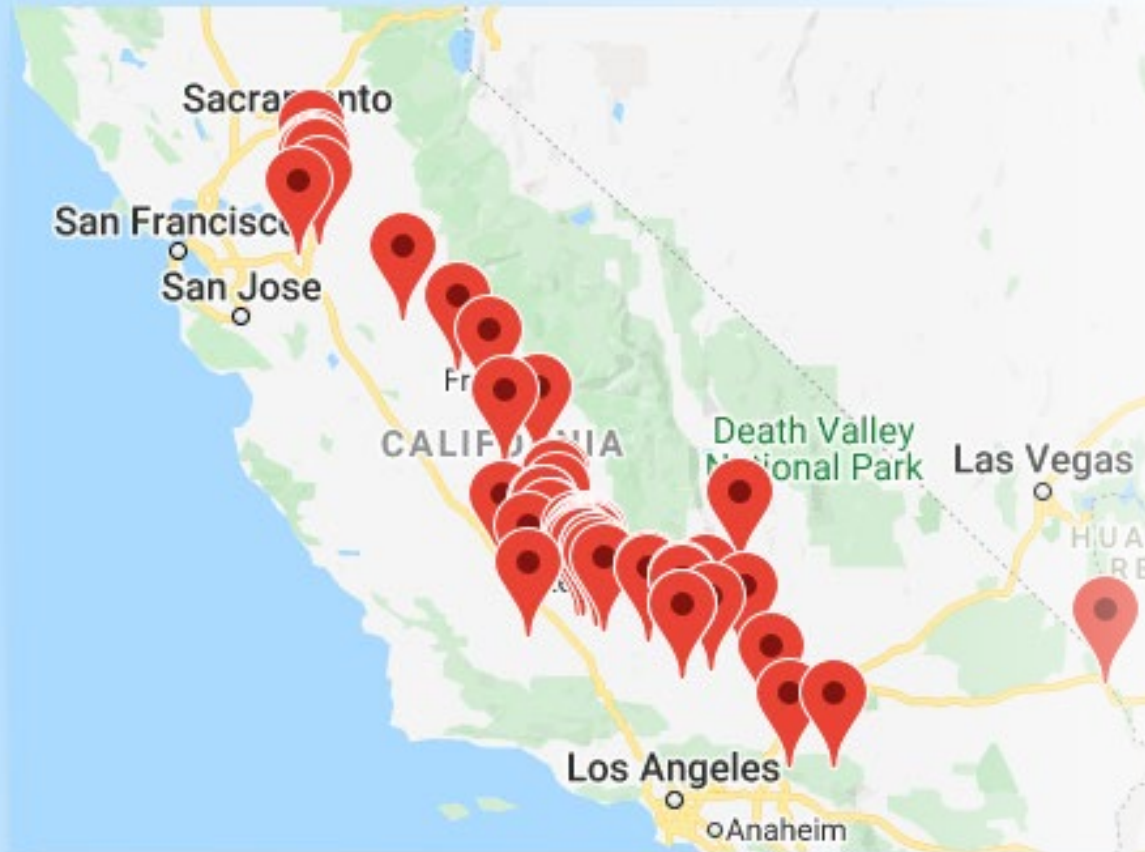


## **Established in 1965:**

CAPK offers assistance & support to individuals and families at their point of need across Kern County.

## **Our Capacity:**

- Annual Budget \$98 million
- More than 900 Employees
- 17 Diverse Programs
- **100,000 served annually**



# CAPK's Service Area

Community Action Partnership of Kern operates programs across California. We maintain roughly 70 offices in Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Merced, Madera, San Joaquin, and San Bernardino counties. We also provide childcare and early education services for migrant families working in agriculture in all 58 California counties.



# Community Services



# Weatherization & Energy Programs

- CAPK Weatherization Program provides a complete Home Energy remodel for qualifying families including replacing doors, windows, appliances, heating and air conditioning and weatherizing the home.
- CAPK Energy assists income-eligible residents with utility bill payments and energy education—at no cost to participants.



# City of Arvin

Christine Viterelli, Grants Manager





# City of Arvin- A Rural DAC

**Population: 19,495**

**Size: 4.9 Square Miles**

**94% Hispanic**

**Median Income: \$ 39,750**

**32% Living in Poverty**

**Environmental Challenges:** Air Pollution, Lack of Clean Drinking Water, Pesticides

**City Challenges:** Lack of Sufficient Tax-Based Revenue for projects, Limited Staff Capacity





# City of Arvin- A Rural DAC

## Resident Challenges:

- Linguistic Isolation
- Low Paying Jobs (Farmworkers)
- Limited Opportunities for Career Training and Economic Development
- Food Desert
- Increasing Homelessness
- Lack of Affordable Housing

## Collaborative Solutions

- Outreach in Spanish and English
- Workforce Development with KCCD and paid training opportunities
- New City College breaking ground for educational opportunities
- Collaboration with Capk for Food distribution to residents and Homeless Navigation Center
- Collaboration with Flood Ministries and Self-Help Enterprises for establishing a Homeless Navigation center
- Establish a TCC collaborative with KCCD, Cesar Chavez Foundation, and energy groups to prepare a master plan for retail development, and affordable housing complex