

Helping People, Changing Lives Since 1965

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Overview of Today's Presentation

- ❑ Brief History of KCAO
- ❑ Poverty in Kings County
- ❑ What is KCAO?
- ❑ Review KCAO's Programs and Services

History of KCAO and the Community Action Network

- ❑ KCAO is a community action agency and emerged as part of the War on Poverty.
- ❑ KCAO began in 1965 and was formally assembled in 1967.
- ❑ KCAO is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
- ❑ KCAO is designated by the federal government as the anti-poverty agency for Kings County.



Poverty in Kings County

Indicator	Kings County	California	United States
Children experiencing food insecurity	21%	15%	15%
Unemployment rate	10%	8%	6%
Renters spending 30% or more of household income on rent (\$55k in household income would be needed to afford rent and utilities)	48%	55%	50%
Median household income	\$58,000	\$75,000	\$63,000
Individuals living below federal poverty guidelines	18%	13%	13%
Children living below federal poverty guidelines	26%	18%	19%

Federal Poverty Guidelines

Number of Household Members	Income	Hourly Wage at 40 hours per week
1	\$12,880	\$6.19
2	\$17,420	\$8.38
3	\$21,960	\$10.56
4	\$26,500	\$12.74
5	\$31,040	\$14.92
6	\$35,580	\$17.11
7	\$40,120	\$19.29
8	\$44,660	\$21.47



What is KCAO?

- ❑ **KCAO's Mission: Working as a team, KCAO will seek and provide programs that develop self-sufficiency in individuals, families, and communities within Kings County**
- ❑ Governed by a 15 member Board of Directors
- ❑ 239 employees
- ❑ 21 service locations throughout Kings County

KCAO Programs and Services

- ❑ KCAO is made up of five service departments
 - Intervention, Prevention and Support Services
 - Child Care Assistance
 - Home and Energy
 - Head Start
 - Nutrition Education and Hunger Prevention
- ❑ The programs and services of KCAO are intended to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency.
- ❑ 21,046 unduplicated individuals and 13,297 unduplicated households served in 2020. 78% of individuals served are at or below the federal poverty level.
- ❑ Most programs have an income threshold to meet funding requirements.

Intervention, Prevention, and Support Services

- Kings CARES
- Housing Assistance
- Volunteer in Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Pregnant and Parenting Teens (Cal-Learn)
- Barbara Saville Shelter
- Motel Vouchers
- Human Sex Trafficking Victim Support
- Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
 - 24-Hour Crisis Hotline
1-877-727-3225
 - Court Accompaniment
- Assistance with Restraining Orders

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Child Care Assistance Department

- CA Alternative Payment Program
 - CalWORKs Child Care
 - Foster Bridge Program
 - Respite Care (NAS Lemoore)
- Home Visitation – Parent Support
- Resource and Referral
- Child Care Initiative Project
- Toy Lending Library
- Community Resource Center
- Kettleman City Family Resource Center

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Home and Energy

- Utility Assistance
- Water Bill Assistance
- Home Repairs - Weatherization

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Head Start and Child Development Centers

- Early Head Start
- Early Head Start & Child Care Partnership
- Regional Head Start
- Migrant & Seasonal Head Start

- State Preschool & Child Development
- Diaper Distribution

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Nutrition Education & Hunger Prevention

- Nutrition Education
- Summer Food Program
 - KCAO Food Bank
- Day Care Food Program
- USDA Commodities

- Backpack Project

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