



February 2018 Featured Agency of the Month

Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO)



Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) is a community based non-profit organization established in 1965 pursuant to the federal legislation “Economic Opportunity Act of 1964”. KCAO serves children, families, and providers across Kings County with a variety of services with our mission to develop self-sufficiency. With over 240 employees and 500 volunteer we are committed to improving our communities and demonstrate our passion through daily interactions with families and community partners. KCAO is often referred to as the “hub of Kings County” as our mixed funding of Federal, State and local funding allows us to provide an array of services that can be accessed in one location. When families walk into KCAO looking for child care here is all the services they will find in our 5 departments:

- The Child Care Assistance Program offers numerous resources in the areas of child care consumer education, placement into subsidized child care, starting or enhancing their child care business, and promoting early childhood education. Programs include: The Alternative Payment Program, CalWORKs Stage 1, 2, & 3, Kettleman City Family Resource Center, and Resource & Referral.
- The KCAO Head Start and Child Development Department operates the following programs: Regional Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant & Seasonal Head Start, Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership, California State Preschool Program, and General Child Care and Development program.
- The Home and Energy Department focuses on conserving energy, water, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and addresses health and safety issues in the home. Through these programs, families are assisted in receiving money towards their utility bill and health and safety concerns to include areas such as new air conditioners, heaters, hot water heaters, windows, doors, and smoke and carbon detectors.
- The Intervention, Prevention, and Support Services Department is responsible for keeping Kings County safe and helping those with problems related to sexual assault, domestic violence, and homelessness. Programs include: Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP)/Cal Learn, Domestic Violence Assistance Program, Rape Crisis Program, Every Door Open, Youth LEAD, and the Barbara Saville Shelter.
- The Nutrition Education and Hunger Prevention Department (NEHP) consists of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed), Day Care Homes Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).