

VICTORY CONNECTION



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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF VICTORY CONNECTION!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CONNECT WITH US!

In this edition, you'll learn about the ways Victory Family Services supports children in foster care, young adults, and families throughout Kern County.

From Resource Families and Family Connections to Transitional Housing and Community Partnerships, every program helps create brighter futures.

Our hope is that as you learn more about our mission, you'll discover a way to get involved. Whether through becoming a Resource Parent, volunteering, partnering with us, or making a donation, you can help create lasting change.

BECAUSE EVERY CHILD DESERVES VICTORY.



A JOURNEY OF STABILITY, CONNECTION, AND HOPE: MEET CARMEN

When Carmen entered foster care at just 12 years old, she and her four siblings faced an uncertain future. Removed from their home due to general neglect, the children needed safety, stability, and support during a difficult time in their lives.

For the past four years, Carmen has found those things in a Victory Family Services resource home.

More than simply providing a place to live, Carmen's resource family provided a sense of belonging.

Together, they created memories through movie nights, dinners out, school activities, and community events. Through it all, Carmen was encouraged to remain connected to the people who mattered most to her.

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Learn how Resource Parents provide safe, nurturing homes for children in foster care and how you can get involved.

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THPP SUCCESS

See how Victory Family Services is helping young adults transition from foster care to independence through housing, life skills, and support.

Community Impact

Meet the partners, volunteers, and donors helping create brighter futures for children, youth, and families throughout Kern County.

VICTORY IMPACT

A JOURNEY OF STABILITY, CONNECTION, AND HOPE: MEET CARMEN PART 2...

One of the greatest successes of Carmen's foster care journey has been her ability to maintain meaningful relationships with both her siblings and her biological parents. Those connections helped provide continuity, support, and a strong sense of family throughout her teenage years.



As Carmen entered high school, her resource family continued to stand beside her every step of the way. They celebrated her achievements, encouraged her goals, and supported her participation in important milestones, including senior activities and Grad Night.

Today, Carmen is preparing for her next chapter. With graduation behind her and a bright future ahead, Carmen plans to join the United States Army and continue her transition into adulthood. The resilience, determination, and confidence she has developed over the past four years will help guide her as she pursues her dreams.

Stories like Carmen's remind us that foster care is about more than providing a safe home. It is about creating opportunities, preserving relationships, and helping young people build the foundation for a successful future.

At Victory Family Services, we are honored to have been part of Carmen's journey and look forward to seeing all that she accomplishes in the years ahead.

*name and image changed for confidentiality.



THANK YOU RESOURCE PARENTS!

"Thank you for all you do. I know that being a resource parent isn't easy, and most days it's hard. My co-workers and I recognize all of your efforts, and we love all you do to provide the children we serve with a loving and supportive home. I see this when I come to do my home calls. I see the love you have for the children we serve."

— Jessica Vigie, FFA Social Worker

The Need Is Growing: Have you considered becoming a Resource Parent?

Children in our community enter foster care every day, but there are not enough resource families available to meet the need. More caring adults are needed to provide safe, nurturing homes where children can heal, grow, and thrive. If you've ever considered fostering, now is the time to learn more and make a difference in a child's life. For more information visit our website at www.victoryfs.org or attend one of our upcoming Orientations.

- July 10th, 2026 at 4:00 PM
- July 14th, 2026 at 5:30 PM
- July 18th, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Call Erick Voss at 661-912-0111 or email him at evoss@victoryfs.org to RSVP!

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM (THPP)

The Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) helps young adults who have experienced foster care transition successfully into independent living. Through safe housing, supportive services, and life skills development, participants gain the tools and confidence needed to build a successful future.

WHO QUALIFIES?

Young adults ages 18-21 who are participating in Extended Foster Care (AB 12) and are working toward their educational, employment, or personal goals may be eligible for THPP services.

WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

- 🏠 Safe and stable housing
- 💰 Budgeting and financial literacy support
- 🎓 Education and career guidance
- 💼 Employment readiness and job support
- 👥 One-on-one support from dedicated staff
- ★ Life skills development and goal planning

SUPERVISED VISITATION: SUPPORTING FAMILY CONNECTIONS

PROVIDING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO STAY CONNECTED AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS

One of the programs we have at Victory Family Services is supervised family visitation also known as Family Time. Family Time offers children and their parents the opportunity to spend meaningful time together in a safe, supportive environment while families work toward their goals.

Our program helps children maintain important family connections, create positive memories, and strengthen relationships during challenging times. Trained staff are present to support families and ensure visits are safe, welcoming, and focused on the well-being of the child.



Every visit is an opportunity to nurture bonds, encourage growth, and support the journey toward family stability and reunification whenever possible.

Our team works hard to make each visit a positive experience. Staff members, such as Janaile Clemons, create monthly themed activities designed to encourage meaningful interaction between parents and children.

During our Space Month theme, families worked together to create their own planets, sparking creativity, conversation, and connection. These activities not only make visits fun and engaging but also provide parents with ideas they can continue using with their children at home.

Family Time by the Numbers FY 2025-2026

**Total number of
Families Served:**

171

**Total number of
Visit Hours:**

4,671



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

At Victory Family Services, we know that meaningful change happens when a community comes together. This year, we have been blessed by partners who have helped create special moments for the children, youth, and families we serve.

A special thank you to Serving Hope Foundation, Jerry's Pizza, The Paleta Company and Ocampo Allstate, and Brown Armstrong for helping make our Easter Egg Hunt a memorable celebration filled with fun, food, and community. We would also like to recognize New Generation Real Estate Group for their generous support of our Mother's Day Celebration, helping us honor and celebrate the incredible mothers participating in our Transitional Housing Placement Program.

Your generosity reminds the children, youth, and families we serve that they are valued, supported, and cared for by their community. Thank you for helping us create victories that matter.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP:

VICTORY FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS A
SUMMER
MOVIE
bash
Featuring:
minions & monsters July 23rd

As an event sponsor, you will help provide an unforgettable experience for foster children and their resource families to enjoy a one-of-a-kind event just for them

Become an Event Sponsor



For more information, contact at 661-912-0111 or by email at info@VictoryFS.org

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TRUNK OR TREAT
COME ONE, COME ALL!

CANDY
GAMES
VENDORS
PRIZES
FAMILY FUN

LOTS OF CANDY,
LOTS OF FUN
MEMORIES FOR EVERYONE!

WEAR YOUR COSTUME & ENJOY A SPOOKTACULAR TIME TOGETHER!

GOOD TIMES & SWEET TREATS!

4TH ANNUAL
FREE FAMILY EVENT
Thanks to our amazing community partners!

OCTOBER 24, 2026
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
VICTORY FAMILY SERVICES
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Bakersfield, CA 93309

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Vendor spaces are limited and available

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