

VICTORY CONNECTION



October 2026

NEARLY 1,800 CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY IN FOSTER CARE IN KERN COUNTY

According to the More Than Enough – Foster Care Data platform, approximately 1,780 children are in foster care in Kern County based on the most recent available data.

Behind every number is a child with a story, a family, and a need for stability. Resource Parents provide more than a place to stay. They provide consistency, encouragement, routine, and someone willing to show up during an uncertain time.



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**Sometimes changing a life
starts simply by showing
up.**



Source: More Than Enough – Foster Care Data, Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO), Kern County, California. Data compiled from AFCARS and California Department of Social Services. Accessed September, 2026.



IT STARTS WITH A CONVERSATION

At Victory, support doesn't stop at approval.

We take pride in the level of guidance and support we provide to the Resource Parents licensed through us throughout their foster care journey.

Orientations are available by appointment, at a time that works for you.



1.

Reach out.



2.

Schedule an
orientation.



3.

Learn what
comes next.



Visit victoryfs.org to get started.



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WHY SHOWING UP MATTERS

Children entering foster care may be experiencing one of the most uncertain times of their lives. A Resource Parent cannot erase everything a child has been through—but they can provide something incredibly important stability.

1. *A safe home.*
2. *A consistent routine.*
3. *Dinner at the same table.*
4. *Someone at the school event.*
5. *Someone asking how their day went.*
6. *Someone who keeps showing up.*



A stable home can give a child room to heal, grow, and **simply be a kid.**



COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

THANK YOU, VALLEY STRONG!

On September 23, Valley Strong Credit Union joined the young adults in our Transitional Housing Placement Program for a budgeting class focused on practical financial skills.

For young adults preparing for independence, learning how to budget and manage money is more than a financial lesson—it is another tool they can carry into adulthood.

Thank you, Valley Strong, for investing your time, knowledge, and encouragement in our young adults!



THANK YOU, GUNDLACH'S!

Victory Family Services is proud to recognize Gundlach's Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning for their generous support of our 4th Annual Trunk-or-Treat.

Their sponsorship helps us create a fun, welcoming event for local children, youth, and families while supporting the work we do throughout the year.

Community partners like Gundlach's help make events like this possible — and remind the children and families we serve that their community is showing up for them.

Thank you, Gundlach's, for helping us make this year's Trunk-or-Treat something special!

Then add a small callout at the bottom:
Interested in supporting Victory Family Services?

Contact Erick Voss at evoss@victoryfs.org



THANK YOU, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

A special thank you to First United Methodist Church for welcoming Victory Family Services and giving us the opportunity to connect with the community and share about the need for more Resource Parents.

Every opportunity to get out into the community helps us raise awareness and reach families who may be ready to make a difference in a child's life.

Is your church, business, or organization interested in helping us spread the word? Invite Victory Family Services to set up an informational booth or speak at an upcoming event.

Contact us to learn more about partnering with Victory Family Services.



Host Victory Family Services at Your Event

Companies, churches, and community groups can help us spread awareness about foster care and the ongoing need for Resource Parents.



Interested in having us speak or table at your event?
Contact Victory Family Services to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VICTORY FAMILY SERVICES

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!**

ADMIT ONE

4TH ANNUAL

FREE FAMILY EVENT
Thanks to our amazing community partners!

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2026
TIME: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: VICTORY FAMILY SERVICES
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Vendor spaces are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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