**FOSTER & KINSHIP CARE EDUCATION (FKCE):** The mission of FKCE is to provide quality education and support opportunities to caregivers/resource families (foster/adoptive parent, relative/kinship care providers) of children and youth in out-of-home care so that these providers may meet the educational, emotional, behavioral and developmental needs of children and youth in the foster care system.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**Funding**

✓ For 2022-2023 the Bakersfield College Foster & Kinship Care Education program awarded $480,456, which is an increase compared to 2021-2022 ($437,289) Despite the challenges and the restrictions of the COVID 19 pandemic, FKCE continued to exceed training sessions and participation. Increase will allow for further growth.

**Resource Families/Foster Caregiver Trainings**

✓ During AY 2021-2022, FKCE met the needs of resource families in Kern County in collaboration with Kern County Department of Human Services and other foster community agencies, exceeding the number of education and training hours as required by the CCC Chancellor’s Office. The number of required training hours provided to Kern County caregivers through FKCE have steadily increased, a growth of 25% from the last 5 years.

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✓ Number of unduplicated participants served for 2021-22 was 1421 a 14% growth compared to the previous year.

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<td>1,906 participants</td>
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✓ Offered 311 classes, 1,194 training hours.
✓ FKCE offered 3 pre-service RFA (Resource Family Approval) training series with offerings on weekdays (including evenings) and weekends to best accommodate caregiver schedules.
✓ Finalized RFA Spanish training curriculum
✓ Trainings are being offered virtually and in-person trainings to accommodate the needs of caregivers
✓ Resumed in-person CPR trainings
✓ Collaborated with Kern County DHS to have in-person May Appreciation Event for caregivers
✓ Attended Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) virtual national conference
✓ Distributed books to resource families for continued learning after attending specific trainings.
✓ Quarterly advisory committee meetings conducted with stakeholders including the Kern County Department of Human Services.