



## Mission

The Mission of Center for Human Services is to change lives and build futures through programs that strengthen and support youth and families.

## Vision

CHS will be a leader in advocacy and services for youth and families working with partners to build a strong community.

## Programs & Services

- Home visiting/case management services
- Resource & referral
- Translation assistance
- Basic needs (food, clothing, transportation)
- Utility assistance
- Parent education & support groups
- Healthy Birth Outcomes groups (for pregnant adult and teen mothers)
- Cal Fresh
- Medi-Cal
- Health Insurance enrollment and assistance
- Community outreach and education
- Literacy support
- School readiness groups for children 2-5
- Mental health wellness groups and counseling
- Community Promotores advocates
- Nutrition education
- Financial literacy programs
- Some sites have youth prevention programs (Project toward No Drug Abuse, Friday Night Live, the Teen Center, Youth Guide program, Parents & Teens Together).
- The Westside provides breast health education, outreach & peer navigation (via Susan G. Komen).
- Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children has several programs to promote obesity prevention, and both Oakdale & Patterson FRCs provide a youth substance abuse treatment group.

## Success Story

My name is unimportant but my story is. I am 78 years old and want to tell you

about me and my four year old granddaughter Lilly.

Two years ago my daughter in-law abandoned my son and granddaughter. My son was unable to care for Lilly, so they moved in with me. A short time later my son went to prison and I suddenly found myself caretaker of Lilly. I didn't know what I was going to do. Due to the stress of unexpectedly caring for my granddaughter by myself, I was referred to Child Protective Services for help. The social worker came to my home and connected me with a local Family Resource Center, Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children and together they helped me with custody issues, clothing, food, and some financial assistance to help buy propane to heat the house.

One early morning in March of this year I woke up smelling smoke. I saw my kitchen on fire and I scooped up my baby in my arms as some neighbors broke the door down to get us out. I stood outside seeing what little we had going up in flames but I thanked God Lilly was all right. We stayed with neighbors and friends for a few days. My biggest concern was to keep Lilly safe. I felt so lost I didn't really know where to go or what to do.

Then I was reconnected to Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children and they gave me hope and I can tell you what happened after that in one word, "RESCUED!"

I needed support and assistance to keep Lilly safe, and that is exactly what this program did for me. The Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children helped me in so many ways. A trailer was donated to me. It needed some repairs so Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children made some calls and got the parts donated, and then an electrician and a plumber did the work for free. They brought food, clothes, beds, sheets and blankets, furniture, a refrigerator and even an air conditioner.

My faith and hope is restored, and most importantly my baby is safe. I am ever thankful for the help and support I got from the Family Resource Center.



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