

Emergency Lines

211 Kings County
A 24-hour phone line that provides access to community resource information that is accurate and responsive to service providers and the general public.
Dial 211
www.211kingscounty.org

Crisis Mental Health Services
24-hour access for any individual experiencing a mental health crisis.
800-655-2553

Patients Rights Advocacy
866-701-5464

SAFE Partners

Kings County Behavioral Health
Full Service Partnerships (FSP)
559-582-3211 ext. 2376

Kings View Counseling Services
559-582-4481
Avenal Clinic 559-386-2295
Corcoran Clinic 559-992-2833

Family Resource Center Services (FRC)
Armona 559-582-3211 ext. 3820
Home Garden 559-584-4822
Kettleman City 559-386-1693
Lemoore 559-924-6407

Kings County Commission on Aging
Senior Access for Engagement (SAFE)
559-582-3211 ext. 2825

Public Authority
559-583-3241 ext. 3809
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

Our Vision

Kings County Behavioral Health and its partners build programs that empower individuals and their families to achieve sustained well-being from mental illness and addiction.

Our Mission

To promote, support, and invest in the wellness and recovery of individuals living in the communities of Kings County by creating opportunities to contribute, learn, work, and find hope in each day.

Our Guiding Values

- Meet each individual where they are - focusing on the person, not an illness.
- Seek to understand and embrace diversity.
- Demonstrate ethics, integrity, and commitment in all that we do.
- Share knowledge and information which fosters authority and empowerment in everyone.
- Create partnerships that are preventative, creative, and positive to our mission.

Kings County Behavioral Health

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Director

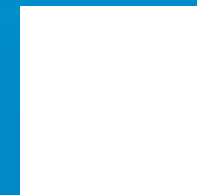
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Senior Access
For Engagement
(SAFE)

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Senior Access for Engagement (SAFE)

Seniors are one of the largest growing groups facing behavioral health issues in this country. SAFE is an outreach program designed to bring services to seniors of Kings County having problems accessing services. Barriers to these services include language, isolation, transportation and awareness of the services. The goal of SAFE is to reach unserved and under served older adults in order to eliminate ethnic and age disparities in accessibility, availability and appropriateness of mental health services.

Behavioral Health
SAFE Clinician
559-582-3211 ext.2376

SAFE Social Worker at
Kings County Commission on Aging
559-582-3211 ext. 2825

Program Overview

Isolation, medication over-use and abuse, lack of consistent medical care, poor nutrition, emergency services for food, clothing and shelter, as well as loneliness are several of the concerns of community-based providers and caregivers for this vulnerable and fragile population.

Outreach by a SAFE team, which will consist of a geriatric mental health clinician, a geriatric social worker and mental health interns, will take place at senior centers, nursing homes, board and cares, room and boards, and assisted living facilities. Linkages to services and necessary facilitation of older adults care will be a partnership with the family, caregiver, provider and consumer. The following strategies for outreach and engagement will include:

- Presentations, activities, and interventions at senior centers that promote wellness and resiliency
- Medication management and education
- Reduction in isolation and increase in social networks, gatherings, and positive outings
- Immediate access to necessary care (shelter, clothing, food, medications, medical care) through advocacy and coordination by the SAFE team
- KART and other transportation access through classes, outings and a buddy system
- Linkages to other services and resources

