

# Porterville TANF Office

## October Monthly Newsletter

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JOIN FAMILY LITERACY FOR  
"THE LIFE OF WATER"

# FAMILY INTERACTIVE NIGHT

porterville Families will  
receive activity  
materials, a book, and  
a meal



WED



OCT  
25



5:30-7:30  
PM

To register contact: Tracy Mills-Salazar or Natalie Jones at  
791-9271 or [tmills-salazar@ovcdc.com](mailto:tmills-salazar@ovcdc.com), [njones@ovcdc.com](mailto:njones@ovcdc.com)  
191 W. Poplar Ave., Porterville, CA 93257



TULARE COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY  
A FAMILY FORMATION EVENT



## MENDING BROKEN HEARTS

Develop the capacity through cultural traditions and practices to heal from unresolved grief and the losses created by the legacy of historical and intergenerational trauma.

**ORIENTATION: OCTOBER 11  
10:00-12:00**

**FIRST SESSION: OCTOBER 26  
10:00-12:00**



Contact: Tracy Mills-Salazar  
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191 W. POPLAR AVE. PORTERVILLE, CA 93257 559-791-9271

FAMILY FORMATION

## HIGHER EDUCATION

ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT OR LOOKING TO  
GO BACK TO SCHOOL?

JOIN US AUGUST 29TH  
AT 6:00-7:00, VIRTUALLY  
TO DISCUSS UPCOMING TOPICS  
SUCH AS:

- FAWSA
- SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
- UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS
- POTENTIAL SCHOOL SPEAKERS

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON UPCOMING QUARTERLY  
WORKSHOPS

CONTACT VINCENT  
BURROUGH  
VBURROUGH@OVCDC.COM

191 W. POPLAR AVE., PORTERVILLE, CA 93257



Tulare County Family Literacy  
A Family Formation Event

**\*\*BOOKS PROVIDED\*\***

## ADULT VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

CELESTE NG **OUR MISSING HEARTS**

THIS MONTH'S PICK

**NOV  
2ND**

Every Thursday  
@ 7:00 Virtually

Contact: Vincent Burrough  
VBurrough@ovcdc.com

191 W. Poplar Ave. Porterville, CA 93257

Tulare County Family Literacy  
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## Higher Education Events



Join us this month for TWO presenters!  
Presenters from University of California, Santa Cruz and  
University of California, Davis will be sharing information  
on their colleges and the registration process

**UC Santa Cruz**



October 10th @ 6:00  
Virtually

**UC Davis**




October 24th @ 6:00  
Virtually



Contact  
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FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Eligible households get a discounted or FREE Metro plan with unlimited talk & text.

[See full details](#)

We're proud to participate in the new federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which offers payment assistance to eligible households on data plans, based on income or other factors.

**Get \$30/mo. off these eligible prepaid plans:**

\$30/mo.	\$20/mo.	\$10/mo.	FREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlimited talk &amp; text</li> <li>Unlimited high-speed data</li> <li>5G network access</li> <li>20GB hotspot data</li> <li>Unlimited texting from the U.S. to 210+ countries and destinations</li> <li>100GB Google One cloud storage</li> <li>Visa 1-year subscription ON US</li> <li>Perks every Tuesday in the T-Mobile Tuesdays app</li> <li>Advanced scan-blocking with the Scan Shield™ app</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlimited talk &amp; text</li> <li>Unlimited high-speed data</li> <li>5G network access</li> <li>5GB hotspot data</li> <li>100GB Google One cloud storage</li> <li>Visa 1-year subscription ON US</li> <li>Perks every Tuesday in the T-Mobile Tuesdays app</li> <li>Advanced scan-blocking with the Scan Shield™ app</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlimited talk &amp; text</li> <li>Unlimited high-speed data</li> <li>5G network access</li> <li>Visa 1-year subscription ON US</li> <li>Perks every Tuesday in the T-Mobile Tuesdays app</li> <li>Advanced scan-blocking with the Scan Shield™ app</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlimited talk &amp; text</li> <li>5GB high-speed data</li> <li>5G network access</li> <li>Visa 1-year subscription ON US</li> <li>Perks every Tuesday in the T-Mobile Tuesdays app</li> <li>Advanced scan-blocking with the Scan Shield™ app</li> </ul>

Add Unlimited 5G Home Internet for \$50/mo. with AutoPay.

[Learn more >](#)

Add an unlimited high speed data plan for your tablet, starting at \$15/mo.

[Shop plans >](#)

Who is eligible for the federal ACP program?

To receive this benefit through Metro, you must meet the federal eligibility requirements and be on a qualifying wire plan. Check your eligibility at [fca-national.gov/afcp](#).

**How to sign up:**

**Check your eligibility.**

Confirm your eligibility on the National Verifier site.

[Check eligibility](#)

**Apply for ACP.**

Once you've confirmed your eligibility, apply for the program. The National Verifier will confirm or deny your application, and if approved, you'll receive an ID number. This process can take up to two days.

[Apply now](#)

**Enroll and confirm.**

Visit My Account on Metro's My Metro app to fill out the ACP application form using the ID number provided by the National Verifier—you'll receive a text confirming your enrollment.

[Log into My Account](#)

**Get more from Metro**

# Gas Bill High? Assistance Program

Gas Co Fund

Need Help Paying Your Gas Bill?

If you're having difficulty paying your natural gas bill, the Gas Assistance Fund (GAF) may be able to provide you, or someone you know, with a one-time grant for the amount of the gas bill, not to exceed \$400.00. If the eligible applicant is age 55+ or has an elderly (55+) living in the household, an additional \$100 is available for a maximum grant of up to \$500. Additionally, those facing certain financial hardships may be eligible for extra grant funding. Make an appointment with your [local agency](#) to see what your household may qualify for.

The Gas Assistance Fund is a joint effort of SoCalGas and United Way of Greater Los Angeles. United Way works with non-profit organizations throughout our service territory to manage the program.

**How to Qualify**

To qualify for GAF, you must meet the following requirements:

- The natural gas bill must be in the name of the applicant requesting assistance.
- The bill address must be the applicant's primary residence.
- The applicant must not apply for more than the maximum GAF allowance for the current program year.
- The applicant must meet the income guidelines listed below.

Number of people in the household	Total yearly household income* not more than
1	\$40,770
2	\$54,930
3	\$69,090
4	\$83,250
5	\$97,410
6	\$111,570
7	\$125,730
8	\$139,890

## Tulare County Agencies

Code	Agency Provides	EAF & GAF Agency Name	Address	City	Zip Code	County	Telephone Number	Days of the week Agency Will Accept Calls To Schedule Appointments
1829	EAF and GAF Assistance	Salvation Army - Postville	369 East Dale St.	Porterville	93257	Tulare	(559) 784-7872	Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1013	EAF and GAF Assistance	Community Services and Employment Training, Visalia	312 N. W. 3rd Avenue	Visalia	93291	Tulare	(844) 224-1316	Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Non-Recurring Short Term Benefits

Have you recently experienced an emergency crisis or natural disaster situation? If so, OVCD, may be able to assist in the short term.

In order to be eligible, families must meet the following criteria:

- Be an American Indian/Alaska Native family residing in Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Mono, Tulare or Ventura counties.
- Have monthly income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	3,645
2	4,930
3	6,215
4	7,500
5	8,785
6	10,070
7	11,355
8	12,640
9	13,925
10	15,210

- Provide verification of the need being requested. Examples include:
  - Short term mortgage or rental assistance
  - Short term utility or energy assistance
  - Clothing allowance
  - Other assistance that may be necessary due to your crisis situation

For more information, visit our website to download a TANF intake application or call an OVCD staff member for further assistance.



& PUBLIC WIRELESS

## FREE TABLET & INTERNET

Public Wireless is committed to providing no cost tablets and internet to as many families as possible.

Here are a few ways you can qualify:  
Lower income, government program participants (SSI, Medicaid, WIC, SNAP, FPHA, Lifeline, etc.) K-12 students attending schools that are CEP recipients or on Free or Reduced lunch programs, and College students with a Pell Grant. There are many other ways to qualify.

SCAN OR CLICK ON QR CODE TO APPLY



\*There is no risk or obligation to apply.\*

You will never receive a bill for the internet service.  
The tablet is yours to keep forever with no obligations or commitments.

## FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE WELCOME TO ENROLL



- NO COST** 10.1 inch Tablet with a Hardcase Cover and Screen Protector.
- NO COST** SIM Card that provides 24/7 LTE Broadband Internet Service. Does NOT need WIFI access.
- Both SIM Card and 10.1 inch Tablet are **FREE** with NO Strings Attached for Qualified ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program) Applicants.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CALL  
1.800.286.5380



PublicWirelessllc.com



- ALL MER'S MUST BE TURNED IN BY THE 10th OF EVERY MONTH.
- ALL CHILDCARE CHECKS ARE MAILED OUT EVERY FRIDAY.
- WHEN SUBMITTING PAPERWORK PLEASE CHECK FOR SIGNATURES & COMPLETED IN INK.
- REMEMBER TO ALWAYS TAPE RECEIPTS TO A PIECE OF PAPER AND WRITE YOUR NAME ON TOP OF EACH PAPER.
- SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REQUEST ARE TO BE SUMMITTED BY WEDNESDAY AT NOON IN ORDER TO BE PROCESSED BY THURSDAY.
- PLEASE PROVIDE 24 HOUR NOTICE WHEN REQUESTING A BENEFIT SUMMARY OR ANY
- OTHER DOCUMENT FROM YOUR FILE.
- REMEMBER SELF STAMPED ENVELOPES CAN BE REQUESTED FOR PAPERWORK TO BE MAILED INTO THE OFFICE.
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DIRECT DEPOSIT, ASK YOUR Family Advocate OR
- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR A PACKET, THIS WILL HELP IN GETTING YOUR PAYMENT FASTER WITH LESS HASSLE AND WAIT TIME.
- ALL FORMS ARE ON THE OVCDL WEBSITE AND CAN BE PRINTED FROM THERE.



## 2023 MER DUE DATES

Jan. 10	July 10
Feb. 10	Aug. 10
March 10	Sept. 8
April 10	Oct. 10 ←
May 10	Nov. 10
June 9	Dec. 8


OVCDL has reopened it's office's in Tulare County on March 16th, 2022 and will remain opened until further notice. Cash-Aid participants can continue to drop off documents in the drop box located at the front of the building. If you need further assistance please call the office at (559) 791-9271

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**OVCDL will be closed on  
 October 9th, 2023 we will reopen on  
 Tuesday October 10th at 8:00am**







## Family Formation Through Fatherhood is Sacred Motherhood is Sacred

**Thursdays**

July 13, 2023 to  
October 12, 2023

**10:00am - 12:00pm**

In person and virtual

Porterville Office  
191 W. Poplar Ave  
Porterville, CA 93257

For more information or to register,  
please contact the Family Literacy  
Program at:

**(559) 791-9271**

Tracy Mills-Salazar  
PACILA / Parent Educator  
tmills-salazar@ovcdc.com



**WEEKLY**

gatherings for  
**Porterville and  
Tule River Adults**  
raising Native  
children

Strengthening  
families by assisting  
fathers, mothers and  
families to fully  
realize their  
potential through  
cultural teachings.



**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**12:00 - 1:00**

**Please check in at the front desk!**  
**Mask Required**

**Adult Class**  
**Justice**  
**Center**  
**Rm 138**  
**lunch will**  
**be provided**

**WOMEN EMPOWERING**  
**WOMEN**  
**MOTIVATIONAL TECHNIQUES**  
**CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**  
**WELLBRIETY**  
**SPIRITUALITY**  
**LIFE SKILLS**  
**HEALING**



**Sponsored By Tribal Opioid Response Grant**  
**Contact us for more info at (559) 791-2543**

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**KINGS TULARE HOMELESS ALLIANCE**

## **LOCAL INITIATIVES NAVIGATION CENTER**

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY**  
**PORTERVILLE WELCOME CENTER**  
**(140 S C STREET, PORTERVILLE)**  
**9:30AM-12:00PM**

Services available for people  
experiencing homelessness:

Housing Assistance  
Veteran Services  
Mental Health Services

Social Security Advocacy  
ID Vouchers  
Alcohol/Drug Services

**Tulare County**  
**Family Literacy**  
**A Family Formation event**



## **Adult Education**

**Do you need assistance in acquiring your High School Diploma or GED? Do you need assistance with studying for your DMV test? Would you like to earn a typing/keyboarding certificate, learn computer literacy skills or food handlers certificate? OVCDC Adult Education can help you with these services and more with one to one assistance.**

**For more information contact the Adult Education Instructor:**

**Vincent Burrough at 559791-9271 or vburrough@ovcdc.com**

**191 W. Poplar Ave., Porterville, CA 93257**

**Available for all Tulare County participants**





Family Formation event

Porterville Tribal TANF Office 191 W. Poplar Ave., Porterville, CA 93257



# Thriving through Crisis

Join us as we learn a wide variety of tools to not just survive but thrive through any crisis

**Oct. 17th @4-6 PM**

## Topic: Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships

Special guest speaker Andrea Morales, Director of HR  
Outreach & Prevention Services  
Family Crisis Center

Presentation, Family Paint Project and snacks  
Contact Amanda or Linda to pre-register 559-791-9271



## Porterville Community Language & Culture Interest Survey

Interested in participating in our Language and Culture classes? Please take our survey regarding upcoming classes & activities.



Scan QR code with your phone's camera to complete survey or enter link below:

<https://forms.gle/mabsnPUKagtUQMjJ9>

We appreciate your feedback. To complete survey by phone or email please contact  
Tulare County Language Coordinator Crystal Ruiz at  
(559)738-8248 Ext. 420 or [cruiz@ovcdc.com](mailto:cruiz@ovcdc.com)

"Family Formation Through Cultural Practices"

# LANGUAGE & STORY TIME

*With Auntie*

Held Monthly  
Every 2nd  
Wednesday  
4:00pm-4:45pm



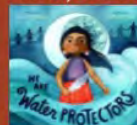
The Nūmū Yadoha Language Program & Collaborators welcomes OVDC families & community members to join Auntie from the comfort of your own home September 13, 2023- May 9, 2024  
Learn stories and language from teachers, tribes & nations  
\*Guest speakers and culture sharing\* Families will receive a book incentive\*



<https://ovcdc.webex.com/meet/rpicaso>

Porterville OVDC families & participants sign-up with the Prevention Team  
(559) 791-9271

191 W Poplar Ave, Porterville, CA 93257



TULARE COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY  
A FAMILY FORMATION EVENT

# PARENT & CHILD LEARNING

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN 0-4  
JOIN US THIS MONTH FOR FUN  
FALL ACTIVITIES FEATURING  
KINDERMUSIK

**OCT 11TH & 25TH**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

CONTACT CONNIE TORRES  
[CTORRES@OVDC.COM](mailto:CTORRES@OVDC.COM)

191 WEST POPLAR AVE PORTERVILLE, CA 93257  
559-791-9271





# OCTOBER LANGUAGE CALENDAR 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Wukuchumi Language 11am-1pm (virtual)	3	4 CULTURAL UNITY 5:30PM-7:30PM (in person)	5 Wukuchumi Language 4pm-6pm (in person) CULTURAL UNITY 5:30PM-7:30PM (in person)	6	7
8	9 OFFICE CLOSED 	10 Wukuchumi Language Beaded Keychains 11am-1pm (in person)	11 Story Time with Auntie 1:00pm-1:45pm (virtual) 	12 TULARE RIVER OVCDC 5:30PM-7:30PM (VIRTUAL) Wukuchumi Language 4pm-6pm (in person)	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Wukuchumi Language 4pm-6pm (in person) CULTURAL UNITY 5:30PM-7:30PM (in person)	20	21 Fall Gathering 10am-1pm
22	23 Wukuchumi Language 11am-1pm (virtual)	24 Wukuchumi Language Beaded Keychains 11am-1pm (in person)	25 CULTURAL UNITY 5:30PM-7:30PM (in person)	26 Wukuchumi Language 4pm-6pm (in person) CULTURAL UNITY 5:30PM-7:30PM (in person)	27	28 
29	30 Wukuchumi Language 11am-1pm (virtual)	31 	VIRTUAL LANGUAGE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES.			



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## October 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	 CLOSED Indigenous Peoples Day	10	Storytime with Auntie 4-4:45pm Healthy & Empowered Youth 11am & 5:30pm	12	13	14
15	16	Thriving through Crisis 4-6pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	Carseat Safety 12-1pm	25	Mending Broken Hearts 10-12pm	27	PP-004-24 FAMP-005-24 (FF) LFC-002-24 PP-006-24 PP-005-24
29	30		31	<b>PORTERVILLE PREVENTION PROGRAM CALENDAR</b> 191 W. POPLAR AVE, PORTERVILLE, CA 93257 559-791-9271 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm Linda Serrato: lserrato@ovcdc.com WWW.OVCDC.COM Amanda Gibson: agibson@ovcdc.com ADD US ON THE REMIND APP: TEXT @ALLPREVACT TO THE NUMBER 31010		



# Mission Statement

The Owens Valley Career Development Center is a Native American organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations that promotes self-sufficiency through education, community enrichment and cultural empowerment.



## Owens Valley Career Development Center

OVCDC is a Tribal organization providing Career Education, Family Literacy, Indigenous Language, Early Head Start and Temporary Assistance services in seven California Counties: Inyo, Mono, Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Ventura. We are a dedicated Tribal Organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations providing the opportunity for improvement in the quality of life by focusing on education and self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving and promoting our cultures.

**For current OVCDC Employment Opportunities,  
RFP and Contract Opportunities Visit:**

**[www.ovcdc.com](http://www.ovcdc.com)**

**Or Contact us:**

**1-800-924-8091**

**Employment and Job Descriptions:  
[hr@ovcdc.com](mailto:hr@ovcdc.com)**

**RFP's and Contracts:  
[contracts@ovcdc.com](mailto:contracts@ovcdc.com)**



Indian preference shall apply pursuant to the prevailing Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act 25 U.S.C § 45, § 46, & §§ 450, et seq, see also 25 CFR 276.13 and other relevant laws.

**Follow us on  
facebook**





# Owens Valley Career Development Center Offices have re-opened



## Please be Safe!

OVCDC staff is available for in-person appointments and some in-person activities at this time. You can also call during normal business hours for more information or a phone appointment, if preferred.

All OVCDC offices have re-opened to the public and will continue to follow safety protocols based on public health guidance.

Some program services will continue through virtual platforms. Please stay tuned for additional information in our newsletter and our Owens Valley Career Development Center Facebook page.

## Help us **stay safe**

- *Please do not bring children with you to your appointment.*
- *You will be required to wear a face covering while in our office. You may bring your own or one will be provided to you.*
- *You will be required to have a body temperature screening and confirm that you are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.*
- *You will be required to maintain 6 feet distance between yourself and others during your visit.*

Case Counselors will be available to assist with questions regarding applications and can arrange for telephone intake appointments.

If you need to speak with a staff member,  
please call our office at 1-800-924-8091



## FAMILY FORMATION BY LANGUAGE & CULTURE ENRICHMENT

*Storytelling Monday's learning  
Wukchumni Language with  
Jennifer Malone & Katie Icho*

A WEEKLY OPEN VIRTUAL  
**WEBEX EVENT**

EVERY MONDAY FROM 11AM-1PM

**10/2/23, 10/23/23 & 10/30/23**



SIGN UP WITH JULIE AT (559)-738-8248  
OR EMAIL JAPARICIO@OVDCDC.COM

## FAMILY FORMATION BY LANGUAGE & CULTURE ENRICHMENT

*Wukchumni Language taught by  
Jennifer Malone while making  
Beaded Keychains.*

**Tuesday  
October  
10th &  
24th, 2023  
11AM-1PM**

In Person  
191 W. Poplar Ave.  
Porterville, CA 93257



Sign up with Julie at (559)-738-8248  
Or email japaricio@ovcdc.com

## Family Formation by Language & Culture Enrichment

It would be wonderful if you  
could join us for

**Cultural Unity with  
Juanita Henson  
learning Wukchumni  
Language.**

Classes will be held on October 5, 19, & 26, 2023  
(In Person) 5:30pm-7:30pm  
191 W. Poplar Ave. Porterville, CA 93257

Please sign up by contacting Julie at  
(559)-738-8248 or email japaricio@ovcdc.com

## HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

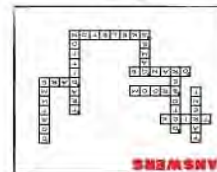


### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_\_ or Treat
- 2 What do Witches fly on?
- 3 The colour of pumpkin
- 4 A bony monster
- 5 Enter if you D \_\_\_\_

### DOWN

- 1 Always Trick-or-Treat with a P \_\_\_\_
- 2 Halloween is on the 31<sup>st</sup> of \_\_\_\_
- 3 Play all types of fun G \_\_\_\_
- 4 Halloween is a cultural T \_\_\_\_
- 5 Dress up in a fun C \_\_\_\_ and Trick-or-Treat





# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

## PRACTICE STREET SAFETY

- Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street, use crosswalks, and stay on sidewalks whenever possible.
- Drive slowly with your lights on. Be on the lookout for children crossing the street quickly in undesignated crossing areas.

## BE VISIBLE

- Only approach well-lit homes with a porch light on. Never enter a stranger's home or a vehicle.
- Carry a flashlight or add reflective tape to costumes and treat buckets.

## TRICK OR TREAT IN A GROUP

- Use the buddy system and be sure children stay with a responsible adult.
- Designate a meetup spot or plan in case you get separated.

## TREATS

- Wait to eat any treats at home so you can closely examine for spoiled or unwrapped items.
- Avoid eating homemade treats. Only eat packaged and sealed treats.

## COSTUME SAFETY

- Try on costumes early. Be sure costumes and shoes fit properly to avoid tripping.
- Apply makeup in a small area ahead of time, to be sure no reaction occurs.

For more information on Halloween safety, visit [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org).



# 2023 October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Tule-Parent & Child 10:00	4	5 Book Club @ 7:00	6 Visalia: Fatherhood & Motherhood is Sacred 10:00	7
8	9 Office Closed	10 V- Parent & Child 10:00 Visalia- Family Literacy Night 5-7:00 Higher Ed Presentation 6:00	11 PV- Parent & Child 10:00 PV/TR: Mending Broken Hearts Orientation 10:00	12 PV/TR: Fatherhood & Motherhood is Sacred 10:00 Book Club @ 7:00	13 Visalia: Fatherhood & Motherhood is Sacred 10:00	14
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# **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**



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## **Car Seat Safety**

Learn car seat basics and find out if you are using the right car seat for your child. All classes will require pre-registration. Call to sign up today. 559-791-9271 and ask for Linda or Amanda. Limited space and funding.

**October 24, 2023**  
**12pm on WebEx**



For more information call  
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