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- 2024 Monthly Opportunities
- Ed Robert’s Day | January 23rd



INDEPENDENT Living CENTER OF KERN COUNTY

TEAM ADVOCACY

Team Advocacy provides a safe space for a diverse group of people with disabilities to discuss and address disability-related issues.

Chat with Peers.

Share Perspective.

Become an Advocate.

Pave the way for change!



TEAM ADVOCACY SESSIONS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY* OF THE MONTH (*SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

PLEASE REFER TO THE QUARTERLY CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING SESSIONS! (SEE PAGES 6-8)

Did you know?

[ADA.gov/topics/voting](https://www.ada.gov/topics/voting)



The ADA requires state and local governments and their election officials to ensure that people with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to vote in all elections; this includes those who vote by mail.

Election officials must provide vote-by-mail ballot applications in alternative formats upon request.

This Includes: Large Print, Braille, or another Accessible Format.



Make these requests a reasonable amount of time in advance.

(More information online [ADA.gov/topics/voting](https://www.ada.gov/topics/voting))

Visit online to contact your local elections office [KernVote.com](https://www.kernvote.com)

Our Public Policy Coordinator is here to help you learn more about advocacy!



www.ilcofkerncounty.org/programs/systems-change-advocacy/

Visit online to learn more about advocacy services.

2023 Deaf Community Day Photo Gallery



ASL Interpreter beside vendor as guest communicates in ASL.



Guests happily wave at the camera



Guests communicate with Bakersfield College Booth



Vendors pose with energy, hands in the air!



Guests pose with the "interpreting" sign.



B-GLAD vendor sits with a smile and poses with "peace" signs



Vendors communicate in ASL offering information.



ASL Junction vendors pose with energy and silly faces.



Local Deaf Artist, Adolfo poses with "I Love You" signs by his art.

Welcome to the ILCKC Team!

Courtney Henson | Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Provider

Ashley Cheney | Deaf Advocate

Lonnie Harris | Special Projects Provider

Meet our staff! www.ILCofKernCounty.org/staff/

ILCKC MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES



Independent Living Skills

- Interact
- Learn New Skills
- Socialize with Others

Become Independent



Team Advocacy

- Learn Your Rights
- Express Accessibility Barriers & Obstacles

Become an Advocate



Peer Support

- Share Experiences
- Connect with Others
- Gain Insight

Become a Mentor

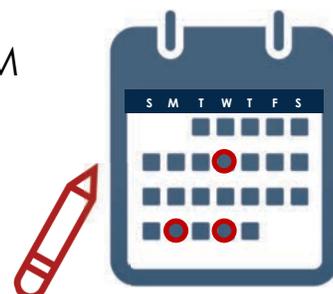
FREE Monthly Opportunities for Consumers!

Attend in-person or *online!

Independent Living Skills - 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 PM

Team Advocacy - 3rd Monday at 2:30 PM

Peer Support - 4th Wednesday at 2:00 PM



Sessions are held at ILCKC

5251 Office Park Drive, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93309

Offered in a hybrid format! Join on *Zoom or Call-in!

*** For more information on upcoming opportunities and how to join, see pages 6-8!**

Ed Roberts, His Life and Legacy

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ed-Roberts>

"...Roberts contracted polio at age 14 and was paralyzed from the neck down. Requiring an iron lung or a respirator to breathe, he attended high school in California by telephone before attending in person in his senior year. Early on, Roberts encountered obstacles as a result of his disability. Because he had not completed physical education and driver education courses, his high school refused to let him graduate, but the decision was reversed after his mother petitioned the school board for his diploma. In 1962, after two years of attending a local college, he was accepted to the University of California, Berkeley, but the university, which had been unaware of his disability when he applied, refused to admit him on the grounds that his iron lung would not fit in a dormitory room. Roberts challenged the administration and ultimately was admitted..."

[Read the Full Article >>](#)



"There are very few people even with the most severe disabilities who can't take control of their own life.

The problem is, the people around us don't expect us to."

- Ed Roberts, Interview on 60 Minutes with Harry Reasoner

**CHECK OUT THE VIDEO ON ED ROBERTS,
DISABILITY ACTIVIST ON 60 MINUTES >>**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxidR5SZXxA>



January 2024

Independent Living
Center of Kern County

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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New Year's Day | Monday, January 1st

Our office will be CLOSED in observance.

Independent Living Skills | Tips to "Organize" Daily Routines

Wednesday, January 10th | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Day | Monday, January 15th

Our office will be CLOSED in observance.

Team Advocacy | Connection

Monday, January 22nd | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Ed Robert's Day | Monday January 23rd

Informal Peer Support | IL Philosophy

Wednesday, January 24th | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Zoom ID 256 654 8249

US Dial-In +1 669 900 9128

Join by scanning the QR code!

Hybrid classes are offered!

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Zoom address link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2566548249>

February 2024

Independent Living
Center of Kern County

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Independent Living Skills | Assistive Technology Tips & Tricks

Wednesday, February 14th | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Presidents Day | Monday, February 19th

Our office will be CLOSED in observance.

Team Advocacy | Advocate Work

Monday, February 26th | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Informal Peer Support | Social Security Benefits Programs

Wednesday, February 28th | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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March 2024

Independent Living
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Independent Living Skills | Basic American Sign Language

Wednesday, March 13th | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day | Sunday, March 17th

Team Advocacy | Accessibility

Monday, March 18th | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Informal Peer Support | Assistive Technology Tips & Tricks

Wednesday, March 27th | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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Plan in advance - take a look ahead!

April 2024

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05/27 - Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

May 2024

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June 2024

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Assistive Technology Repair and Re-Use Services

Within our AT Program, we offer a **Repair and Re-Use** services
Repair & Re-Use offers pre-owned equipment such as
wheelchairs, shower benches, crutches, and walkers at no cost to
People With Disabilities or individuals with Access and Functional Needs.

Based on availability.

Contact our office to connect with our AT specialist!

**INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER OF KERN COUNTY, EMPOWERING
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO LIVE AS INDEPENDENTLY AS POSSIBLE!**

Happy New Year!

Donate to ILCKC Today!

Independent Living Center of
Kern County 🌟

Visit Online: www.ilcofkerncounty.org/donations/

OR scan the code!



Make this a monthly donation

 Donate with PayPal

Donate with Debit or Credit Card

ILCKC appreciates your continued support!



Please Submit Feedback, Questions, or Comments:

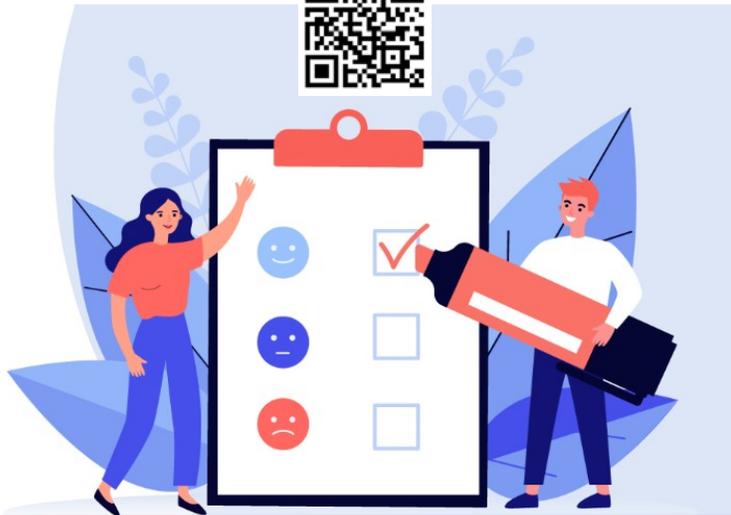
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or visit our website

www.ilcofkerncounty.org



Disability Disaster Access & Resources

A program of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)

Visit Online to Learn More

disabilitydisasteraccess.org/



Scan the QR code

Ready for a power outage emergency?

DDAR provides necessary resources to people with disabilities affected by Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)



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The KC-ADRC website includes information on KC-ADRC and links to an interactive database of service providers in Kern County that provide aging and disability resources. Individuals who are unable to visit KC-ADRC's website can request personalized support by calling: [\(661\) 868-1000](tel:6618681000) or toll free [1\(800\) 510-2020](tel:18005102020).

Scan the QR code or visit: <https://kerncountiadrc.org/contact/>



Find the help you're searching for



Navigate complex systems and processes



Discover new resources you didn't know existed

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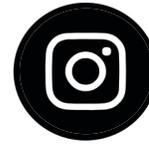
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