



KERN COUNTY ELDER NEWS

Monthly Information Article | Kern County DEAR/EDRT TEAM*

*(Dependent/Elder Abuse Review) Team/EDRT (Elder Death Review Team)



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THE SENIORS LAW CENTER

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Free Legal Services for Senior Residents in Kern County

The Seniors Law Center (SLC) was established at Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance ("GBLA") in 1968. The mission of the Seniors Law Center is to provide free legal services in civil matters to Kern County's residents who are 60 years of age or older. Our goal is for seniors to maintain dignity and independence in their home by providing necessary legal services.

All services are provided free of charge. Donations are accepted and help defray program costs. However, no senior eligible for services will be denied services based on inability to donate.

To be eligible for services the applicant must reside in Kern County and be 60 years of age or older. There is no income test used to determine eligibility for services. For applicants that do not speak English, we have access to interpreters.



The SLC primarily provides services regarding the following subject matter: Landlord-Tenant law; Consumer Law; Elder Abuse and Neglect; Financial Exploitation; Social Security Matters (apply, appeal, denials, overpayment issues); Debt Collection; Civil legal matters are assessed on a case by case basis; and Guardianship (in such matters the applicable age for eligibility is 55+ instead).


Regarding such subject matter, SLC provides an ear to listen to the legal problems of our seniors and help them determine the best method for addressing those problems including: drafting advanced healthcare directives and financial power of attorney, drafting pleadings, requesting restraining orders, full representation on limited matters, calling the other side, demand letters, cease and desist letters, and suggestions for other resources that would address their problems. Whether we are able to assist or whether the required assistance is outside of the scope which GBLA is able to provide, the SLC tries to help our seniors with finding a direction for resolving their legal situations.




Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc.
 615 California Avenue
 Bakersfield, California, 93304
 661-325-5943
<https://gbla.org/>

Save the Date: Older Americans Month Resource Fair

Join Kern County Aging & Adult Services on May 2, 2026, for our annual Older Americans Month Resource Fair and Shredding Event. This free community event will feature document shredding, educational presentations, wellness activities, giveaways, community resources, and more as we celebrate and support older adults in Kern County.

 **Saturday, May 2, 2026**

 **8:00am to 11:00am**

 **5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301**

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**FERIA COMUNITARIA
 MES DE LOS ADULTOS**
Promueve tu Salud
 Apoyando el envejecimiento saludable y la conexión comunitaria

**RESOURCE FAIR
 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**
Champion Your Health
 Supporting healthy aging and community connection in Kern County

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Free Document Shredding (Protect yourself from fraud)
- ✓ Community Resource Booths
- ✓ Educational Presentation
- ✓ Chair Yoga
- ✓ Mobile Health Clinic
- ✓ Games, Giveaways, and More

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

- ✓ Bring documents with personal information to safely shred onsite
- ✓ Residential shredding only
- ✓ No electronics, binders, or plastic
- ✓ No limit of boxes per person

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- ✓ Trituración de Documentos (Protejase contra el fraude)
- ✓ Recursos Comunitarios
- ✓ Presentación Educativa
- ✓ Yoga en Silla
- ✓ Clínica Móvil
- ✓ Juegos, Premios y Más

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Event Schedule

- 8:00 - 11:00 Drive-Thru Shredding
- 8:30 Educational Presentation
- 9:00 Chair Yoga
- 9:45 Cakewalk Game
- 10:30 Raffle Drawings

For more information call 661-868-1000

Older Americans Month | **Kern County Aging & Adult Services** | **SMP**

FREE community event for older adults, families, and caregivers

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Sábado
2 de Mayo, 2026
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM



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Bakersfield, CA

HORARIO DE EVENTOS

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- 9:00 Yoga en Silla
- 9:45 Juego Cakewalk
- 10:30 Rifa de Premios



Evento comunitario GRATUITO para adultos mayores, familiares y cuidadores