**MISSION Statement**

Working together to achieve hope, healing and a meaningful life in the community.

**VISION Statement**

People with mental illness and addictions recover to achieve their hopes and dreams, enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their community.

**VALUES Statements**

Hope, Healing, Community, Authority
We honor the potential in everyone
We value the whole person - mind, body and spirit
We focus on the person, not the illness
We embrace diversity
We acknowledge that relapse is not a personal failure
We recognize authority over our lives empowers us to make choices, solve problems and plan for the future

**FORENSICS**

Kern County Mental Health has been accredited by CARF for the following programs:
- Mental Health Programs- Case Management
- Children and Adolescents-Case Management & Crisis Stabilization
- Integrated Alcohol & Other Drugs Case Management & Children & Adolescents-Case Management
- Employment Services-Community employment Services

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**CRISIS SERVICES**

If you are a client of the Forensic Services Team and you perceive a need for Crisis Mental Health Services, you can call our offices at (661) 868-8282 during regular business hours.

If after hours or on the weekend call 868-8000 or 1-800-991-5272
The Forensic Services Team

is a treatment team within the Judicial Services Division of the Kern County Mental Health Department. This team serves individuals who are court-ordered to receive mental health services.

OUR MISSION

To contribute to the safety and security of the community by providing quality mental health services which emphasize personal responsibility, increased self-respect, and improved social functioning of individuals involved with or referred by criminal justice agencies.

SERVICES

The Forensic Services Team provides a full range of outpatient mental health services including:

1. **Court ordered psychological evaluations:**
   - The Penal Code Section 1370.01 and 1370 evaluations to determine the least restrictive/most effective treatment environment for persons charged with misdemeanor offenses who have been found incompetent to stand trial.

2. **Psychiatric Services** - Evaluation and medication management

3. **Substance Abuse** - treatment and referral to:
   - Alcohol Anonymous (AA)
   - Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

4. **Psychotherapy** including bilingual services for individuals and groups

5. **Case Management** - assistance with obtaining the following resources for successful community living:
   - **Financial** (e.g. SSI, SSA, SSDI)
   - **Housing** (e.g. Board & Care, Room & Board, Section 8 or low cost housing)
   - **Food** (e.g. food stamps/food baskets)
   - **Health Care Referrals**

PROGRAMS

**Child Molest Treatment**
Specializing in the treatment of perpetrators of child molest, obscene phone calls, internet offense, assault, exhibitionism and voyeurism.

**Adults Molested as Children and Parents United**
Therapist guided self help groups for individuals who were molested as children and groups for persons who molested one or more of their children (spouses of offenders may also attend this group).

**Socialization**
A program specifically designed to meet the needs of the severely and persistently mentally ill who have committed an offense. Twice per week, three hours per day, this group meets to develop social skills, anger management, nutrition and daily living skills. The program includes field trips into the community to practice skills learned.

**Assault Management**
For individuals who have assaulted someone outside their family and/or have a serious mental illness.

**Medication Management**
For individuals who most benefit from assessment and linkage to medication treatment.