

MEETING NOTES



KINGS PARTNERSHIP

KPPF Monthly Meeting

March 16, 2023

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Koinonia Church

12536 Hanford Armona Rd, Hanford, CA 93230

Welcome by *Gabriela Rodriguez, KPPF, Executive Director*

**Ice Breaker Question: No icebreaker due to the presentation having an introductions section.*

[[CLICK HERE](#) to view Safe Zone Training by Alyssa Blue, KPPF Program Coordinator]

About our presentation:

Safe Zone

Safe Zone training will provide the opportunity to learn about LGBTQ+ identities, gender and sexuality, and examine prejudice, assumptions, and privilege. We don't get a lot of space in society to talk about these things, and Safe Zone training is unique and wonderful because they're exactly that. A safe place to ask questions, to be vulnerable, and to learn.

Safe Zone trainings are safe places for people to go to learn more about their own gender/sexuality and deepen their understanding of LGBTQ+ identity and issues.

About our presenter:

Alyssa Blue, Kings Partnership, Program Coordinator

Alyssa Blue was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas. After marrying her husband, they moved to Hanford to be closer to family. Alyssa is passionate about advocating for those who are silenced, sex education, and making the community a better place. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with certificates in Gender and Trauma Studies from the University of Missouri St. Louis. Alyssa has spent the last several years working in community mental health as well as with high risk youth. She is interested in pursuing a career as a School Psychologist for at risk high school youth. In her free time she likes to paint, hike, and hang out with her animals.



Organization Spotlight:

The Source

Alix Carranza, Youth Program Coordinator

Alix began his journey with The Source through the Leadership Academy's first graduating class! Soon after, he became one of The Source's group facilitators for the Kings County Pop-Ups and he helped restart the Youth Group Program. Alix was originally hired as a Youth Program Coordinator and after a year became the new Youth Program Manager.

Alix has been involved in several important events such as The Source's Annual Youth Summit, Youth Leadership Academy, Rollertowne Pride Night, and The Pride Visalia Youth Space. Alix is also responsible for The Source's Youth Board, where members come together as the voice of local LGBT youth, while also volunteering and putting together events for their community. Alix is passionate about his work all across Tulare and Kings Counties because he knows the importance of young LGBT+ voices being heard, seen, validated, and empowered.

Giveaway

Roundtable

- **SAVE THE DATE!** In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are inviting the community to join us in celebrating **Kids Day** on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Hanford Mall. There will be FREE and FUN activities such as pony rides, train rides, a petting zoo, face painting, and so much more! Want to be more involved? Gather with us at the Hanford Civic Auditorium at 8:00am and walk with us to the Hanford Mall. We are encouraging everyone to wear blue to promote healthy families.
- Join Kings Partnership, the Financial Stability Taskforce, and Deborah Davis for a workshop training on **How to Rebuild your Credit**. The Financial Stability Taskforce is working to connect with businesses, organizations, schools and students to contribute towards our goal to see the economic vitality thrive in Kings County. Our goal with this workshop is to help you understand, access, and improve your credit reports and scores. Register NOW! Thursday, March 30th from 4:00pm-5:30pm at West Hills College Lemoore. Eventbrite link: <https://lnkd.in/g3e7P6XW>.
- **Dream it Be it** (Soroptomist) is on Saturday, March 25th. This event teaches girls, ages from 14-19, to believe in themselves. This a free



event and there will be snacks and refreshments, giveaways, self-defense instructions and growing opportunities such as applying to grants (with parental consent). For more information, please visit Soroptimist Hanford at sihanford.org.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dream-it-be-it-one-day-conference-tickets-526894394317>

- **Baby to Belly Expo** will be an exposition that will feature several resources for all things birth to baby. From preparing and planning a beautiful baby shower, preparing for your birth, and boutiques that have all things new baby and beyond! There will have speakers every hour from 11 to 2 pm. Goodie Bags for the first 50 attendees, and two grand prizes valued over \$500 each! It's a free event to attend and only \$25 for vendors. Visit our Hanford Chamber website for more vendor information or to submit your application today!
- **Trans Day of Visibility** is a celebration of our trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming community. TDOV brings together the community with games, art, food, and community partners. Join The Source: LGBT+ Center on Saturday, March 25th.
- **HIRING! Kings Community Action Organization.** Check out their website to submit your resume and application.
- **Easter Egg Hunt in Avenal** on Saturday, April 1st at 11am-2pm at Rice Park 717 Monterey St.
- **HIRING! West Care** is hiring for a *BILINGUAL* Receptionist. Check out their website to submit your resume and application.
- The **Job Training Office** is still enrolling for vocation training. On-site hiring event for the Kings County Office of Education on March 22nd from 9am-1:30am.
- In honor of **National Nutrition Month**, there are available nutrition resources on Dairy Council of California's website at healthyeating.org.
- **FIRST Walk with a Doc** on March 18th, 2023 at 9:0am-10:0am at Freedom Park in Hanford with Dr. Raul Ayala, MD.
- **Kings County Tobacco Control Coalition** Meeting meets on Thursday, April 14th at 11:00am.
- **Kings United Way** is hosting its inaugural Power of the Purse luncheon to recognize Administrative Professionals Day in Kings County and to raise funds for local charities. The luncheon is scheduled for April 25, 2023, from Noon to 2 pm at the Hanford Civic Auditorium. Tickets are available for \$30. Order now!



- **Listos California** can help you prepare for disasters that may occur in California like a wildfire, earthquake, or flood. Download the Listos California Disaster Ready Guide at www.ListosCalifornia.org.

Workgroup Highlights

- Substance Use Response Group (First Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00am, via Zoom)
- HEAL (Healthy Eating/Active Living) (Second Wednesday, 1:00-2:00pm, via Zoom)
- Kings County Mental Health Taskforce (Fourth Thursday, 9:00-10:30am, via Zoom)

Want to join one of our workgroups? Email Aliyah at aliyah@kpfp.org and she will get you connected! Make sure your team is at the table!

