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Annotated Bibliography

Five Local Cultural Resources

Kings Cultural Center (n.d.)

The Kings Cultural Center is a non-profit organization that provides cultural education to Kings County residents through a variety of artistic programs. Their focus is to preserve and promote traditional ethnic programs throughout the county. Family oriented activities, which promote cultural pride and expand the artistic opportunities for the youth of Kings County and surrounding communities. The purpose of the organization is to promote artistic programs through the incorporation of Mariachi music, Folklorico dance, Hip Hop, Salsa Dancing, Painting, and Video documentary. This organization hopes to encourage multi-cultural pride and expand community understanding of diverse heritages. The cultural center performs an average of twenty-two presentations annually throughout the community, as well as recitals in the spring and fall. This organization imparts the continuing historical, artistic, and cultural significance through education, networking, and continued development in rural settings such as Kettleman City, Armona, Lemoore, Hanford, Tulare, and Corcoran.

The Kings Cultural Center is a wonderful community outreach program. It offers after-school multicultural programs and opportunities for cultural education through heritage appropriate music and dance. They offer opportunities for exhibitions within schools and throughout the community. Cultural and historical education is promoted through the arts, allowing educators, students, and community members to have pride in their culture or to learn about cultures that differ from their own.

Location: 14054 Front Street, Armona, CA 93202, P.O. Box #71, Hanford, CA 93232, 559-589-6255, <http://www.kingsculturalcenter.org/>

Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture (n.d.)

The Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture provides exhibitions in Japanese historical and cultural art and garden design. Concepts found within traditional Japanese art are illustrated through a large collection of art. Historical perspective is shared through a collection of pieces, such as traditional Samurai clothing, poetry, paper making, film,

dance, block prints, drawings, teas, and lectures and presentations on subjects, such as women's art and philosophy. The current exhibition is held in a newly remodeled museum quality building to allow for visitors to enjoy the principle of "hide and reveal". The center hopes to provide a personal, interpretive, and reflective experience for all of their visitors. They offer individual or group shows or educational experiences, including personal guided tours and an online reference library for all of the pieces showcased in the museum.

The Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture is a valuable resource that offers a continually changing format of historical items that allow for education and a deeper understanding of the beauty found in the Japanese culture. This resource can be used through tours or photographs to expand on a lesson on social awareness, Japanese culture, or to support literature, which includes Japanese culture.

Location: 15770 Tenth Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230, 559-582-4915, Fax: 559-582-9546, <http://www.ccjac.org/index.html>

Kings Art Center (n.d.)

The Kings Art Center is an educationally driven foundation, which offers art programs and services to students and members of the Kings County community. They provide quality art exhibitions of work from artists throughout California and the local community. Their goal is to continue to offer a cultural experience and an opportunity to view and promote visual art to visitors. They offer art classes and provide special events.

This organization allows for opportunities for the community to be exposed to a broad range of artistic exhibits. They offer classes and learning opportunities. Student's artwork is often displayed throughout the community at our local banks and doctors offices. This organization also provides a way to make connections to local artists within the community that can provide educational opportunities within the classroom. Art appreciation, education, history, and art as a supplemental to literature can be facilitated through the connections to this organization.

Location: 605 N. Douty St, Hanford, CA 93230, 559-584-1065, <http://www.kingsartcenter.org/index.html>

Dr. Robin Roberts (2010)

Dr. Robin Roberts is a local educator, historian, and author. He wrote several books, including *Hanford* and *Kings County*. His books are filled with detailed history, supported by a collection of amazing pictures. Dr. Roberts published works begin with the conception of Kings County in the late nineteenth century through the end of the century. He has also made appearances at the local Kings County Library Hanford

Branch. Dr. Roberts is currently an instructor at Bradman University. He holds a Ph.D. in Learning and Technology, a M.A. Education (Curriculum and Instruction), B.A. Industrial Art and Technology, and an A.A. in Natural Science. He also holds certificates in Administrative Services, Advance Studies in Education Technology, Single Subject Teaching, and Multiple Subject Teaching. Dr. Roberts was a speaker for the San Joaquin Valley/Historical social Science website resources, among others.

Dr. Roberts is a valuable resource for a historian of Kings County. During his presentation at the Kings County Library, he showcased a presentation filled with photographs and related the rich history of Kings County. As a resource for the classroom, he may provide photographs, stories, or presentations for the class. He may also be able to provide additional information of the historical content for local resources.

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Fresno Historical Society (n.d.)

Fresno Historical Society locates and protects historical archives associated with the Central Valley. From Native American artifacts, to photographs take throughout the century, the society hopes to preserve the rich heritage of the community. The society hopes to provide educational opportunities, exhibitions, and use of their collection to allow others to share in the conservation and understanding of the area. The society began in the mid 1800's, with a formal committee of the Fresno Historical Society organizing in 1919. The collection grew from documents, artifacts, film, photographs, records, and family heirlooms. Today they provide education, written historical records, museum tours, preservation of the Kearney Historical Site, and reenactments of the Civil War.

The Fresno Historical Society has preserved our local history. There resources are a valuable learning tool. Field trip opportunities can be educational and promote pride in the community and a greater understanding of our community's conception. Students can learn about the rich and ethnically diverse backgrounds of those who settled in the Central Valley. Tours include the walk thru of the one room Carriage House Education Center, the tour of the Kearney Mansion, the hands on exploration of early 1800's household items, education of agriculture history of the San Joaquin Valley, a photographic tour, and a walk through the streets of 1890's Fresno. The website states the California Standards for learning and the tour schedule. Tours are held Tuesdays

through Fridays and last around two hours. Fees are \$3 for students, \$5 for chaperones, and teachers are free.

Location: 7160 West Kearney Boulevard, Fresno, California 93706, Phone: 559-441-0862, Fax: 559-441-1372, <http://www.valleyhistory.org/index.php>

Five Agencies or Nonprofits

Kings Community Action Organization (n.d.)

Kings Community Action Organization is an organization that provides a wide variety of assistance to local community members. These services include child care, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, food assistance, housing, Head Start and preschool education, relationship building, tax assistance, teenage pregnancy support, utility assistance, weatherization, and resources for teachers and child care providers. The organizations goal is to provide opportunity and motivation for individuals and families to be economically productive and live a rewarding life. KCOA provides advocacy, education, and services to empower self-sufficiency. KCOA has locations in Avenal, Corcoran, Kettleman City, Stratford, Hanford, Home Garden, and Lemoore.

This non-profit organization can facilitate many needs for the community. As a teacher, they can provide a resource in which I can refer families in need. KCOA also provides Head Start and Preschool options, which can be referred to families with younger children still at home. Perhaps one of their most significant resources is the provision of safety and security, which is met through the abuse counseling and protection services, as well as, the payment of backdated utilities, to keep families in their homes. They provide supplemental and emergency food through USDA Commodities. Teachers and child care providers can utilize the Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) to receive training, resource material, posters, flyers, invitations, decorations, laminating, book binding, construction paper, die cuts and other equipment for educators. The organization runs under a confidentiality clause, therefore all information is private.

Mailing Address: 1130 N. 11th Ave, Hanford, CA 93230-5901, Phone: 559-582-4386, Fax: 559 582-2146, 24-hour Toll Free Crisis Line: 1-877-727-3225, <http://www.kcao.org/>

United Cerebral Palsy (n.d.)

In 1949, the National organization of UCP began outreach programs for persons with disabilities. The United Cerebral Palsy of Central California was founded in 1954 with the

hopes of providing services for families and individuals with disabilities. Today they serve over 176,000 persons within California and 54 million individuals nationwide, each day. They believe in the advancement of the productivity, independence, and full citizenship of persons with disabilities through compassion and respect. They advocate for children and adults with disabilities, as well as, educate the public on their behalf. Volunteers are an important part of this non-profit organization. Not only to individuals help provide services to families and individuals in need, but the UCP helps to provide employment for individuals with disabilities throughout the local communities. They also provide education and parent training per the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Early intervention and Individualized Education Programs are offered to create a multidisciplinary team that provides services, such as occupational or language therapy. They also offer parent training and information and student advocacy. Assisted technology, transportation, housing modification for accessibility due to disabilities, and health and wellness care are offered through the UCP program.

As an educator, the UCP can provide a wealth of services for students with disabilities, including support and advocacy. UCP can also provide educational services for students to teach diversity, acceptance, and proper etiquette when interacting with persons with disabilities. Teachers can also promote volunteerism or donations to teach citizenship, civil rights, and diversity.

Location: 4224 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA, 93726, Phone 559-221-8272, 606 W. Sixth Street, Hanford, CA 93230, Phone: 559-584-1551, <http://www.ccucp.org>

Food Link Food Bank

Food Link was founded in 1978 as a hunger relief advocacy and food distribution program. They work locally through their generous donation and networking with more than 80 nonprofit organizations. There are several programs what Food Link has established to fight hunger. This is accomplished through the collection and redistribution of local food resources. Millions of pounds of food that may otherwise go to waste is gathered and donated to nonprofit agencies, such as emergency pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and women's shelters. Their newest program, Nutrition on the Go, provides sustenance, through fresh and vegetables, cooking tips, recipes, nutritional education, and diabetes screening to low income individuals throughout the community. They donate after school care nutritious snacks, lunch opportunities for children during the summer months, and a back to school back-pack filled with healthy snacks for low income schools within the community. Food Link is grateful for the generous donations of food, time, and service from the members of the community.

Location: P.O. Box 1544, Visalia, Ca 93279, Phone: 559- 651-3663, Fax: 559- 651-2569, <http://www.foodlinktc.org/>

Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment (CRPE) (n.d.)

CRPE was founded by Luke Cole, an environmental attorney, and Ralph Abascal in 1989, the organization stands to fight against race, poverty, and environmental injustices throughout California. Today, his mission has become a fight for international social justice. Cole represented low-income communities and employees, as seen by his support and successful fight against powerful companies, like Chemical Waste Management, from building toxic waste plants in the low-income community of Kettleman. Their plight campaigns for civil rights, clean air, and climate justice. They also fight against dairy pollution and pesticides. They hold community leaders accountable through the empowerment of local communities to have community education and public advocacy training. CRPE protects Latino farm workers and develops leadership programs, as seen by the Environmental Justice Leadership program.

Teachers can use the resources found within the CRPE organization to promote social justice and awareness. Students can research important social and environmental plights within their community and state wide. These issues are significant for the members of the community and through the discussion and research process the teacher can help create students with a greater social and environmental awareness.

Location: 1012 Jefferson Street, Delano, CA 93215, Phone: 661-720-9140, Fax: 661-720-9483, 47 Kearny Street, Suite 804, San Francisco, CA 94108, Phone: 415-346-4179, Fax: 415-346-8743, <http://www.crpe-ej.org/crpe/>

Disability Rights California -- Fresno Regional Office (n.d.)

Disability Rights California is an advocacy group which provides advice and assistance for individual regarding public benefits, such as social security, special education, disability discrimination and mental health services. They began serving the community in 1978 and today they assist individuals in seven local counties, including, Kings, Tulare, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Mariposa, and Tuolomne. Services are provided by twenty-one regional centers. Disability Rights California fights for the protection of rights granted by the various rights and acts passed through federal and state law. They protect patients rights and advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities.

This resource is primarily for the brief advice or full legal representation for the protection of human rights, such as special education, public benefits, and discrimination. Their website offers valuable information for teachers to insure the protection of their students with disabilities rights. It also can be a resource for families to find legal assistance to insure those rights is protected. They fight for an inclusive and barrier free world that honors diversity and social justice. They fight against neglect, abuse, and discrimination and empower dignity, equality, and freedom of choice. They insure equal rights in housing, education, healthcare, technology, transportation, and

Location: 567 W. Shaw Avenue, C-3, Fresno, CA 93704, Phone: 559-476-2000, 1-800-776-5746, Fax: 559-476-2001, <http://www.disabilityrightsca.org>