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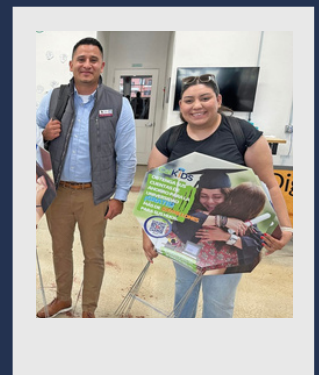
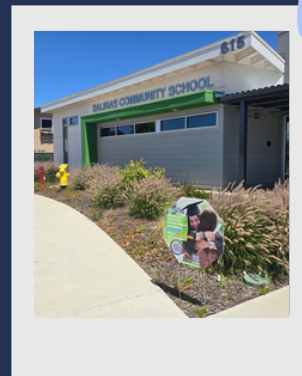
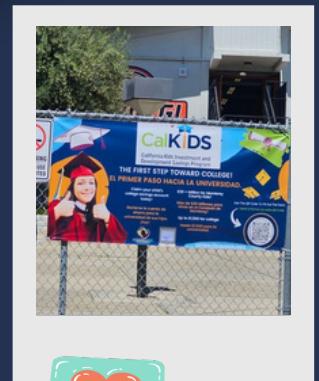
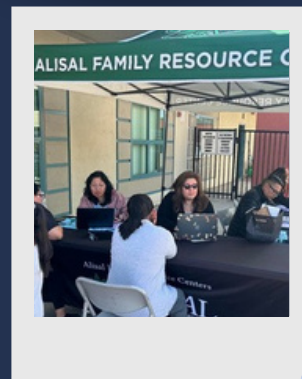
BY THE NUMBERS

CalKIDS accounts continue to be claimed

Thanks to the work of Bright Futures steering partners, in just a few months, more than **1,000** Monterey County children and youth have claimed over **2.8** million dollars in **FREE** college accounts.

There are over **\$30** million still available for families to claim. In the county, over **64,000** children are eligible for these **FREE** accounts. Each child may qualify for up to **\$1,500** to start their college savings.

“We are so thankful to our sponsors for helping us promote and create awareness on CalKIDS,” said Tony Amezcua, director of Bright Futures. To claim these accounts, parents should go to www.calKIDS.org



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CRADLE TO CAREER RETREAT

Creating long-lasting Community Solutions

In late July, the Bright Futures staff attended the California Cradle to Career retreat in Pasadena. This is a Coalition that pushes for policies that build the cradle-to-career movement and create long-lasting community solutions that benefit everyone no matter their background, skin color, gender identity, sexuality, class, age, or ability.

This group comes together to continue to listen to communities, for this allows the team to know what neighborhoods need. Cradle to Career intends to be a giving entity and to foster honest relationships so all voices can be heard.

STEERING PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Janet Shing

Director of Grantmaking
Community Foundation for
Monterey County



For 21 years, Janet has worked at the Community Foundation for Monterey County, overseeing application-based grant programs. She enjoys her work partnering with great organizations supporting a healthy, safe, and vibrant

Monterey County. Janet has been a key steering partner for Bright Futures for 10 years. During that time, she has served on the Investment and Partnership Development committees, and most recently served on an interview panel to hire a new project manager.

We appreciate Community Foundation's past support of *Mi Vida, Mi Futuro*, a program to expand youth opportunities through higher education.

"The vision and approach of Community Foundation and Bright Futures are similar," said Janet. "We all want our families to thrive in this beautiful place we call home - data tells us what's working and what needs attention."

Janet resides in Salinas, CA.



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