



KERN REGIONAL CENTER

*Striving to Achieve Equality,
Independence and Empowerment*

Kern Regional Center (KRC) issues Request for Proposals (RFP) when there is a need to develop specific homes, programs, or specialized services for clients. Current RFPs can be viewed here (<https://kernrc.org/service-providers/service-provider-resources/rfp-crddp-cpp/>).

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) awarded KRC \$250,000 in Provider start-up funds as part of the Community Placement Plan (CPP) and Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to develop one (1) 4-bed Specialized Residential Facility for adult individuals that are being served by KRC and are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. KRC released an RFP (Project number- KRC 2526-7) on November 14, 2025, to develop a Specialized Residential Facility/Level 7 group home for adults (ages 18-59 years), who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and require staff fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) to serve KRC individuals in Kern, Inyo and Mono counties.

This notice is to inform the public, KRC intends to contract with Gentle Touch Place to serve adults with developmental disabilities. Gentle Touch Place was awarded the RFP and was provided a Selection Notification Letter on April 6, 2026. Gentle Touch Place will develop a Specialized Residential Facility/Level 7 group home to serve KRC consumers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and who require staff fluent in American Sign Language (ASL).

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Constantino, Housing Specialist, at KRC 3200 N. Sillect Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308, (661) 840-5395 regarding this notice.