

Purpose

On any given day, nearly 130,000 Californians experience homelessness. These homeless include family households, veterans, unaccompanied young adults, and individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. In the same year in Kern County, homelessness saw a 9% annual increase from 810 to 855 people and a 38% jump in the number of unsheltered people from 269 to 370, according to *Home at Last! Kern County’s Plan to End Homelessness by 2028*. This joint [report](#) by United Way of Kern County and the Kern County Homeless Collaborative characterized ending homelessness “the morally correct thing to do.”

- The estimated total of unaccompanied youth from the HUD single point-in-time count is 40,799 homeless youth nationwide on a single night.
- On a single night California in [2018](#), 36,361 unaccompanied youth were counted as homeless. Of those, 89 percent were between the ages of 18 to 24. The remaining 11 percent (or 4,093 unaccompanied children) were under the age of 18.
- Contributing factors include economic circumstances like poverty and housing insecurity, racial disparities, and mental health and substance use disorders

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, to end homelessness, youth and young adults need stable housing, supportive connections to caring adults, and access to mainstream services that will place them on a path to long-term success. Reunifying youth with family or a support system, when safe and appropriate, should be at the core of any approach. Young adults may also require broader [education](#) and [employment](#) supports and may need more low-barrier short- and long-term housing options, including [rapid re-housing](#).

Community college students in California are just as vulnerable to homelessness. A 2019 [survey](#) of nearly 40,000 students from 57 California community colleges, co-sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, found that 60% of student respondents identified themselves as housing insecure in the previous year.

Background

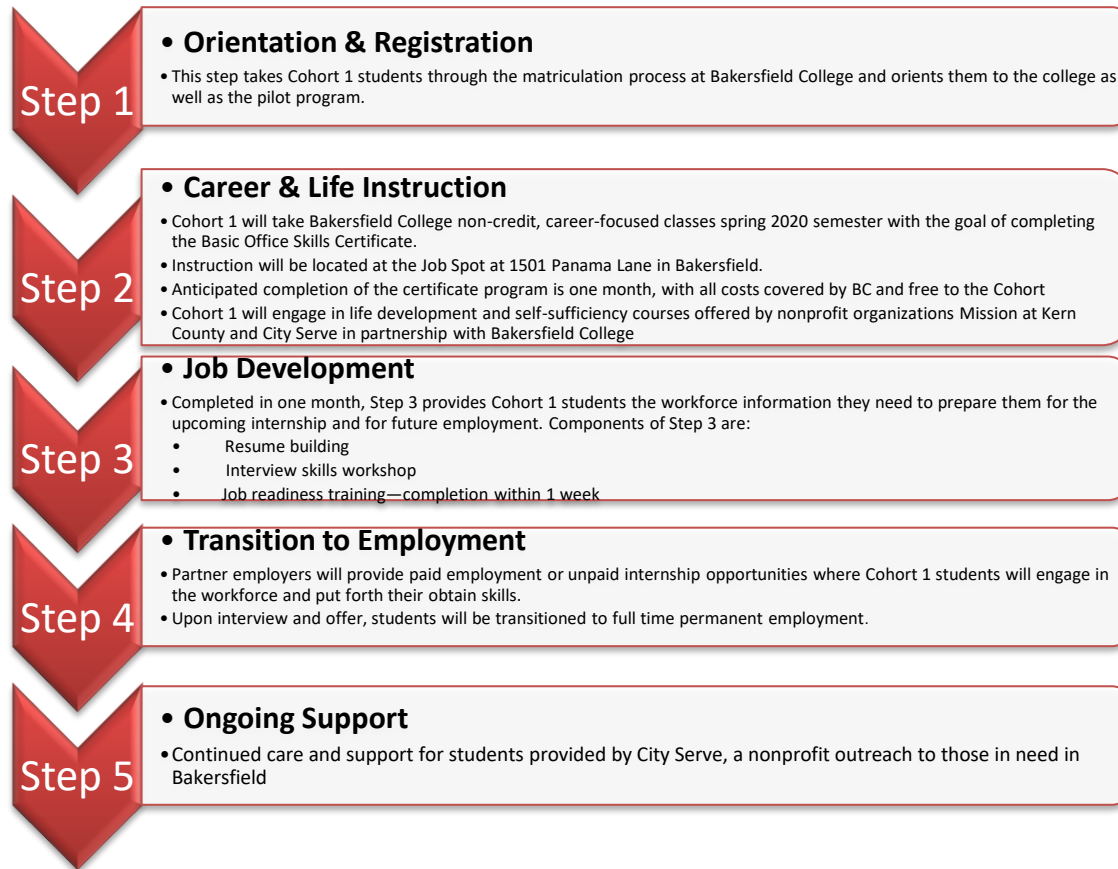
Bakersfield College is sensitive to and aware of the homeless crisis occurring throughout Kern County. As an Institution, BC is determined to be part of the solution in combating homelessness through its innovative and community-based efforts, bringing the Bakersfield College Homeless Initiative to the forefront with the concept of the Homeless Project Pilot launch in January 2020.

Bakersfield College has the opportunity to impact homelessness through education and community collaboration. Realizing there are a myriad of reasons why people end up in shelters and on the streets, Bakersfield College intends the Homeless Initiative to provide access to education to those who are ready but need the inspiration and support to see themselves as viable students. Through this and other efforts, Bakersfield College seeks to continue its commitment of bringing BC to the community.

The Project

Bakersfield College will launch Cohort 1 of the Homeless “HireUp” Project Pilot. During the six-month pilot operational period, 24 student participants will complete a series of steps including orientation, instruction, internship, training and transition to employment.

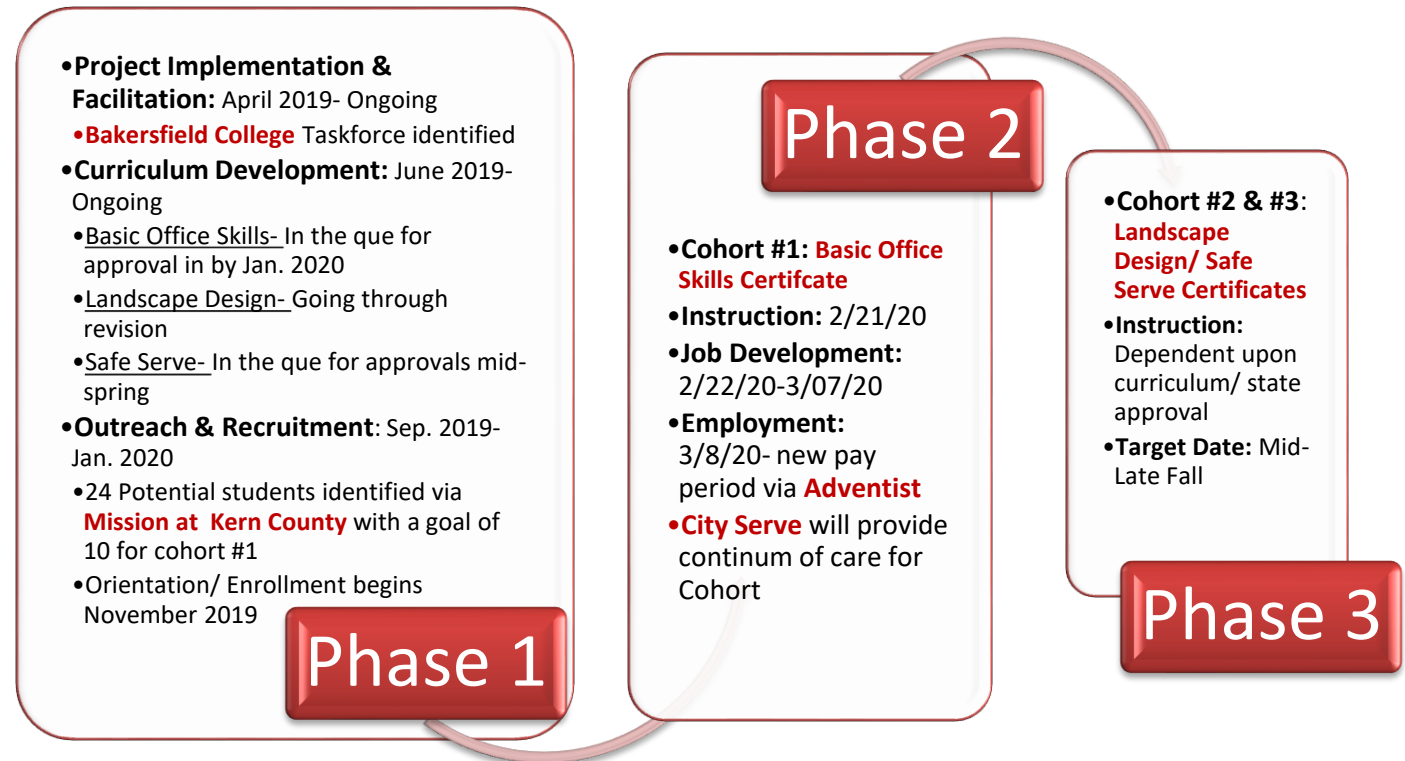
Details of the components of the Homeless Project Pilot are as follows:



Partners

This project will pilot the use of strategically designed Career Development Career Preparation noncredit curriculum developed with a cohort of 24. Participants have been pre-identified by key partner, **The Mission at Kern County**, a non-profit charitable organization based in Bakersfield. **City Serve**, a local faith based non-profit organization committed to serving the neighborhoods through empowering the local churches and a key partner in this project, will provide additional supportive services for student participants directly on site with Bakersfield College. Student participants will complete the Career Development Career Preparation Certificate (Basic Office Skills Certificate for cohort #1) and will then participate in job development and employment readiness preparation on campus to ensure successful transition to employment. **Adventist Health**, is a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii, stands to be an ideal key partner to bring this project to its full capacity. By providing internship and employment opportunities for cohort participants, the Homeless to a Job in 6 months project can be accomplished and a model established.

How will it work?



Below is a list of Students, status, employer placement, educational pathway, and mentor assigned.

Name of Student	Agency	Program Status	Job Placement	Potential Background Barrier	Notes	Education Pathway	Supervisor	Mentor
1 Veronica Laughlin	Mission	Graduate	Adventist	N	Employed at Mission Full Time	Placement and speak to an advisor		Tim Ross
2 Victoria Amador	Mission	Graduate	Adventist	N	Employed at Mission Full Time	Placement and speak to an advisor		Wade Thomas
3 Roshanna Gonzales	Mission	Graduate	Adventist	N	Works Part Time - Residential Facility	Placement and speak to an advisor		Dan Endes
4 Kelley Chase	Mission	Graduate	Adventist	N		Placement and speak to an advisor		Raul Rodriguez
5 Jasmine Helms	BHC		Adventist			Placement and speak to an advisor		Jesse Cain
6 Darneasha Richmond	BHC		Adventist			Placement and speak to an advisor		Raul Zubia
7 John Butler	Mission	Graduate	Stria	Y		Placement and speak to an advisor		Franko Besinaiz
8 Cecil Williams	Mission	Graduate	BC - Student Employment	Y	Employed Part Time at Taco Bell	Juan will clear a pre req - wants to enroll in general automation. Discussed a few certs. Will be enrolling in ELET 58		Luis Rocha
9 Carrissa Jaquez	Mission	Graduates Feb 14	BC - Career Education	N	Had a Certification in Pharmacy Tech	Placement and speak to an advisor	Stephanie Baltazar	Manuel Nunez
# Erika Lopez	Mission	Graduate	BC - Adult Ed @ JobSpot	N		Placement and speak to an advisor	Endee Grijalva	Bernie Miranda
# Joe Johnson	Mission	Graduate	BC - M&O	N		Placement and speak to an advisor	Bill Potter	Evan Mahlstadt
# Benjamin Trout	Mission	Graduate	BC - M&O	N		Placement and speak to an advisor	Bill Potter	Zeferino Villanueva
# Danny George	Mission	Graduates March 2020	BC - Presidents Office	N		Placement and speak to an advisor	Jennifer Serratt	Phelan Jones
# Victor Pacheco	Mission	Graduate	BC - A&R	Y		Placement and speak to an advisor	Jackie Lau	Tim Ross
# Jermale Turner	Mission	Graduate	BC - A&R	N	Works Part Time at Coconut Jobs Employed at Mission Full Time - Program Coordinator Taking courses for professional growth.	Placement and speak to an advisor Did not complete High School. Ultimate goal is to be a counselor at The Mission but leaning towards general business cert.	Jackie Lau	Wade Thomas
# Brandon Putterbaugh	Mission	Graduate	Kern County Mission		Wants to learn how to complete a job application		Steve Peterson	Dan Endes
# John Kryvoruka	Mission	Graduates Feb 14	Kern County Mission			Bachelors degree from San Diego State Interested in Human Services Certificate or Public Health Courses, Interested in Short Term Certificate only.	Steve Peterson	Raul Rodriguez
# Ricky Chamblee	Mission	Graduate	Kern County Mission	N	Employed at Mission Part Time	Continue with program speak to an advisor	Steve Peterson	Jesse Cain
# Scott Baker	Mission	Graduate	Employed	N	Employed at Bakersfield Recovery Services	Continue with program speak to an advisor		Raul Zubia
# Felipe Gambino	Mission	Graduate	Employed	Y	Enrolled at CSUB for CDACC/Employed at Bakersfield Recovery Services	Continue with program speak to an advisor		Franko Besinaiz
# Debbie Lemon	Mission	Graduate April	Not at this time	N		Continue with program speak to an advisor		Luis Rocha
# Deborah Roberts	Mission	Graduate April	Not at this time	Y		Continue with program speak to an advisor		Manuel Nunez
# Kayla Vaughn	Mission	Graduate May	Not at this time	N		Continue with program speak to an advisor		Bernie Miranda
# Julie Gibbs	Mission	Graduate May	Not at this time	Y	On Active Parole	Continue with program speak to an advisor		Evan Mahlstadt
# Susan Smithwick	Mission	Graduate	No show to CASAS testing		Works Part Time	Continue with program speak to an advisor		Zeferino Villanueva
# Candelario Garcia	Mission	Graduate	No show to CASAS testing		Has some health issues that will be a barrier in participating	Interested in Public Health Certificate		Phelan Jones
# Sherry DeMoura	Mission	Dropped	program					