

## PARTICIPANTS

Black and bi-racial families who identify as African American parents or caregivers with exceptional children attending public and private schools.

## HOURS

Bi-monthly support group meetings:  
1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.  
In person and on Zoom

## COST

Services are based on a  
Sliding scale

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **Be Exceptional Everyone Shines-**  
Social center, dance and sports programs, sensory room, skating and skateboard classes.  
Brentwood, CA
- **American Movie Cinema (AMC) Sensory Friendly Film Program.**  
Movies -second and fourth Saturdays (family friendly) and Wednesday evenings (more mature audiences). **Contact local theaters for more information.**
- **Black Families Raising Exceptional People**  
– Monthly Support Group via Zoom. Contact:  
[LYoung@CAREPARENTNETWORK.ORG](mailto:LYoung@CAREPARENTNETWORK.ORG)
- **Contra Costa County Care Parent Network**  
Martinez, CA
- **Parents Helping Parent, Inc. ,**  
Ste.100, 1400 Parkmoor Avenue,  
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## SUPPORT NETWORK FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN



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## MISSION

Village Keepers is dedicated to helping African American families meet the challenges and opportunities of parenting a child with special needs.

- **18.8%** of Black Americans live below the poverty line. **36%** of Black American households are led by single parents; mothers (**32%**) and fathers (**6%**). Many of these families are underserved and have children with special needs.
- Black students with disabilities are often low income and disproportionately placed in Special Education, e.g., in California Black students represent **6%** of the total population but **9%** are in Special Education.
- The national incarceration rate for Black adults and young adult males is **33%**. Many of these people have special needs. Often, when incarcerated they are not given mental health treatment.

**THESE STATISTICS ARE UNACCEPTABLE!** Village Keepers is committed to mobilizing the Black community and allies to prevent reduce these **systemic inequities**.

## GOAL

The organization will help reduce the disproportionate number of Black students assigned to special education programs in the East & Central County school districts by fifty percent (**50%**) each year.

## OBJECTIVES

- To provide emotional support for parents, caregivers; and exceptional students.
- Provide educational information and advocacy training workshops for parents/caregivers.
- To assist parents/caregivers in navigating the special education system and other related services.
- Provide a community resource directory
- Present special activities to celebrate parent//caregiver and student successes.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Family Support & Mentoring
- Guidance for Early Intervention
- Guidance for Navigating the School System
- Tutoring
- Childhood & Adolescent Development
- Transitions to Adulthood

- Advocacy Training
- Community Resources & Referrals
- Health Education
- Mental Health Education
- Consultation & Training

*Services are provided by professionals and people with lived experience advocating for children with special needs All services are provided in compliance with federal and state HIPPA Laws.*



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**www.villagekeeper.com** (of Contra Costa) and click on “Donate” via Zelle at (925) 787-4827 or mail your gift to 640 Bailey Road, #490, Pittsburg, CA 94565