

camping, and golfing facilities within a short drive. Shafter is home to seven parks totaling 30 acres, a community pool, and sports complex. Higher education is provided at the nearby California State University Bakersfield campus, and off-campus courses offered in cooperation with local community colleges. School aged children receive their public education at the Richland School District's 3 elementary school campuses and a junior high campus, at the Grimmway Academy, a public charter school. The Shafter High School campus educates approximately 1,500 students and offers at-risk students an education at Central Valley High School. The Shafter Learning Center hosts classes that challenge advanced students and enriches education in Shafter through an education partnership of the Richland School District, the County of Kern, and the City of Shafter. The Learning Center also offers access to the Shafter Branch of the Kern County Library, computers available to the public, and enrichment classes to adults, and during the summer and after school to youth. Shafter's civic organizations include the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary, Women's Club, and Scouting Clubs for boy and girls. Daily print media is provided by county-wide newspaper, the Bakersfield Californian, and, a weekly newspaper, the Shafter Press. Public youth sports programs are offered through the Shafter Recreation and Parks District and are also offered through for-profit and non-profit leagues.

There are five medical offices that offer primary and specialized care, and facilities that offer urgent care, radiology and laboratory services. The three offices that provide dental care, Adept Dental, Omni Family Health Center, and Shafter Family Dental Care. The three pharmacies are Rite Aid, Omni, and Shafter Medical Pharmacy. Golden Living Center is a skilled living facility providing short-term rehabilitation and long-term skilled nursing. Carrington is an assisted living residential facility.