

# 2024-2025

## THE RESOURCE CONNECTION CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL

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Professional Development Workshops and Trainings

The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own desire to learn.

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The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral is a local public non-profit organization that provides a variety of child care resources and services to families and child care providers in Amador and Calaveras Counties.

## **SERVICES WE OFFER**

**Resource & Referral (R&R)** program provides free child care referrals to licensed Family Child Care Homes, Centers, and License-Exempt Centers.

**Alternative Payment (AP)** The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral Services administers several subsidy programs to help eligible families pay for child care services while they work, look for work, attend school or recover from incapacity. The Resource Connection's child care subsidy programs provide full or partial provider reimbursements for child care services. Providers must meet general qualifications in order to receive reimbursement for families served by The Resource Connection programs.

**Public Trustline** is a registry for unlicensed providers. TrustLine is an effective tool for parents to check the backgrounds of babysitters, nannies, tutors, and in-home counselors to determine whether an applicant has criminal convictions or substantiated child abuse reports in California.

**The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)** is a quality improvement program designed to increase the quality and supply of licensed child care available to the public. The program recruits, trains and supports potential and existing licensed family child care providers to help meet the demand for quality child care services as well as health and safety practices. Professional development activities include workshops, technical assistance, incentives, networking opportunities and assistance with the licensing process.

### **Emergency Bridge**

The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children is designed to provide temporary child care and supportive services to foster families. This program aims to stabilize these families by offering immediate child care solutions while they establish long-term arrangements.

**Workshops** are designed for anyone interested in child care, child development and professional development. The classes are open to Family Child Care Providers & their assistants, Child Care center staff, Teachers, Aides, and Program Directors, anyone working with children or interested in becoming a Family Child Care Provider, Family, Friends and Neighbors (FFN) and Parents.

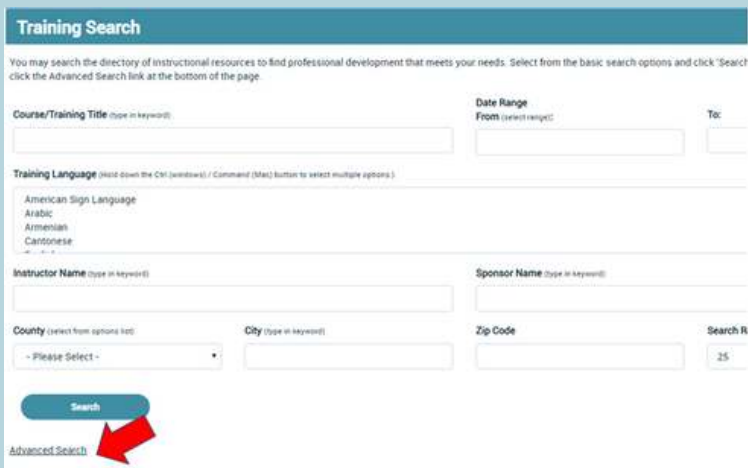
**Grandparents Respite Program** for Amador County Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Are you a grandparent raising a grandchild? This program can help you with respite child care. This respite program is designed to provide temporary relief for the grandparents from the ongoing responsibilities of caring for their grandchild. The Resource Connection can pay for up to 16 hours of licensed child care, per child, per month.

The **Amador Child Care Council** and **Calaveras Child Care Council** are both contracted under The Resource Connection, Resource & Referral. These Councils determine local community child care needs, and partner with the community to promote the early care and education of children. Public meetings held monthly.

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral Programs are funded by the California Department of Social Services, the Amador & Calaveras Department of Human Services, and other grants, and community contributions.

# Workshop Registration Procedure

1. From the Registry homepage, click on the "Training Calendar" in the lower left hand corner or when logged in, go to the left-hand navigation bar.
2. You can use the search features to find trainings in your county, city, or for example, in the language you would like (see image below).
3. Only enter one or two fields, like county or date, to get broader search results. If you search by zip code, you must include a search radius or you will get "No Results".
4. Once you find the training you will be prompted to log in to your Registry account before you are able to enroll in the training.
5. For Online Trainings, go to "Advanced Search" (at the bottom of the Training Calendar search page), then select Training Type dropdown menu, and select Web-based trainings.



The image shows a "Training Search" form with the following fields and options:

- Course/Training Title** (type in keyword): [Text input field]
- Date Range**: From (select range): [Dropdown menu] To: [Text input field]
- Training Language** (hold down the Ctrl (windows) / Command (Mac) button to select multiple options):
  - American Sign Language
  - Arabic
  - Armenian
  - Cantonese
  - ...
- Instructor Name** (type in keyword): [Text input field]
- Sponsor Name** (type in keyword): [Text input field]
- County** (select from options list): [Dropdown menu with "- Please Select -"]
- City** (type in keyword): [Text input field]
- Zip Code**: [Text input field]
- Search Radius**: [Text input field with "25" entered]
- Search**: [Blue button]
- Advanced Search**: [Link with a red arrow pointing to it]

## **What if I think the training should be listed but I can not find it?**

- Trainings will only show up if the training organization has published the training. You can contact the training organization directly if, for example, no trainings show up in your county.
- The Registry is a database (and is not like a Google search) you must enter the information correctly.
- The Registry is required by state-funded training organizations, not all agencies are required to use the Registry.
- Make sure there is an Event ID on the link you are trying to use. If not, contact the Registry for assistance.
- If you searched for DRDP, CPIN, or Quality Counts (QC) these may not be the included in the training name.
- You can "Chat" (on the Registry website, see lower right hand corner) during business hours and we can help you find your training.

# PEDIATRIC & ADULT CPR/ FIRST AID

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral will be offering In - Person Pediatric CPR Classes. Classes are held at 8085 Suite G Hwy 26. Mokelumne Hill 95245

**Sunday, December 8th, 2024**

**Sunday, March 2nd, 2025**

This 8-hour course is CPR – Adult, Child & Infant and Pediatric First Aid training designed specifically for California State Licensed Child Care Providers and people seeking Child Care licensing in the State of California to satisfy the State requirement for 8 hours of special training in CPR & pediatric first aid that includes extra topics required by the State of California EMS Authority.

Satisfies Title 22 requirements for CPR & First Aid Training's requirements for Child Care Providers.



**Please call Karen (209) 754-1075 for  
Registration information**

# Health & Safety

Reimbursement is available now!



Licensed center-based staff and family child care providers, along with license-exempt providers! If you complete an EMSA-approved CPR/First Aid or Health & Safety training between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, you can apply for a reimbursement! Limited funding is available.

Apply online below or call Karen Frazier  
for more information, (209) 754-1075

[https://form.jotform.com/Karen\\_Frazier/hs-scholarship-form-24-25](https://form.jotform.com/Karen_Frazier/hs-scholarship-form-24-25)

# Workshops

All workshops are free to participants.

**Register for workshops on the CA ECE Workforce Registry by clicking on Advanced Search, Enter the workshop title exactly as shown.**

The Resource Connection will add professional development hours to the Ca. Workforce Registry for the workshops included in this booklet.

**August 21, 2024 6pm-8pm ~ ZOOM**

**AP/ Subsidy for Providers  
Misty Pegueros, Sheri Noble**

Are you a child care provider looking to navigate the world of subsidies? Join us for a comprehensive workshop designed to empower you with knowledge and tools. As a child care provider, understanding subsidies can greatly impact your business and the families you serve. Our workshop is led by experts in the field of child care subsidies.

Whether you're a seasoned child care provider or just starting out, this workshop will equip you with the skills and confidence to navigate the complex world of subsidies and make a positive impact on your business and the families you serve.

Workforce Registry



**September 23rd & 25th, 2024 ~ 5:00pm-8:00pm**

**Trauma Informed Care (2 part series) ~ ZOOM**

The Trauma Responsive and Resilience Building training series is designed to support early childhood educators and providers serving children ages 3 through 8 years old. The training is designed to support the early childhood workforce to be trauma-informed and equipped with the concrete skills and knowledge to create nurturing, responsive, and healing-engaged programs for children who have been impacted by trauma and traumatic stress. This training series will support ECE providers working in various settings and environments with young children and individuals working in infrastructure organizations on behalf of young children and families.

Workforce Registry





**October 24th, 2024 6pm-8pm**

### **Growing Up WILD!**

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education curriculum that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature, and invites them to explore wildlife and the outdoor world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, Growing Up WILD provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world and lifelong social and academic skills. This curriculum is written especially for early childhood providers of children ages 3-7, and includes over 400 ready-made thematic units on outdoor explorations, scientific inquiry, art projects, music and movement, conservation activities, reading and math connections. The included activity guide makes it very easy to use this curriculum!

Workforce Registry



**December 4th, 2024 6pm-8pm ~ ZOOM**

### **Taxes with Fred Kenyon**

Learn how to gain a greater deduction on your upcoming tax return! As a child care provider, your tax return is more complex than that of the average business owner, and there may be some rules and deductions you may be missing. We invite you to come with questions!

Learning Objectives: Federal Meal Allowances, reimbursement vs. tax deductions, Benefits of recording your business use of home, Time-Space % - What you need to know, Benefits of the new Tax Law, Business use of your vehicle, Much, much more!

Workforce Registry



**January 21st & 28th 2025 & February 4th & 11th, 2025**

### **6pm-8pm ~ ZOOM Family Child Care Fundamentals**

This 4 week series will provide you with a solid foundation to start and run a successful and professional Family Child Care Business.

Topics include:

- Design your unique program, activities and curriculum
- Create your best environment and market your business
- Contracts, Policies and Communication
- Business Finances and Taxes

Workforce Registry





**March 11th, 2025 6pm-8pm ~ Virtual**

### **Universal Design for Living**

Universal Design for Living (UDL) is a teaching approach that aims to make learning accessible and inclusive for all students by reducing barriers and providing flexibility. UDL is based on brain science and evidence - based educational practices, and it can also take advantage of digital technology.

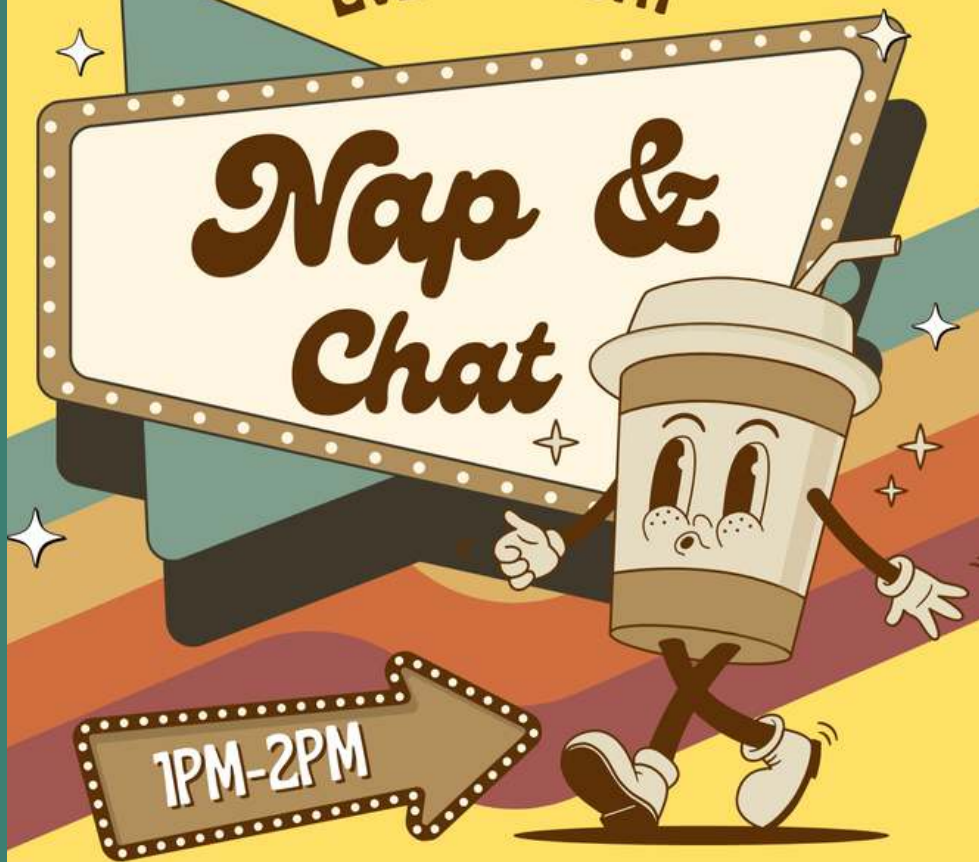
Kevin Schaefer: Director of Equity and Inclusive Practices for the Supporting Inclusive Practices (SIP) Project- El Dorado County office of Education will guide us through Universal Design in Early Childhood Education.

Workforce Registry



EVERY FRIDAY

# Nap & Chat



Child care providers can relax into a cozy spot to chat about all things challenging, swap ideas, and get top-notch support from Karen (R&R). Each week, fresh topics are served up hot and ready, designed to be super helpful & down-to-earth. Come and go as needed, no pressure!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84990326213>

# THE RESOURCE CONNECTION LENDING LIBRARY

Our Lending Library offers over 5,000 educational toys and books to enrich play-literacy based learning, parenting education and & child care provider resources to help develop children's skills and imagination, across different stages of growth and development.



## Lending Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

*Closed 12:00pm-12:30 for Lunch*

Visit our Library  
Online to reserve  
your educational  
items today!

[trcacrr.myturn.com](http://trcacrr.myturn.com)



The Resource Connection  
Engaging Quality  
Empowering Communities  
Elevating Lives



# PROVIDER WORK NIGHTS

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 4:30-7PM



## Consumable Closet

(Early Learning Providers Only)

Items you may take back to your program and use up. Paint, glue, scissors, paper, glitter, playdough, tape, craft items and more!

Our color copy machine is available to print your contracts, policy booklets and other business paperwork.



<https://trcacrr.myturn.com/library/>



## Lending Library

Over 4000 children's books and educational items available for loan. All developmental areas available. Large selection of teaching books. Keep up to 30 days and return when ready for something new.







**Care. Connect. Grow.**

Strengthening California's Home-Based Child Care

**CCIP** Child Care  
Initiative Project

The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) focuses on capacity building and quality improvement of home-based family child care & license-exempt child care.

CCIP includes effective outreach, technical assistance, professional development training, incentives, and resources for all participants.

A CCIP participant is anyone who is interested in or is already providing child care in a home, including all of the following:

- Family Friend Neighbor (FFN) Caregiver or Nanny (License-Exempt)
- Person interested in becoming a Family Child Care (FCC) Provider
- Individuals working towards FCC licensing.
- Licensed FCC Provider:
  - Has a small or large license.
  - Is an operator or assistant.
- Expansion Licensee - FCC Provider who expands their capacity in one or more of the following ways:
  - Re-opening licensed home
  - Providing care to Infant/Toddlers
  - Expanding from a Small license      Large license.
  - Expanding to provide care during non-traditional hours

Call us at 209-754-1075 for Technical Assistance

### **INCENTIVES AVAILABLE!**

**As a CCIP participant you can earn incentives such as:**

#### New License

Reimbursement for licensing requirements & health & safety costs (CPR & First Aid, fire extinguishers, baby gates, first aid kits, etc.) Business equipment purchase (nap mats, toys, books, art supplies, shelving etc.)

#### Existing License

Materials and supplies for attending provider night, CCIP sponsored workshops, moving to large license, infant care, after-hour care.

**LET US ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THE RIGHT CAR SEAT.**

**Choose the right car seat.**



**Get your car seat checked by a  
Certified Technician FREE!**



**Make an appointment today with our  
Nationally Certified Car Seat Technician:**

**Karen Frazier 209.754.1075**



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**Child must be  
present at the  
appointment!**



# Save THE Date

## EARLY CHILDHOOD MINI CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY

SAT | 22 | 9 AM  
2025

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW!

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Amador  
**QUALITY FOR KIDS**

Supporting the Best Early Care & Education for Our Children

Are you a preschool teacher, childcare, or family, friend, or neighbor (FFN) provider?

Sign up today for Quality for Kids to earn some amazing incentives as you grow in the field of early childhood.

**Incentives Include:**



Participation in ongoing campaigns



Early childhood education and safety classes



Learning opportunities-online, in-person, etc.



Professional development hours

Learn about all the incentives and opportunities you can earn while participating in Quality for Kids, along with exciting NEW incentives added this year!

For more information call Aimee at  
(209)257-1092 or email  
q4k@first5amador.com

**Our Partners**

**The Resource Connection**  
Empowering Families  
Engaging Communities  
Enriching Lives

A M A D O R  
**College C\*NNECT**

**Amador Child Care Council**  
Amador State Preschool

**FIRST5**  
A M A D O R



**First 5 Calaveras Sponsored Services available to  
Strong Start enrolled Family Child Care Providers  
(FCCP), Friends Family Neighbors (FFN)  
& Private Child Care Centers**

\* **Social Emotional Development Coaching**- on-site coaching and support with social and emotional observations, environments, expectations and resources.

\* **Metta Services**- provides “free” mental health trauma informed services to children and families ages 0-5 that are not currently attending mental health services.

\* **Ready Rosie** – a free educational app – with modeled moments designed to bring valuable lessons into real life situations in an engaging way for everyone.

\* **Ready for Kindergarten** – booklets all about preparedness and options for tk/k in Calaveras County.

\* **ASQ** – Ages and Stages early childhood assessment and developmental tracking tool.

Strong Start Enrollment – Quality Improvement Plan and Professional Development Stipends.

For more information contact Autumn Andahl  
[aandahl@calaverascounty.gov](mailto:aandahl@calaverascounty.gov) 209-754-6916





*Strengthening Families Parent Education  
is always free for Calaveras families.*

**First 5 Calaveras offers parent education  
for parents with children 0-17.**

**Classes are available in person and on  
Zoom.**

**Dinner and onsite childcare are always  
included with in-person classes.**

Find a list of classes on our website:  
[first5calaveras.org](http://first5calaveras.org)

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Questions?  
Contact Rochelle Sweet  
209-754-6927  
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