

# 2026 (Fall/ Winter)

## THE RESOURCE CONNECTION CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL

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Professional Development Workshops and Trainings

Education begins the moment we see children as innately wise and capable beings. Only then can we play along in their world.

-- VINCE GOWMON



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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 reimbursements to providers 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.

**The Grandparent Cafe** is for grandparents raising their grandchildren. The Grandparent Cafe has support and resources for grandparents raising grandchildren. They meet online the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. In-person meetings are offered quarterly.

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

# ADULT, CHILD & INFANT AND PEDIATRIC FIRST AID TRAINING

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

**Three dates available!**

**September 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2026**

**January 9th,  
2027**

**June 5th,  
2027**

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**



# California Child Care **PREVENTATIVE HEALTH & SAFETY**

Saturday October 24th 2026  
8:30-5:00

8085 Hwy26 Suite G  
Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245



**This course is intended for anyone to meet the SB150 criteria for centers and family child care. The class is EMSA-approved and meets the 8- hour Preventative Health & Safety requirement and the Nutrition class needed to become licensed by Community Care Licensing (CCL)**

*Facilitators:  
Karen Frazier  
& Mia Huss*

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**Resource** Empowering Communities  
**Connection** Saving Lives



Call or email for  
registration information  
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# Health & Safety

Reimbursement is available now!



CPR/First Aid & Health/Safety Training Reimbursement Eligibility: Licensed center-based staff, family child care providers, and license-exempt providers.

Qualifying Training: EMSA-approved CPR/First Aid or Health & Safety courses completed between July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

*Apply  
Now* ➤

Use link below or call Karen Frazier  
for more information, (209) 754-1075

<https://form.jotform.com/251735262324150>

“A mind when stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.” Anonymous

**September 21st, 2026, 6 pm-8 pm ~ ZOOM**

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### **STEM Education in the Mixed Delivery System**

Discover how to turn everyday moments into exciting STEM learning experiences!

Join Maria Ruiz, STEM educator, for a 2-hour interactive Zoom session designed for child care providers. Explore practical, easy-to-use, and low-cost ideas for your program! Attend the full session and earn an incentive!



**Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 6 pm-8 pm**

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### **The Autism Project: Proactive Behavior Supports for Preschool**

Classroom learning, community engagement, and relationship dynamics are often impacted by dysregulation. This dysregulation is often labeled as “challenging behavior.” The goal of this training is to provide basic information about a variety of proactive behavior strategies that can be applied to support autistic children and teach key skills. This training provides participants with information and tools to assist professionals in reframing their interpretation of “challenging behavior” and addressing it in a supportive way. With an expanded toolkit of strategies and tools, participants will be equipped to help build healthier interactions, and to foster and nurture an inclusive environment where all children can thrive.



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**Tuesday, December 15th, 2026, 6 pm-8 pm**

**The Autism Project: Proactive Behavior Supports  
for School Age Children**

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Resource Empowering Communities  
Connection Enriching Lives

# Educational LENDING LIBRARY



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Night  
2027**

*Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
430p-700p*

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OF INSPIRATION & CHILD  
CARE PROVIDER  
RESOURCES!**



**TRC-RR  
8085 HWY 26 SUITE G  
MOKLUMNE HILL**

# CHILD CARE INITIATIVE PROJECT



The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) is a free training and support program for individuals who are starting a family child care business and for existing providers.



Assistance with completing the application and support through the licensing process. Help preparing for your licensing visit.



Business planning and curriculum development.  
1:1 Coaching:  
Personalized support to navigate licensing, marketing, or quality standards.



Incentives Available!

- Reimbursement for licensing requirements & equipment costs
- Quality learning materials

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Training topics may include:

- Child Development/Learning Environments
- Preventive Health and Other Health-Related Topics
- Inclusive Settings and Caring for Children with Special Needs
- Observation, Screening, and Assessment
- Leadership, Professionalism, Administration, and Supervision
- Family and Community Engagement
- Business of Family Child Care



**Care. Connect. Grow.**  
Strengthening California's Home-Based Child Care  
**CCIP** Child Care Initiative Project



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT



## About Us

Through Quality Counts California (QCC) efforts, The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of the early childhood workforce pathways in **Amador and Calaveras Counties** by supporting providers actively employed in the early learning sector.

## Participants

Funding is available for both **Amador and Calaveras County Early Learning Providers**. Apply if you are:

- Head Start staff
- Private preschool staff
- Local family child care providers
- State preschool staff
- After school program employees
- License-exempt provider

## Stipend Amounts

Please note that stipend amounts vary depending on what you apply for and your eligibility. If you are a new applicant, you will need to complete a W9. Please reach out to The Resource Connection if you have any questions or concerns.

**Complete the application HERE**



## You Can Receive Stipends For...

### Tuition and Books

Early Education Professionals can request assistance for their early childhood education-related expenses.

### Academic Education

Stipends for completing coursework within or related to ECE

### Child Development Permits & Credentials

Earn, maintain, or upgrade a child development permit.

### ECE Mentorship Program

Participate in a mentorship program at a local college with completed on the job training hours.

### Expanding License to Include Toddler, Infants, and/or Overnight and Weekend Care

Providers may earn a stipend for expanding their license to fill gaps.

Participant agrees to participate in data collection and use of Hubbe database. Participant agrees to provide program, site, session, staff and child data and verifications to be entered into Hubbe as needed.

**Questions? Contact us! (209) 754-1075 mhuss@trcac.org**

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**Karen Frazier 209.754.1075**



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

## ***Are You One of These?***

✓ Licensed Family Childcare Provider    ✓ Preschool Staff    ✓ Family, Friend, or Neighbor (FFN) Caregiver



### ***Get Paid to Grow!***

#### **Earn monetary incentives for:**

- ✓ Quality Improvement Plan Goals
- ✓ ECE courses & educational units
- ✓ Health & safety classes
- ✓ Professional development milestones



### ***Free Resources Too!***

#### **As a participant, you also receive:**

- ✓ FFN Engagement Activity Kits
- ✓ Toolkits for DLL & children with disabilities
- ✓ Professional development resources
- ✓ Books, ASQ resources & training
- ✓ Ready for Kindergarten booklets



## ***How to Apply***

*Apply online or request a paper application!*

#### **Required documents:**

- ✓ Program Application
- ✓ Participation Agreement
- ✓ 2 Quality Improvement Plan Goals
- ✓ W-9 (new participants)

#### **Key dates:**

- ✓ Aug 1–30: Open Enrollment
- ✓ January–March: Midyear Check-In
- ✓ May 1–15: Goal Updates Due
- ✓ June: Incentive Checks Issued! 🎉

## ***Ready to Strong Start?***

### ***Let's Talk!***

**(209) 754-6914**



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[first5calaveras.org](http://first5calaveras.org)

*A First 5 Calaveras Program | Part of Quality Counts California (QCC)*

## DO YOU CARE FOR CHILDREN OTHER THAN YOUR OWN?

IF YOU ANSWERED **YES** THEN YOU ARE  
ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN...

# QUALITY FOR KIDS

This program helps to ensure all children in Amador  
County are receiving quality care.



### Why should you participate?

By participating, you will have  
opportunities to build your knowledge  
and understanding of the field, while  
earning incentives for yourself and the  
children in your care.

### Here are some of the ways to earn Incentives

- Participate in the ongoing monthly campaign.
- Attend learning opportunities both in- person or online and receive early learning materials and supplies.
- College courses in Early Childhood Education and Child Development.
- Professional Development hours.

### Our Partners

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

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**CollegeCONNECT**



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## SIGN UP FOR OUR



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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