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Message from your R&R Program Director
Calaveras County Resource Guide
Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! We look forward to the new year with the hopes that the year brings joy and prosperity to all. Please continue to reach out if you need items from the lending library, interested in ideas for upcoming workshops, and any suggestions that you feel would be beneficial to the early, learning professionals and families in our communities. Thank you for continuing to be a pillar in our communities by caring for families and advocating for the early, learning field.

Sincerely,
Sheri Noble
Program Director

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Amador & Calaveras Office (209) 754-1075
Calaveras County, California - The coronavirus pandemic continues to affect the daily lives of people now more than ever with the re-surge in COVID-19 cases and California's new regional stay-at-home order.

During these difficult times, it is important to know where people can find support, assistance, and relief.

This is why ABC10 has compiled a list of resources for the residents of Calaveras County to help our community find food, housing, utilities, mental health services, and more.

For the article details and resources, please click the link below:

Source from https://www.abc10.com/article/money/calaveras-county-financial-support-guide/103-9633643c-d629-48cf-b325-315b2739c89b

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Dear Child Care Providers,

On November 30, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the following assistance for Businesses impacted by COVID 19:

Tax Relief for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

California will provide temporary tax relief for eligible businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. The temporary tax relief:
1. Entails an automatic three-month income tax extension for taxpayers filing less than $1 million in sales tax.
2. Extends the availability of existing interest and penalty-free payment agreements to companies with up to $5 million in taxable sales.
3. Provides expanded interest-free payment options for larger businesses particularly affected by significant restrictions on operations based on COVID-19 transmissions.

Governor Newsom's announcement builds on the state's ongoing business support throughout the pandemic, including the Main Streeting Hiring Tax Credit, which authorizes $100 million in hiring tax credit for qualified small businesses. The credit is equal to $1,000 per qualified employee, up to $100,000 for each small business employer. The application for the Main Street Small Business Tax Credit opened on December 1. A full list of existing state support for businesses can be found here.

New COVID Relief Grant for Small Business

The Governor announced the creation of a $500 million COVID Relief Grant administered by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOsBA) at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for small impacted by COVID health and safety restrictions.

The Grant will distribute relief through grants of up to $25,000 to those located in economically disadvantaged and historically under-resourced and small businesses throughout the state by early 2021. Non-profits would also be eligible for these grants. CalOSBA is establishing the program and will make it available to small businesses as soon as possible - for updates on availability visit here.

Increased Funding for the California Rebuilding Fund

The Governor also announced that the state would expand the California Rebuilding Fund by $12.5 million, bringing the total investment to $37.5 million. These efforts are informed by recommendations made by the Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery.
All interested small business owners can apply for a loan at www.CALoanFund.org.

How the New Tax Law Affects Family Child Care Providers

Article provided by Tom Copeland: Home › Record Keeping & Taxes › Deductions › How the New Tax Law Affects Family Child Care Providers. How the New Tax Law Affects Family Child Care Providers on December 22, 2020. On December 21, 2020, Congress passed a new tax bill (the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021) that will benefit family child care providers in numerous ways, please click on the link below for the full article:

Lead Poisoning Related Recall

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recently issued a recall for 13.5-ounce Ron Jon Surf Shop Sippy Cups due to violations of Federal lead content and phthalates bans. The main body of the cup is either orange, blue, pink, or green. There is rubber-like grip material around the cup. The rubber-like material has images of turtle, crab, fish, boat, and seagrass and the Ron Jon Surf shop design. Please see the link below for more information:


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Winter Science Experiments: How Much Water is in Snow?

While watching the Weather Channel one morning, the forecaster was talking about the rain/snow ratio -- basically, 1 inch of rain would be equivalent to 13 inches of snow.

So I thought it would be interesting to test this during our next snow. We only had to wait a week for Mother Nature to cooperate and send us a few inches of good snow! This is such a quick & easy science experiment that kids of all ages.

Kids in preschool, elementary, middle school, and even high school will really enjoy it and it only 2 minutes to set-up with some GREAT results! I'm including detailed directions so you can replicate this at home or in a classroom along with affiliate links to items that we used during our experiment.

Supplies for a Melting snow science experiment:
- a jar that you can fill with snow (we like to use mason jars for experiments like these because they are easy to see through)
- dry erase markers
- a ruler - we have this cool flexible/bendable rule that we use with our nature experiments
- a sheet of paper/pencil and
- a clock

**Note: since we’re putting cold snow into a glass jar, there will be some condensation on the outside of the jar during the experiment -- so you may want to place the jar on a towel or a surface that can get wet.

Source from https://www.kcedventures.com/blog/simple-science-experiment-how-much-water-is-in-snow

Recipe Courtesy of Food Network Kitchen
Cloud Eggs

**Ingredients:**
Nonstick cooking spray
4 large eggs
Kosher salt
4 slices buttered brioche toast, for serving
Directions:
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment and coat with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Coat 4 small bowls with nonstick cooking spray. Separate the eggs and put the whites into a medium bowl and beat with an electric mixer on low speed until stiff peaks form 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Dollop 4 large spoonfuls of the egg whites onto the prepared baking sheet and make a small well in the middle of each with the back of a spoon. Bake the whites until they are firm, no longer wet, and just beginning to turn brown, about 6 minutes. Gently pour 1 yolk into the well of each white. Bake until the edges of the yolk just start to set while still being runny, 3 to 4 minutes. Season with salt.
4. Serve on top of buttered brioche toast.

Source from https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/cloud-eggs-3744344

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Be Prepared to Stay Safe and Healthy in Winter

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead. Prepare your home. Prepare for power outages. Check on older adults.
Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us may not be ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you are more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall.

**Prepare Your Home**

Staying inside is no guarantee of safety. Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter months.

- **Winterize your home.**
  - Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
  - Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
  - Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.

- **Check your heating systems.**
  - Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
  - Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
  - Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.

- **If you do not have a working smoke detector, install one. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year.**

- **Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning emergencies.**
  - Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check or change the battery when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.
  - Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Sourced from [https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/winterweather/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/winterweather/index.html)
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For additional information on upcoming Resource and Referral workshops, please click on the links below:

Tuesday, January 12, 2021, & Thursday, January 14, 2021, Young Children Learning Through Positive Risk from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM - Please contact Karen Frazier at kfrazier@trcac.org or 209-754-1075 to register.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - Strengthening Families - Social Connections from 6:00 PM to
8:00 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpd-2ggD8oEtVwJY9Ng5-gFNry6wmL0yFp

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