

The Resource Connection

Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives

Early Learning Programs In The Know



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Happy April! April is an important month in many aspects. April represents Prevent Child Abuse Month and Week of the Young Child. The aim of Prevent Child Abuse Month is to mobilize individuals, families, communities, and policymakers to take action to prevent child abuse and create safer, more nurturing environments for all children. By raising awareness and promoting prevention strategies, advocates hope to reduce the incidence of child abuse and ensure that all children can grow up in a safe and supportive environment. To learn more about local resources for Prevent Child Abuse Month, go to the following links:

Amador- <https://www.amadorcapc.org/>

Calaveras- <https://first5.calaverasgov.us/Prevent-Child- /About-PCAC>

The National Association of the Young Child established the Week of the Young Child in 1971 to focus the public's attention on the success of programs and services and to address the needs of young children. To learn more about the Week of the Young Child, go to the following link: <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc>. The site provides resources and activities for all families.

Sincerely,
Sheri Noble
R&R Program Director

Resource and Referral Newsletter & Professional Development
Amador & Calaveras Office (209) 754-1075



RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of protecting children from abuse and neglect. It is also a time to join together to promote the safety and well-being of all children and families and to recognize the child welfare professionals and allies who work tirelessly to protect children.

Child abuse and neglect are serious public health issues that affect millions of children each year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 1 in 7 children have experienced child abuse or neglect in the past year in the United States. This is likely an underestimate because many cases are unreported. This abuse can have lasting impacts on a young person's health, opportunity, and physical and emotional well-being.

At the National Runaway Safeline (NRS), we hear from young people who are being abused, neglected and mistreated. Too often they feel unsafe in their own homes, have trouble focusing at school, struggle to forming trusting relationships and consider running away. We are here to listen and to help.

Child abuse can take many forms, such as physical and sexual abuse to emotional abuse and emotional neglect. The most common type of maltreatment is neglect. Child abuse and neglect are preventable; however we

must first understand the factors that put people at risk for these types of abuse.

Preventing child abuse requires a multifaceted approach. Prevention factors are conditions or attributes that when presented in families and communities, can decrease the likelihood of maltreatment and increase the well-being of both children and their families. It is important to identify the protective factors that can help parents find readily available resources and strategies that can allow them to parent in an effective and safe way.

It is crucial that during the month of April and always, young people who have endured abuse and neglect understand they are not alone. At the National Runaway Safeline, we see these young people, strive to support them through their pain and applaud them for their strength.

If you see something, say something. If you suspect or know that a young person is being abused or neglected, take action and contact your local child protective services office or law enforcement agency.

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, NRS has been sharing resources and educating our community and followers about this serious problem. We encourage people to get involved with child-welfare organizations where they can make a difference in the lives of young people and families. It can be as simple as spreading awareness on your own platform. Childwelfare.gov has created a toolkit of resources, graphics, and social media posts that make it easy for anyone to educate themselves and spread their message.

Please click the link below to review the article:

<https://www.1800runaway.org/recognizing-april-as-child-abuse-prevention-month#:~:text=April%20is%20recognized%20as%20National,children%20from%20abuse%20and%20neglect.>

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**FREE Event
for Families!**

26th Annual
Celebrate Our Children Festival



**ADVENTURES IN
LEARNING!**

**Saturday, April 27
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Argonaut High School, Jackson**

(FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL ATTENDEES, PLEASE NOTE THAT DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT THIS EVENT)

A winding path graphic with numbered steps from 1 to 30, starting at "START" and ending at "FINISH". Various activities are placed along the path.

FREE LUNCH! (Step 1)

ADVENTURE PLAY-BASED ACTIVITIES & CRAFTS! (Step 4)

JAMBA JUICE SMOOTHIES! (Step 8)

PHOTO BOOTH! (Step 10)

REPTILE EXHIBIT! (Step 16)

SERVICE VEHICLE TOURS! (Step 24)

SPECIAL VISITORS! (Step 26)

DENTAL SCREENINGS & FLUORIDE VARNISH! (Step 18)

CAR SEAT CHECKS! (Step 29)

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT! (Step 30)



The Amador Child Care Council's mission is to partner with the community to promote the early care and education of children. We are committed to accessible and quality child care. For info, call (209) 754-1075



GET READY FOR
ADVENTURE!



CALAVERAS
CHILDRENS FAIR
APRIL 6TH, 2024

11AM TO 2PM
CALAVERAS HIGH SCHOOL
350 HIGH SCHOOL ST.
SAN ANDREAS





Important Reminders from the Subsidy Department

1. Providers and Parents, if you cannot drop off the attendance forms at the various black drop box locations, you may email the attendance forms to the following email address: rrinfo@trcac.org. Please do not email the attendance forms to case managers. Please note if you email the attendance forms, we do not need the originals, as the electronic version is acceptable. However, please retain the originals for your records.
2. Providers and Parents, please complete all Subsidy Attendance forms for reimbursement. Attendance forms must have both the parent and provider's signature, exact in and out times, and the child's first and last name. Incomplete Attendance Forms will be returned, and payment will not be issued until the Attendance Form is complete. If you want to reference the regulation, please click the link below:

You can't click on it here- but the link track is to this regulation -

<https://law.justia.com/codes/california/2022/code-wic/division-9/part-1-8/chapter-3/section-10227-5/>

3. Providers, if you need additional attendance/claim forms, please click the link below to download and print them out, or please contact our office to have them mailed to you:

<http://chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgiclfefndmkaj/https://rr.trcac.org/info/docs/subsidy-attendance-app-20240227.pdf>

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Need Help Paying For Child Care?



Child Care Subsidy can help you pay for Child Care:

- Work or look for work
- Go to school or training
- Helps when you are medically incapacitated
- Seek permanent housing

1. Check to see if you are eligible. Check the chart to see if your before-tax income is within the limits

2. To be placed on our Child Care Eligibility List (CEL), please use our online application below.
cel.trcac.org

3. As funds become available, and we are able to enroll families at your current income rank, a subsidy coordinator will reach out to you.

Your Family Size:	Makes Less Than In a Month:	or, Makes less Than In a Year:
1-2	\$6,128	\$73,536
3	\$6,931	\$83,172
4	\$8,025	\$96,300
5	\$9,309	\$111,708
6	\$10,593	\$127,116
7	\$10,834	\$130,008
8	\$11,074	\$132,888
9	\$11,315	\$135,780

If you meet eligibility requirements- you have the option to choose from licensed family child care, licensed or exempt child care centers or family, friend, or neighbor care (may require background clearance), and in-home care. Please update your application when changes occur in your family size or income.

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Amador and Calaveras County
(209) 754-1075 (877) 944-9911

Selection & Enrollment Process

Eligibility List

The AP program has limited openings for eligible families. The first step to access AP services is to be placed on our eligibility list. Families with children with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

3 Ways to Apply



Apply online at: cel.trcac.org Visit our website www.rr.trcac.org	Call our Office 209-754-1075 or 877-944-9911	Visit us at: 8085 Highway 26, Suite G Mokelumne Hill
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Selecting Participants

When an opening is available, we access the waiting list and contact families based on the following program admission priorities:

- **First:** Child protective services, or at-risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation
- **Second:** Admission priority based on adjusted gross monthly income & family size.

When multiple families are within the same ranking:

1. Child with exceptional needs within the same ranking is admitted first
2. Entry with the oldest application date is admitted second

Rank	Family Size											
	1 - 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	\$ 59	\$ 64	\$ 75	\$ 87	\$ 99	\$ 101	\$ 103	\$ 105	\$ 108	\$ 110	\$ 112	
2	\$ 119	\$ 128	\$ 150	\$ 174	\$ 198	\$ 202	\$ 207	\$ 211	\$ 216	\$ 220	\$ 225	
3	\$ 178	\$ 192	\$ 225	\$ 261	\$ 297	\$ 304	\$ 310	\$ 317	\$ 324	\$ 331	\$ 337	
4	\$ 238	\$ 257	\$ 300	\$ 348	\$ 396	\$ 405	\$ 414	\$ 423	\$ 432	\$ 441	\$ 450	
5	\$ 298	\$ 321	\$ 375	\$ 435	\$ 495	\$ 506	\$ 518	\$ 529	\$ 540	\$ 551	\$ 563	
6	\$ 357	\$ 385	\$ 450	\$ 522	\$ 594	\$ 608	\$ 621	\$ 621	\$ 648	\$ 662	\$ 675	
7	\$ 417	\$ 450	\$ 525	\$ 609	\$ 693	\$ 709	\$ 725	\$ 741	\$ 756	\$ 772	\$ 788	
8	\$ 476	\$ 514	\$ 600	\$ 696	\$ 793	\$ 814	\$ 829	\$ 847	\$ 865	\$ 883	\$ 901	
9	\$ 536	\$ 578	\$ 675	\$ 784	\$ 892	\$ 912	\$ 932	\$ 953	\$ 973	\$ 993	\$ 1,013	
10	\$ 596	\$ 643	\$ 750	\$ 871	\$ 992	\$ 1,013	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,081	\$ 1,103	\$ 1,126	
11	\$ 656	\$ 707	\$ 828	\$ 955	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,189	\$ 1,214	\$ 1,239	
12	\$ 715	\$ 771	\$ 900	\$ 1,045	\$ 1,197	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,266	\$ 1,243	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,324	
13	\$ 775	\$ 836	\$ 976	\$ 1,126	\$ 1,288	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,376	\$ 1,405	\$ 1,435	\$ 1,464	
14	\$ 834	\$ 900	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,209	\$ 1,387	\$ 1,419	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,482	\$ 1,513	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,577	
15	\$ 894	\$ 964	\$ 1,120	\$ 1,306	\$ 1,486	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,588	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,689	
16	\$ 953	\$ 1,029	\$ 1,201	\$ 1,393	\$ 1,586	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,658	\$ 1,694	\$ 1,730	\$ 1,766	\$ 1,802	
17	\$ 1,013	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,276	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,723	\$ 1,761	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,838	\$ 1,876	\$ 1,915	
18	\$ 1,073	\$ 1,157	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,568	\$ 1,784	\$ 1,824	\$ 1,865	\$ 1,906	\$ 1,946	\$ 1,987	\$ 2,027	
19	\$ 1,132	\$ 1,222	\$ 1,426	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,883	\$ 1,926	\$ 1,969	\$ 2,011	\$ 2,054	\$ 2,097	\$ 2,140	
20	\$ 1,192	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,501	\$ 1,742	\$ 1,982	\$ 2,027	\$ 2,072	\$ 2,117	\$ 2,162	\$ 2,207	\$ 2,252	



Families screened & selected for potential enrollment from the waiting list will be asked to complete the orientation process, and submit documentation to verify eligibility/need for services. The steps are as follows:

Learn How to Apply and Select an Eligible Provider

Apply online to the Child Care Eligibility list and update your information if anything changes.

When we are ready to enroll we will contact families in the lowest ranks and highest priority first.

Begin Your Child Care Provider Search

If you do not currently have a child care provider you will need to find one. Choosing child care can be a difficult job, contact our Resource & Referral department for help and to find out what is available for your family.

Complete Documentation Orientation

Make sure you answer your phone, email or respond to the letter you receive to schedule an appointment with a Case Manager.

Complete forms, gather documents listed on the checklist, select a child care provider.

Note: If you do not contact us within 1 week of being contacted, you will not be eligible to apply for this enrollment period.


Verify Eligibility

Attend in-person appointment at The Resource Connection office specified on your letter.

Please note that your **appointment will be rescheduled** if your packet/information is not complete at the time of your appointment.

For the purposes of this handbook, parent means a biological parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, foster parent, caretaker relative, legal guardian, domestic partner or any other adult living with a child who has responsibility for the care and welfare of the child.

It is the parent's right and responsibility to choose an eligible provider that meets their family's need for child care and development services. Participants are encouraged to choose a clean, healthy and safe environment for their child(ren). For assistance in choosing a child care provider at any time, contact our Child Care Resource and Referral department at (209) 754-1075 or go online at <http://rr.trcac.org>



4 Steps to Choosing Quality Child Care

Step 1: Think About Your Child Care Options
 When considering your options, sure you take into consideration how well the provider or program fit your child's needs, your family's schedule, location & language.

<p>TrustLine License-Exempt Child Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers include relatives (grandparents, aunts, uncles), other relatives, friends & neighbors Other family, friends and neighbors must be fingerprinted Care is provided in the provider's home No licensing requirements 	<p>Child Care Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities that provide care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and/or school-age children Care is provided in non-home facilities such as churches, schools and/or licensed buildings Group sizes are large allowing for children to have rich social and academic experiences Primary caregivers are required to have (or be in the process of completing) 12 units of Early Childhood Education Centers are licensed and are regulated by the state 	
<p>Licensed Family Child Care Home (FCCH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers are in a home setting for children of mixed ages Large FCCH-cares for up to 14 children and requires an assistant Capacity of 14 children with no more than 3 infants, when at least 2 children are 6 years of age or older Small FCCH-cares for up to 8 children An assistant is required when more than 6 to 8 children are present Group sizes are smaller allowing for individualized care Staff are CPR/First Aid and Health and Safety certified Often are able to provide a flexible schedule including, evening, weekend or overnight care FCCH's are licensed and are regulated by the state 		
<p>Step 2: Begin Your Search</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call Child Care Resource & Referral at: (209) 754-1075 Child Care Resource & Referral can give you a list of licensed child care options Obtain information on the elements of quality child care 	<p>Step 3: Visit, Observe & Ask Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the child care while other children are present Use a checklist to help you decide what things about a child care arrangement are most important to your family 	<p>Step 4: Make a Choice & Stay Involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch carefully & visit unannounced Have regular parent-provider meetings Is your child happy, are they learning? If you are not comfortable with your choice, is it okay to change

Parents who choose a licensed provider have the right and responsibility to view any licensing information regarding site visits to their provider's facility or records regarding complaints. Call Community Care Licensing at 1-844-538-8766 for information about facility reports. Parents are also encouraged to visit the Department of Justice "Registered Sex Offender" database at www.meganslaw.ca.gov

Choosing Quality Child Care is important; it promotes brain development, school readiness and reduces family stress. Everyone Benefits!

Family, Friends, & Neighbors (FFN)





Family, Friends and Neighbors (FFN)

About

The Friends, Family, and Neighbor (FFN) program is a Child Care Resource and Referral initiative aimed at supporting caregivers who provide care for children in their own homes. The program provides resources, training, and guidance to FFN caregivers to help them provide quality care and education to the children in their care. Through the FFN program, caregivers can access a range of services, including referrals to community resources, training and workshops, and support networks. This program recognizes the important role that informal caregivers play in the lives of children and provides them with the tools and resources they need to provide safe, nurturing, and stimulating environments for the children in their care.

FFNs build stable foundations for young children, and are an irreplaceable and essential part of the mixed delivery child care system.

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Services

- Caregiver Support
- Guidance on Health & Safety Practices (CPR)
- Lending Library
- Consumable Closet
- Community Resources (Food Program)
- Professional Development



Not sure if you are an FFN? Have Questions?
Call Karen Frazier 209.754.1075 or email
kfrazier@trcac.org

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Child Care Resource and Referral Services



Child Care and Development Division Updates

Noticias de la división de Cuidado y Desarrollo Infantil

Desplácese hasta el final para leer en español.

Greetings,

The California Department of Social Services and the California Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) Network is pleased to offer virtual consultation services at no cost to Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers across California.

If you care for the children of a family member, friend, or neighbor, then you can participate in FFN Consultation! If you work in a service agency, please share this exciting opportunity with FFN caregivers in your community.

IECMHC services include access to a certified infant and early childhood mental health consultant who supports you over a series of sessions, promotes self-care, provides guidance and best practices regarding children's behavior and development, encourage relationship building with children, families, and your community.

FFN Consultation will be provided virtually through a combination of one-on-one and group sessions with an IECMHC Network consultant. Consultation will begin in April 2024 and include 7 sessions over a three-month period.

Stipends and **Connect. Reflect. Grow. Kits** will be provided.

View the [IECMHC flyer](#) or visit [IECMHC Consultation](#) to submit a request!

Please contact IECMHCNetwork@wested.org if you have any questions.

In partnership,

Lupe Jaime-Mileham, EdD, Deputy Director
Child Care and Development Division
California Department of Social Services

[Spanish]

Asunto: ¡Servicios de Consulta Gratuita para Familiares, Amigos y Vecinos se lanzará en abril!

Saludos,

El Departamento De Servicios Sociales y La Red de Consulta de Salud Mental de Infantes y Niños de la Primera Infancia de California, (IECMHC) se complacen en ofrecerles servicios de Consultas virtuales sin costo alguno para cuidadores familiares, amigos, y vecinos (FFN) en California.

Si usted cuida niños de algún familiar, amigo, o vecino, ¡usted puede participar en las Consultas para FFN! Si usted labora en una agencia de servicios, por favor comparta esta oportunidad con los cuidadores FFN de su comunidad.

Los servicios de IECMHC incluyen acceso a un consultor (a) certificado (a) en salud mental infantil y de la primera infancia quien lo apoya durante una serie de sesiones, promueve el bienestar personal, brinda orientación y practicas recomendadas con respecto al comportamiento y el desarrollo de los niños(as) y promueve la edificación de relaciones con los niños(as), familia y sus comunidad

La Consulta FNN se brindará virtualmente a través de una combinación de sesiones individuales y grupales con un consultor (a) de la Red IECMHC. combinando sesiones individuales y grupales con un consultor(a) de la Red

IECMHC. La Consulta empezará en abril de 2024, e incluirá 7 sesiones durante un período de tres meses. Se ofrecerá estipendios y se entregarán los kits “*Conectar. Reflexionar. Crecer*”.

Vea [el folleto de IECMHC](#) o visite [la consulta de IECMHC](#) para enviar una solicitud.

Si tiene preguntas, por favor contáctenos a este correo IECMHCNetwork@wested.org.

Atentamente,

Lupe Jaime-Mileham, EdD, Subdirectora
División de Desarrollo y Cuidado Infantil
Departamento de Servicios Sociales de California

Please click the link below for information:

<https://mailchi.mp/dss.ca.gov/child-care-bulletin-21-10927317?e=e61a2f6bf7>

TrustLine Background Check

TIPS FOR
NANNIES AND
BABYSITTERS

**Looking for Child Care
Provider Training?**



Connect with your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

CCR&R's serve families, child care providers and the local community. CCR&R's provide child care referrals and information for parents, and they also support and train child care providers

CALL 800-543-7793



TrustLine
California's Background Check for In-Home Child Care

**Welcome to
Children's
Corner**



No-Bake Recipes For Kids

No-Bake Recipes for Kids include everything from [snacks to meals](#), [drinks](#), and [desserts](#). If your kids enjoy cooking they are going to love trying these delicious recipes. Grab your aprons and get cooking!

Have a budding chef ready to let his or her creativity shine? These no-bake recipes are great for young chefs to learn independence in the kitchen. Get [kids cooking](#) as they follow step-by-step to create delicious and nutritious recipes. No oven time is required in any of these 70 easy no-bake recipes for kids!

Mermaid Ice Cream is one of the best homemade ice cream recipes for kids. They will have a blast picking their favorite mermaid colors to mix into this frozen treat!

Ingredients

- **3 c.** heavy cream
- **1** 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- **1 tsp.** pure vanilla extract
- green, blue, and purple food coloring
- Sprinkles for topping (optional)

Directions

Step 1

In a large bowl using a hand mixer or in the bowl of a stand mixer using the whisk attachment beat heavy cream until medium peaks form.

Step 2

Fold in sweetened condensed milk and vanilla until totally combined, then divide mixture among five bowls.

Step 3

Add a different food coloring to each bowl (we used different amounts of green, blue, and purple) and stir until combined.

Step 4

Layer dollops of the colors in a 9"-x-5" loaf pan until you run out of the mixture.

Step 5

Run a knife through the mixture to swirl the colors 3 or 4 times, and then smooth the top.

Step 6

Top with sprinkles (if using) and freeze until firm, 5 hours.

Step 7

Remove from freezer and let soften, 5 to 10 minutes, then scoop and serve.

Then Enjoy!

For the full article, click on the link below:

<https://www.createkidsclub.com/no-bake-recipes-for-kids/>



SPRING ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Spring is a fun time for kids to learn and [play outside](#). In this blog, we share simple and exciting [spring activities for kids](#) to enjoy during spring. From gardening to [making art](#) and learning about nature, these activities are perfect for little ones to discover new things about the world around them.

Each activity is designed to be fun and teaches something interesting, like patience, creativity, and love for the environment. Let's make this spring memorable for kids with these playful and educational activities!

1. Spring-Themed Worksheets

Adding an activity focused on spring-themed [worksheets](#) offers a quiet, engaging way for kids to learn while celebrating the season. These worksheets can include [puzzles](#), word searches, [coloring pages](#), and [matching games](#) about spring – think flowers, insects, weather patterns, and more.

2. Rock Painting

Rock [painting](#) is one of the most fun spring activities for kids that combines creativity with nature. Kids can express themselves by painting rocks found during nature walks with bright colors and designs.

Materials Required: Smooth rocks, paint (preferably waterproof), brushes, water, and a clear sealant to protect the artwork.

How to Do It: Collect smooth rocks, clean them, and let them dry. Paint the rocks with your favorite designs or messages. Once dry, apply a clear sealant to protect the paint. These can decorate your garden or be given as gifts.

3. Make a Wind Chime

Creating a wind chime is one of the most creative spring [activities for toddlers](#) that helps them explore sounds and work with different materials. The chime produces soothing sounds that bring a sense of calm.

Materials Required: Old keys, beads, strings, a stick, or a metal hanger.

How to Do It: Tie strings to the old keys and beads, ensuring they are secure. Attach these strings to a stick or metal hanger. Hang your wind chime outside where it can catch the breeze.

4. Spring-Themed Baking

If you are looking for [cooking related activities](#), baking with a spring theme is one of the most fun cooking-related spring [activities for kindergarten](#). It's fun to introduce kids to baking using spring-inspired shapes like flowers and butterflies.

Materials Required: Baking ingredients (flour, sugar, eggs, butter), cookie cutters (spring shapes), icing, food coloring, and decorations.

How to Do It: Prepare your cookie or cupcake batter. Use spring-themed cutters for shapes. After baking, let the kids decorate with icing and colorful decorations. This activity is great for [developing fine motor skills](#) and creativity.

5. Build a Miniature Windmill

Discover how wind power works by building a miniature windmill, a perfect [project for kids](#)' spring activities that teach about renewable energy and engineering principles.

Materials Required: Paper, straws, a pin, a pencil with an eraser, and recycled materials (like a small milk carton for the base).

How to Do It: Cut out a [square](#) from the paper and fold it diagonally to make cuts towards the center, but not all the way through. Attach the corners to the straw's end using a pin. Insert the pin into the pencil's eraser to stand. Use the milk carton as a base. Watch the windmill spin in the wind, showing how wind energy works.

Please click the link below for the full article:

<https://www.splashlearn.com/blog/spring-activities-for-kids#:~:text=The%20most%20common%20spring%20outdoor%20activity%20for%20kids%20is%20gardening,seeds%20and%20watch%20them%20grow.>

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HOW TO VALIDATE YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONS

Be present by focusing on your child without distraction.

Be in control of your own emotions before reacting or responding.

Don't try to stop the emotion. Allow your child to openly express what they are feeling without shame or judgment.

Actively listen to your child by using nonverbal language and repeating back what they said.

Ask clarifying questions to avoid miscommunication and to help you understand what they're feeling.

Help your child work through their feelings and remind them that what they are feeling is valid.

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Protect Your Child from Lead in Paint

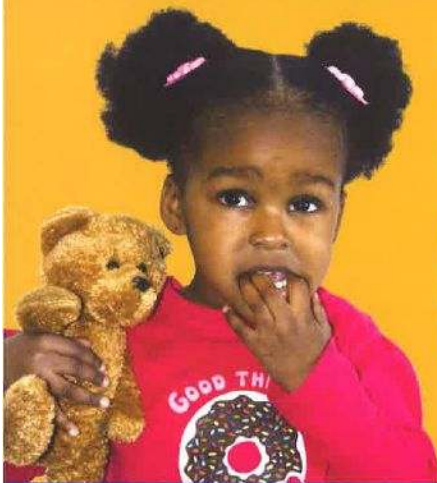
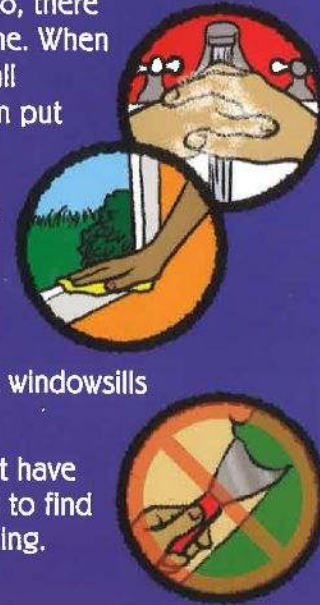
Lead can harm your child. If your home was built before 1978, there may be lead in the house paint inside and outside your home. When paint gets old, it breaks down into dust. This dust spreads all around your home and sticks to hands and toys that children put in their mouths. To keep your child safe from lead in paint:

Wash your child's hands and toys often. Always wash hands before eating or sleeping.

Do not let your child eat paint chips or suck or chew on painted surfaces like windowsills or cribs.

Keep your home clean and dust-free. Mop floors, wipe down windowsills with a clean, wet cloth, wash all surfaces, and vacuum often.

Do not sand or scrape paint unless you know that it does not have lead in it. Call your local Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to find out how to protect your family before remodeling or repainting.



Lead poisoning can make it hard for your child to learn, pay attention, and behave. Talk to your child's doctor about testing your child for lead.

Most children who have lead poisoning do **not look or act sick**. The only way to know if your child has lead poisoning is for your child to get a blood test for lead.

For more information, call your local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:



10/08 www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/clppb

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AMADOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention
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A New Summer Food Program Coming in 2024

Learn how SUN Bucks can help you!

SUN Bucks, also known as Summer EBT (S-EBT), is a new program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Families will get \$120 for each eligible child to buy groceries during the summer. Families must use SUN Bucks within 122 days of funds being loaded to their card. Children who get **SUN Bucks** can still participate in other summer meal programs. **SUN Bucks** will not affect immigration status.



Will my child get SUN Bucks?

Your child will automatically get **SUN Bucks** if:

- They are age 6 - 18 years and get CalFresh, CalWORKs, or Medi-Cal; **OR**
- They are age 0 - 22 years, attending schools that are part of National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs, **AND** are approved for free or reduced price meals. Check with your child's school to make sure your free or reduced-price meal application or Alternative Income Form is on file.

Children who are attending Head Start, experiencing homelessness, living in foster care or part of a migrant family are also automatically eligible.

How do SUN Bucks work?

Eligible families will get **SUN Bucks** on an S-EBT card mailed to their home. You do not need to fill out an application. You will get one new **SUN Bucks** card for each eligible child. You can use **SUN Bucks** just like a debit card to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept CalFresh EBT benefits.

Have You Moved?

Make sure your mailing address is current, so your **SUN Bucks** are sent to the right place! Update your address by April 1, 2024.

- If you get CalWORKs, CalFresh, or Medi-Cal, change your address online at BenefitsCal.com, or call or visit your local county office.
- If you qualify for free or reduced-price meals, change your address at your child's school of attendance. Not sure? Check with your child's school.



USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. • January 2024 • For more information, visit: www.fns.usda.gov/summer
The SUN Bucks program in California is made possible with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service and is brought to you by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE).





Un nuevo programa de alimentos de verano llega en 2024

¡Conozca cómo SUN Bucks puede ayudarle!



SUN Bucks, también conocido como Summer EBT (S-EBT), es un nuevo programa para ayudar a familias comprar alimentos para sus hijos de edad escolar durante el verano. Familias recibirán \$120 por cada niño elegible para comprar alimentos durante el verano. Familias deben usar sus SUN Bucks dentro de los 122 días después de haberse depositado a su tarjeta. Los niños que reciben **SUN Bucks** aún pueden participar en otros programas de alimentos de verano. **SUN Bucks** no afecta el estatus migratorio.

¿Van a recibir SUN Bucks mis hijos?

Sus hijos van a recibir **SUN Bucks** automáticamente si:

- Tienen entre 6 a 18 años y reciben CalFresh, CalWORKs o Medi-Cal; **O**
- Tienen entre 0 a 22 años y asisten a escuelas que forman parte de los Programas Nacionales de Almuerzos Escolares y/o Desayunos Escolares, **Y** están aprobados para comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido. Consulte con la escuela de su hijo para asegurarse que su solicitud de comida gratuita o a precio reducido o que el Formulario de Ingreso Alternativo esté en el archivo.

Los niños que van a Head Start, que no tienen hogar, que reciben cuidado de crianza o que son parte de una familia migrante, también son elegibles automáticamente.

¿Cómo funcionan SUN Bucks?

Familias elegibles recibirán SUN Bucks en una tarjeta enviada por correo a su hogar. No es necesario que llene una solicitud. Recibirá una tarjeta nueva de SUN Bucks por cada niño elegible. Puede usar SUN Bucks como una tarjeta de débito para comprar alimentos como frutas, verduras, carne, granos integrales y productos lácteos en supermercados, mercados de agricultores y otros lugares que aceptan beneficios de CalFresh EBT.

¿Se han mudado?

¡Asegúrese que su dirección postal esté actualizada, para que sus SUN Bucks se envíen al lugar correcto! Actualice su dirección antes del 1 de abril del 2024.

- Si sus hijos reciben CalWORKs, CalFresh o Medi-Cal, cambie su dirección en línea en BenefitsCal.com, o llame o visite la oficina local de su condado.
- Si sus hijos califican para comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido, cambie su dirección en la escuela de asistencia de sus hijos. ¿No están seguros? Consulte con la escuela de sus hijos.



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El programa SUN Bucks en California es posible en parte gracias a la financiación de los Servicios de Alimentos y Nutrición del Departamento de Agricultura de EE. UU. y es financiado por el Departamento de Servicios Sociales de California (CDSS) en asociación con el Departamento de Educación de California (CDE).





LENDING LIBRARY



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

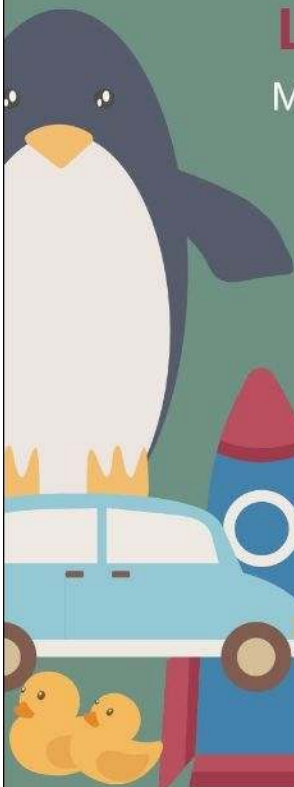
Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Closed 12:00pm-12:30 for Lunch

Visit our Library
Online to reserve
your educational
items today!



trcacrr.myturn.com



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AMADOR COUNTY



CALIFORNIA

A photograph of a swimmer in a yellow cap and goggles, swimming in a pool. The swimmer's arms are extended forward, and water splashes around them. The background is a dark blue circular graphic with white wave-like lines.

The logo for Amador County Public Health, featuring a circular emblem with a stethoscope and the text "AMADOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH" and "Together We Care".

AMADOR POLAR BEAR SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION VOUCHERS

Amador County Public Health is sponsoring a **limited number** of vouchers for swim team registration fees through the Kids' Plates grant. Youth participation on a swim team is a great way to build swim skills which increases water safety for children.

**CONTACT THE AMADOR POLAR BEAR SWIM TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION AT:
WWW.AMADORPOLARBEARS.COM**

The official seal of Amador County, California, featuring a central figure and the text "AMADOR COUNTY CALIFORNIA".

Spring Family Fun Day

McGee Park, on Main Street in Plymouth!

**Bubble fun! Crafts! Face Painting!
Games, games, & more games!
Photo Op area! Prizes!**

**April 13th
11am to 3pm**



**Laurie Story Vela and her guitar -
Children's sing and play along!
11:00am-1:00pm**

**ShirIJAM - Fun music to sing and dance to!
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Taste A Go-Go Food Truck
Mama D's Catering- Hot Dog Stand
Makers Market Vendors
Interactive Booths from A.F.P.D.,
A.C. Sheriff's & A.T.C.A.A.**

Sponsored by City of Plymouth

MUSIC & Movement

Mondays
9:30 to 10:30 AM
Ages 0-5

April 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26

First 5 Amador, 975 Broadway, Jackson

FREE



209-256-8166

info@amadorarts.org

this activity is funded in-part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, arts.ca.gov



Messy Mornings

'Learning Through Play'

"DRESS FOR MESS!"

Join us for messy, unstructured play time!

EVERY FRIDAY

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

First 5 Amador's Indoor/Outdoor Learning Lab

975 Broadway, Jackson

**This playgroup is open to all Amador County children aged
0-5, and their parents or caregivers**

Messy Morning will NOT be in session the following days:

- October 20th; November 10th & 24th; December 22nd & 29th;

March 15th & March 29th; and July 5th

**For more
information, call
209-257-1092**



PLAYGROUPS

FREE to children ages 0 - 5 and
their Mom, Dad, Grandparent,
or Caregiver



All sites ~ 9:30 - 11:30 am

Tuesdays - Jackson ~ 975 Broadway

Indoor and Outdoor Learning Labs

Families start indoor for playgroup or outside for First 5 free play.

Groups will switch mid-way.

WEDNESDAYS ~ Ione

Location changes will be posted on Facebook.

Ione Train Station ~ 1 East Main Street, Ione (weather permitting)

Ione Memorial Hall ~ 207 S. Amador Street, Ione (winter months)

THURSDAYS ~ Plymouth

Plymouth Elementary

18601 Sherwood Street, Plymouth

(Extended Learning Opportunity Program Classroom - ELOP)

All playgroups follow the school district schedule and are not in session:

October 17th, 18th & 19th; November 22nd & 23rd; December 26th, 27th & 28th;

January 2nd, 3rd, & 4th; March 12th, 13th & 14th

Funded by:



975 Broadway (P.O. Box 815), Jackson, CA 95642 ~ 209-257-1092

www.first5amador.com ~ Facebook - first5amador.com

Indoor playgroup hosted by Heather Hall

Outdoor free-play provided by First 5



Mom-Me Time

2023:
November 2nd
December 7th

2024:
January 4th
February 1st
March 7th
April 4th
May 2nd
June 6th

First 5 Amador
5:30-7:00 p.m.
975 Broadway, Jackson
209-257-1092

**Enjoy dinner and discuss tips
regarding challenging behaviors,
picky eaters, and
carving out time for you.**

**We welcome suggestions for future topics
(Bring a friend and be entered
into a drawing for prizes.)**

Please call if you need childcare or have questions.

Hosted by Sara Rader, MS, LPCC, NCC



Welcome Baby!



First 5, First Steps

If you or someone you know in Amador County is expecting or celebrating the arrival of a new baby up to 18 months, Welcome Baby would like to offer you a

FREE GIFT

- Imagination Library - free books from birth until your child turns 5
- Diapers
- Easy-to follow Parent Tips book
- "What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick" book
- T-shirt for baby
- and lots of other fun and helpful information

For information call 209-257-1092
or email f5a@first5amador.com



FREE BOOKS for Amador County Children Ages 0-5!

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Sign your child up today!

All you have to do is read to your child!

It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children from birth, you are giving them one of the biggest boosts toward a successful education they will ever get.

Sign your child up today to receive a new, carefully selected book, mailed to your home each month, from birth until he/she turns 5.

Call **257-1092** or visit **www.first5amador.com** to sign up.

Brought to you by:





FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

Family
PLAY GROUP

SATURDAY | APRIL
20 | 3:00PM-
4:00PM
2024

FIDDLETOWN LIBRARY
14445 FIDDLETOWN ROAD

RSVP & QUESTIONS TO JORDAN KRULA
209-781-5810

FREE TO CHILDREN 0-5 AND
THEIR MOM, DAD,
GRANDPARENTS OR
CAREGIVERS



APRIL 6TH 10AM-1PM FAMILY WELLNESS BRUNCH IN JACKSON

The Family Wellness Project at VMRC invites you to enjoy a free parent support workshop. Brunch, coffee, and childcare provided! Learn about local resources and connect with other families. Register by scanning the QR code or click on the following link [Family Wellness Brunch](#) OR you can email our team at familywellness@vmrc.net.

FREE Childcare

FREE brunch and coffee

Meet local resources and family supports

Parent presentation

Workshop: Ginni Murray, LCSW, Behavior Specialist, watercolorist(& more!)

REGISTER HERE:



HOSTED BY: FIRST 5 AMADOR

975 Broadway
Jackson, CA 95642



**NEW CLASS
STARTING
APRIL 15, 2024**



**Amador Adult
Education**

Located at:
525 Independence Dr.,
Suite A
Sutter Creek, CA 95685
(209) 257-5110 or 5106
AmadorAdultEd.org

**Classes will be held
In-person**

**Instructional Assistant
Class Hours:**

Mon - Wed
3:00 - 6:00 pm
April 15 - May 1, 2024

Space is limited!

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT

Course Includes:

- Unlocking the secrets to becoming an effective & successful Instructional Assistant
- Instructional Assistant test prep
- Interview skills
- Resume building
- Understanding the application process
- Guaranteed interview with ACUSD upon successful completion of course

Enroll Now!

209-257-5110



EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP



APRIL 25TH START

CLASSES ARE FROM 10AM-12PM

MAY 2ND

MAY 23RD

MAY 9TH

MAY 30TH

MAY 16TH

JUNE 6TH

**CALL TO
REGISTER**

209-223-2286

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AVAILABLE

**1 PROSPERITY COURT
SUTTER CREEK**

**891 UNIT L
MOUNTAIN RANCH RD.
SAN ANDREAS**

**11990 HERITAGE OAK PL, 1-B
AUBURN**

**OR - ASK US HOW YOU
CAN ATTEND REMOTELY**



2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

WHEN: AS SCHEDULED BELOW

WHERE: BUENA VISTA WASTE TRANSFER STATION
6500 BUENA VISTA ROAD, IONE,

TEL: 209.274.2237

TIME: 9:00AM TO 1:00PM

**FREE TO
COUNTY
RESIDENTS!**

NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED

Call Waste Management Department at
223-6429

SCHEDULED COLLECTION EVENT DATES FOR 2024:

JANUARY 6, 20

FEBRUARY 3, 17

MARCH 2, 16

APRIL 6, 20

MAY 4, 18

JUNE 1, 15

JULY 6, 20

AUGUST 3, 17

SEPTEMBER 7, 21

OCTOBER 5, 19

NOVEMBER 2, 16

DECEMBER 7, 21

COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS

ACCEPTED: *WASTE LIMIT: 15 GALLONS OR 125 POUNDS PER TRIP*

GASOLINE

HYDRAULIC FLUIDS

POOL CHEMICALS

MERCURY PRODUCTS (THERMOSTATS & SWITCHES)

HOME-USE SHARPS (INJECTION NEEDLES)

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES

COOKING OIL

NON-EMPTY AEROSOL CANS

PESTICIDES & INSECTICIDES

PAINTS & THINNERS

MATTRESSES

CARPETING

OLD/EXPIRED MEDICATIONS (RX) - TAKE TO LOCATIONS: JACKSON PD, IONE PD,

IONE PHARMACY, WALGREENS

Fluorescent Tubes & Bulbs
Household Batteries

Take to:

Meeks Lumber
Ione Ace Hardware
Pine Grove Hardware
Pioneer Hardware

Electronic Devices

Cell Phones

Computers & Televisions

Used Motor Oil

Accepted at ACES Buena Vista
and Pine Grove Stations during
Normal Business Hours

NOT ACCEPTED:

Explosives, ammunition, narcotics, radioactive waste.

For more information please call Amador County Waste Management Department at 223-6429 or visit

www.amadorgov.org/departments/waste-management-recycling



Green Waste Voucher Program 2024

- ♦ **200 Vouchers** distributed each month on a first come, first serve basis (*months of April, May, June, July, August, and September*)
- ♦ 1 per household. Four (4) cubic yards of green waste disposal at no charge**
- ♦ Valid only at ACES Pine Grove Transfer Station

**Loads exceeding 4 cubic yards is at the owners expense

Vouchers will be handed out on the days below:

- March 26-28
- April 23-25
- May 28-30
- June 25-27
- July 23-25
- August 27-30

Location: Pioneer Veterans Hall

Time: 10am to 2pm or until they are gone

These events are sponsored by the Amador Air District

"Protecting Air Quality"

Questions: (209) 257-0112





Grandparent Café

SUPPORT & RESOURCES FOR
GRANDPARENTS RAISING
GRANDCHILDREN

Free Respite Program

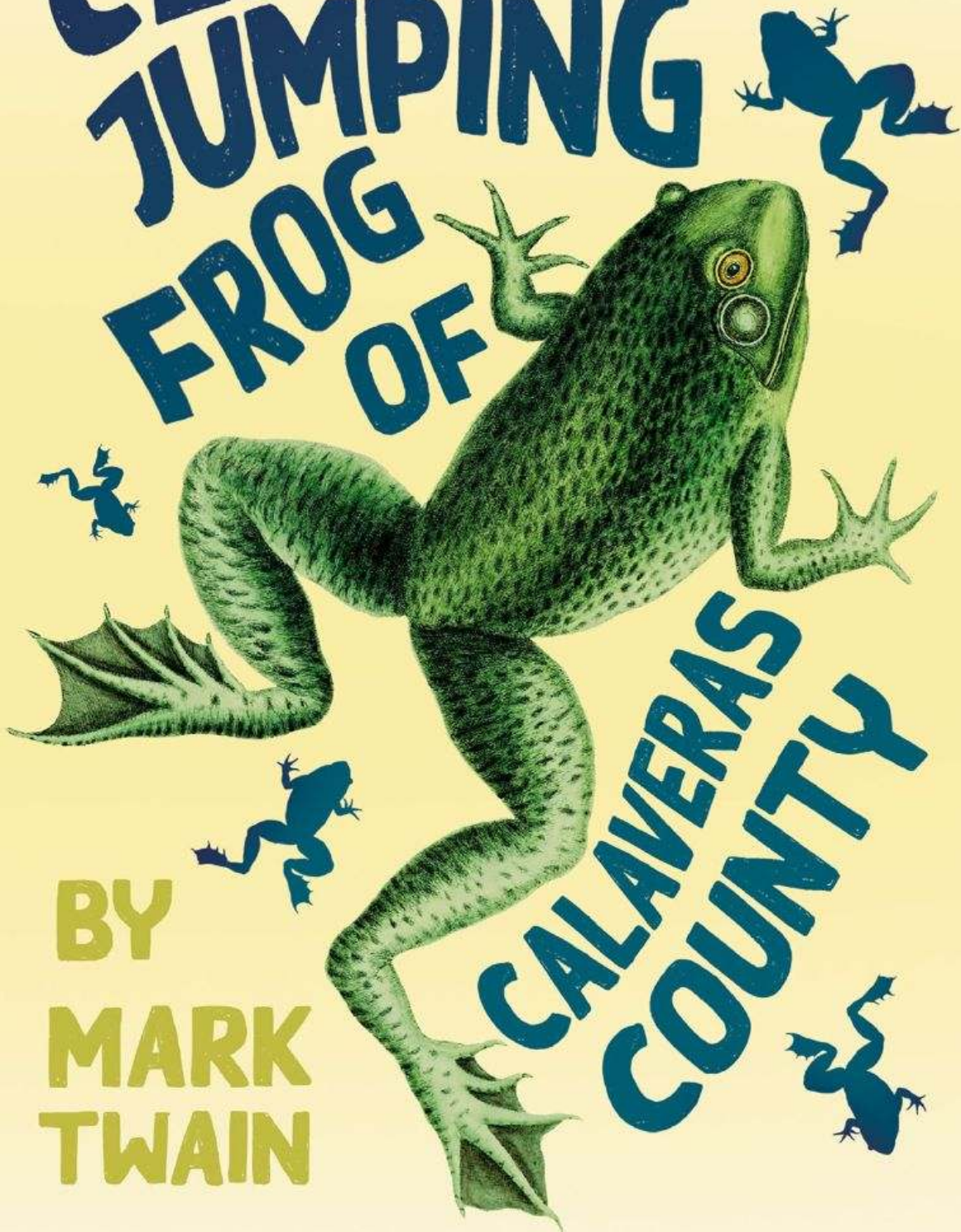
Quarterly Meet Ups

Monthly Zoom Meetings

**For more info call (209) 754-1075
or email dbohall@trcac.org**

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**THE
CELEBRATED
JUMPING
FROG
OF**



**BY
MARK
TWIN**

**CALAVERAS
COUNTY**

Food Distributions

Calaveras County Food Distribution Hours and Locations

The Resource Connection Food Bank

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday 09:00 am to 4:30 pm

Closed for lunch 12 :00 p.m. to 12 :30 p.m.

CLOSED – Thursdays

PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING

206 George Reed Drive, San Andreas, CA
(209) 754-1257

The Resource Connection Food Bank Mobile Pantries :

Copperopolis : Armory - 1st Thursday of every month - 9 :00 - 11 :00am

Rail Road Flat: Rail Road Flat School - last Thursday of every month - 10 :00am - 12:00pm

West Point: West Point Community Hall - 2nd Wednesday of every month - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (WIC Site)

Community Pantries	Community Pantries
Community Food Pantry 785-4302 3586 Spangler Lane #3, Copperopolis 3 rd Thursday of the month 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Mountain Ranch Resource Center 7889 Whiskey Slide Rd, Mountain Ranch; 754-4073 3 rd Thursday 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Chapel in the Pines 2286 Cedar Lane, Arnold; 795-1064 Tuesdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Community United Methodist Church 135 Laurel Street, Valley Springs; 772-2429 1 st Friday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
St. Patrick's Helping Hands Across from St. Patrick's Church, Angels Camp; 736-4575 Mondays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Good Samaritan Church 4684 Baldwin Street, Valley Springs; 772-9548 2 nd & 4 th Saturdays 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Sierra Hope Food Pantry 1168 Booster Way, Angels Camp; 736-8792 Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Stone Corral Community Church 9441 Hwy 26, Valley Springs; 786-2448 3 rd Wednesday of the month 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Seventh Day Adventist Church 140 N. Main/Highway 49, Angels Camp; 736-6806 Tuesdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	

The Engaging Families
Resource Empowering Communities
Connection Enriching Lives

Revised 1/19/2024



Valley Springs

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 10AM - 12PM

Jenny Lind Memorial District

300 Daphne Street
Valley Springs, CA 95252



Angels Camp

Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10AM - 12PM

Angels Camp Library

358 North Main Street
Angels Camp, CA 95222



Arnold

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 11AM - 1PM

Arnold Branch Library

1065 Blagen Road
Arnold, CA 95223



West Point

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 11AM - 1PM

Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families

364 Main Street
West Point, CA 95255



Contact Silver Streak Transport at (209) 498-2246 for transportation support.

This series is the pilot of a community-based social gathering initiative to address social isolation amongst rural older adults.

Sign up for the Healthy Aging Program Newsletter to stay up-to-date about future dates, events and information by scanning the QR code or visit:

form.jotform.com/ccph/healthyagingnews





**Free
ENTRY!**

**Plenty of
parking!**

Spring Pop Up Event

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH
10am - 2pm

1170 PALOMA RD
VALLEY SPRINGS CA 95252

Lots of Vendors!

SUBLIMATION CLOTHING & ITEMS TUMBLERS, SCENTSY, HOME DECOR, COFFEE, FOOD, CANDLES, FREEZE DRIED CANDY CRYSTALS AND MUCH MORE!!
join us for a scavenger hunt!

come ready to SHOP! STOP BY FOR a GREAT DAY!

reach out to amy (209) 471-1646 OR
THERESA (209) 642-1260 TO BE a VENDOR



Trees & Plants!

Kids aged 8 and above, come explore the wonders of trees and plants with our amazing Parks Pass Program!



Get ready to channel your inner scientist by collecting samples and cracking open the John Muir Laws book. And guess what? You'll even get to play with a handheld microscope and zoom into some epic specimens on slides!



Let's dive into a world of leafy fun!



All Dates, Locations & Times

Copperopolis: Tuesday, April 2nd at 2:30 PM

San Andreas: Wednesday, April 3rd at 3:00 PM

Valley Springs: Tuesday, April 9th at 2:15 PM

Arnold: Thursday, April 11th at 2:15 PM

Mokelumne Hill: Friday, April 12th at 12:30 PM

Angels Camp: Tuesday, April 16th at 3:00 PM

Murphys: Thursday, April 18th at 3:00 PM

The Terrace Plaza Summer Events

Corner of Vista Del Lago & Hwy 26, Valley Springs

FLEA MARKET

4th Saturday
of each
summer month

8am-2pm

Apr. 27 -- May 25 -- June 22 -- July 27 -- Aug. 24 -- Sept. 28

The Terrace Plaza will be having their Flea Markets on the 4th Saturday of each month April and through September. Only \$20 per space to sell your treasures. Just show up the morning of the Flea Market at 7am to set up. Flea Market runs from 8 am to 2 pm. Please call (707) 292-3114 for more information.



Valley Springs Cruzer's Cruise Night

1st Friday of the Month
April through October
6pm - 8pm
4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4

50's Music & great food in the plaza so
bring the family & your classic car!
Come walk down memory lane!



4th Fridays at dusk
April through September

4/26, 5/24, 6/21, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27

Bring your lawn chairs,
blankets, munchies . . .
and remember to bring your
kids, friends & neighbors!



The 11th Annual
CHILI COOK OFF

Mtn. Ranch Community Park

Sunday, April 21st

11:30am to 2 pm

Tasting Fee: \$5

\$100 Grand Prize

& Other Prizes

Enter your **Chili**: \$10

Food & Fun 4 All!

Petting Zoo and Vendors

Silent & Dessert Auctions

Music & Entertainment

All Proceeds Support Mtn. Ranch 4H Club



Info: Call 209-996-4910 or skipnshannon@gmail.com



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

4-H Youth Development Program

FREE FREE FREE

RABIES VACCINE & MICROCHIP DRIVE-THRU CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS







→ Open to Calaveras County Residents Only ←

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024
9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

with attending veterinarian Alissa Burnett, DVM

 All cats 
 must be 
 in secure 
 carriers 



 All dogs 
 must be 
 on leash 

 **Calaveras County Government Center** 
891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas

More upcoming 2024 clinics: 5/11, 6/8, 9/14, 10/12



Brought to you by Friends of Calaveras Animal Services
A 501c3 non-profit supported by community donations 🐾
www.focasweb.com

Questions? (209) 754-6509
Calaveras County Animal Services





Hello

April

Hello Spring!

And hello to New Things!

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ACCC Mtg. 1:00 PM @ ACOE	3	4	5	6 Calaveras Children's Fair CHS 11-2 PM
7	8	9	10 Grandparent Café Via Zoom 9:30 am	11	12	13
14	15	16 CCCC Mtg. 9:00 AM @ CCOE	17	18 Provider Night 4:30-7 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Celebrate Our Children Argonaut HS 11-2 PM
28	29	30				

Resource and Referral Newsletter & Professional Development

Amador & Calaveras Office (209) 754-1075

PROVIDER WORK NIGHT

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 4:30PM-7:00PM



Learning Resources

Open to all Providers

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.



Lending Library

Over 4000 children's books and educational items available for loan. All developmental areas available. Large selection of teaching books.



Grandparent Café

SUPPORT & RESOURCES FOR
GRANDPARENTS RAISING
GRANDCHILDREN

Online meetings held on Zoom
2nd Wednesdays at 9:30am

Click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82613983166>
Call: 1-669-900-6833 ID# 826 1398 3166

For more info about the meetings:
call (209) 754-1075 or email dbohall@trcc.org

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2024

Jan 10

Feb 14

Mar 13

Apr 10

May 8

Jul 10

Aug 14

Sep 11

Oct 9

Nov 13

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rr.trcac.org

Amador & Calaveras Counties need you!

Work from home & make a difference. Become a child care provider today!

- Earn income while staying home with your own kids.
- Technical assistance to start and strengthen your program. Free education for providers!
- Claim tax deductions for the business use of your home.
- Equipment lending library & consumable closet.

Contact The Resource Connection today for more details!

209-754-1075 or email kfrazier@trcac.org



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- Calaveras Early Childhood Programs, Early Head Start centers enrolled 42 infants & toddlers; of the 42 infants and toddlers, 18 had Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP).
- Head Start centers enrolled 144 preschoolers; of the 144 children, 56 had Individual Education Plans (IEP).
- Early Head Start Home Base enrolled 63 infants and toddlers and 9 prenatal moms. Of the 63 infants & toddlers enrolled, 9 had Individual Family Service Plans.
- Meals served: breakfast 12,502; lunch 12,738; and afternoon snack 6,220.

CALAVERAS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Early Childhood Programs offer high-quality childcare to eligible children and families. The program completes screening and assessments on all children, provides nutritious meals and snacks, with a focus on school readiness.

CALAVERAS CRISIS CENTER

Providing Support Services for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims/Survivors & their families.

CALAVERAS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Providing Support Services for Child Victims of Crime and their families.

- The Crisis Center provided assistance to 338 individuals who were experiencing domestic violence; of those, 79 received shelter.
- Served 280 child victims of crime, 53 of whom also received forensic interviews.
- Provided no-cost therapeutic services to 264 children.

Distributed 1,025,823 lbs. of food

- The Food Bank had 1,971 hours of labor donated by members of the community.
- Provided 37,817 individuals with nutritious food.

FOOD BANK FOR CALAVERAS COUNTY

We believe strongly in the health of our community and in providing nutritious foods to those experiencing food insecurity.

AMADOR AND CALAVERAS WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Special supplemental nutrition program for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to the age of 5. This program includes nutrition education, referrals, breastfeeding support, and peer counseling.

- Mobile WIC Sites: 5 in Amador County, 7 in Calaveras County.
- The average value of a WIC food package per person was at least \$62.

- The Child Care Resource and Referral Program processed 6,163 child care payments for a total of \$3.5 million.
- CCR&R provided 628 child care referrals and 21,900 general referrals to community resources.

AMADOR AND CALAVERAS CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL PROGRAM (CCR&R)

Helping families obtain affordable, quality child care that best suits their needs, along with supporting child care providers in all aspects of the early learning field.



The Resource Connection

Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives

Vision

Strong Families, Sustainable Communities, and Successful Individuals.



Mission

The Resource Connection's mission is to engage families, empower communities, and enrich the lives of the residents of Amador and Calaveras counties.



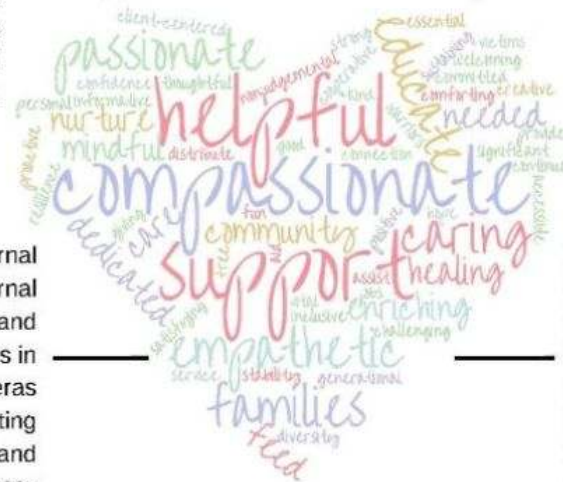
2022-2025 Strategic Plan Key Goals

Increase access and awareness of client services by measuring increases in referrals to internal and external agencies.

Strengthening internal and external collaborations and communications in Amador and Calaveras Counties by conducting employee surveys and requesting partner agency narrative feedback.

Improving employee satisfaction and retention which will be measured by internal surveys indicating improved employee job satisfaction.

Develop diversified funding sources through community awareness and ongoing Board recruitment and development which will later be measured by an increase in unrestricted funding and an increase in Board members.



Based on the Fiscal Year 21-22 audit, 95% of the total program revenues supported program goals and activities, with the remaining 5% allocated to administrative expenses.



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