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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

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*Resource Newsletter
We're so glad you're here!*

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

It is my pleasure to shine a spotlight on an incredible group of individuals in our community—our Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) child care providers. We want to take a moment to recognize the vital role you play in the lives of so many children and families.



FFN providers offer something truly special: a familiar and trusted environment where children are nurtured and cared for by those they already know and love. Whether it's a grandparent caring for their grandchildren, a close friend stepping in to help a working parent, or a neighbor opening their doors to offer support, the impact of FFN care cannot be overstated.

Why FFN Care Matters:

Trust and Familiarity: Children thrive in environments where they feel safe, known, and understood. FFN care offers this sense of comfort and security.

Flexibility: FFN providers often offer flexible care arrangements that meet the unique schedules and needs of families.

Strong Relationships: The close bonds between providers and families foster rich relationships that support not only the children's growth and development but also the well-being of families.

Supporting Our FFN Providers:

At The Resource Connection, we recognize the unique needs and challenges that FFN providers face, and we're committed to supporting you. From training opportunities to resources and technical assistance, we are here to help you continue providing excellent care.

Warm regards,
Sheri Noble



Friend, Family & Neighbor Care

TrustLine Background Check is a helpful tool for parents choosing a potential nanny or babysitter. Caregivers Registered with TrustLine, have no disqualifying criminal convictions, arrests or substantiated child abuse reports in California.

[Read More](#)

FROM THE SUBSIDY DEPARTMENT



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.

[Attendance Forms](#)

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Check out our Newest article from The Child Care Provider Network

Embrace the Season with a trip to the pumpkin patch!

Fall is here, and it's the perfect time to embrace the season with a trip to the pumpkin patch! Visiting a local patch can offer endless opportunities for learning and fun, from picking pumpkins to exploring nature. If you can't make it in person, don't worry—we've got you covered! Join us for a virtual pumpkin patch tour, where children can enjoy the sights and sounds of fall from the comfort of their home or classroom. This interactive experience will spark curiosity and engage young minds!



[Visit Child Care Provider Network](#)

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Finger counting enhances addition performance in kindergarteners

The Question is often asked by teachers about whether children should be encouraged to use their fingers to solve basic calculations is addressed.

[Full Article](#)

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The Engaging Families
Resource Empowering Communities
Connection Enriching Lives

Amador & Calaveras County

Work From Home!

Child Care Resource & Referral is your trusted partner in the path to starting your family child care business. We offer guidance, trainings and valuable resources.

Infant/ Toddler care & after hour/ weekend care needed!

Personalized support to help you succeed

Business start up reimbursement's and supplies available.



DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN?

**CONTACT
US!**



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Karen Frazier



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Mokelumne Hill 95245

Visit us at rr.trcac.org - Be a Child Care Provider

Work with us today

Have any questions about providing child care?

We have dedicated staff to assist you in obtaining your family child care license, building your business and professional development!

let's chat!

GOOD TOYS ARE HARD TO FIND



DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN BORROW OURS

Child Care Resource & Referral Lending Library

ALL FUN AND FREE

Our lending library provides a free play - literacy learning environment for providers and families to explore and borrow really fun toys and educational materials. The collection is designed for infants- toddlers, preschool and school age children. The library also includes a wide selection of picture, chapter, parenting and Early Learning provider books.

LOTS OF WAYS TO PLAY

Building blocks, and musical instruments for creative play. Toys for dramatic play such as cars, trucks, & farm animals. Marble runs and sequence beads for sensory play. Sports equipment for large muscle physical play. Books for all stages of reading, including child care provider business support.

LOTS OF TOYS LEND

The Lending library offers a community resource that allows families, providers, teachers and agencies to meet the specific and growing needs of children in a cost effective way. Items may be borrowed free of charge for up to 3 weeks with a valid TRC lending library account.



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Check us out!

Over 5,00 educational items available

We add new items monthly. 8085 Hwy 26 Suite G Mokelumne Hill 95245

Visit our library online

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RR (Resource & Referral) Child Care Provider Resources



Growing Up WILD

PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES - WE WILL BE GOING ON A SHORT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!

REGISTER ONLINE:



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
6:00 - 8:00 PM

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!

Join us for an adventure!

The Resource Connection
Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
Inspiring Lives
Child Care Resource & Referral

**IN-PERSON - 8085 HWY 26, STE G
MOKELUMNE HILL**

Discover fun and educational ways to connect young children with nature through the "Growing Up WILD" workshop. This hands-on training will provide child care providers with resources and activities to inspire a love for wildlife and the outdoors.

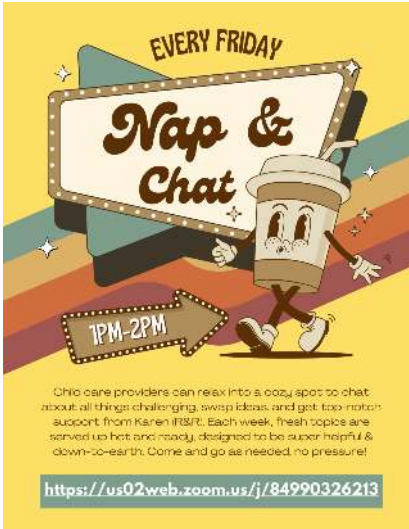
Date: October 24th, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Location: TRC Office 8085 Hwy 26
Mokelumne Hill 95245
[REGISTER](#)

?Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your program with engaging nature-based learning.

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EVERY FRIDAY

Nap & Chat

1PM-2PM

Child care providers can relax into a cozy spot to chat about all things challenging, swap ideas, and get top-notch support from Karen IT&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>

Join Us for Nap & Chat!

We are thrilled to introduce "Nap and Chat," a dedicated time for child care providers to receive technical assistance and connect with each other while the children nap. This is your chance to ask questions, share experiences, and gain valuable insights from both our team and your peers. Every Friday 1pm-2pm

[ZOOM Link](#)

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OCTOBER 2024 WWW.RR.TRCAC.ORG VOLUME #11

CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, October 17th 4:30 - 7:00 pm

We are excited to invite you to our Child Care Provider Night! This evening is dedicated to helping you connect with local child care providers, ask questions of our staff, and receive items to enrich your program. Our lending library will also be open and stocked with new items!

This month we are visiting the pumpkin patch! We will also have a visitor from Calaveras Public Health Dental Program. Health & Safety Items will be in house.



100 COUNT 25 9" PAPER PLATES

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August 17th is Child Care Provider Night! Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. We will have staff from First 5 Calaveras in person to speak about Children's Children's Dental Health.



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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Are you a grandparent raising your grandchild in Amador County? We still have room in our Grandparent Respite Program. Contact **Danell Bohall** for more information.

UPK MIXED DELIVERY WORKGROUP MEETINGS 2024-2025

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 3:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 3:30 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 12 5:30 PM

UPK Mixed Delivery systems offer a variety of early learning and child care settings to allow parents and guardians an authentic choice to meet the needs of their families. The local UPK Mixed Delivery workgroup identifies program types available to families and develops clear access and information about these options. All meetings are open to the public.

Amador Child Care Council
For questions, please contact Amador Child Care Planning Council: (209) 754-1075
www.enrollamador.org & 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

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UPK Universal PreKindergarten ENROLL CALAVERAS

UPK WORKGROUPS

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

TUES 22 **OCTOBER 22, 2024 @ 10:30 AM**
Child Care Resource and Referral
8085 Hwy 26 Sta. G
Mokelumne Hill CA 95245

TUES 21 **JANUARY 21, 2025 @ 5:30 PM**
Calaveras Office of Education
185 S. Main St.
Angels Camp CA 95222

TUES 18 **MARCH 18, 2025 @ 10:30 AM**
Child Care Resource and Referral
8085 Hwy 26 Sta. G
Mokelumne Hill CA 95245

TUES 20 **MAY 20, 2025 @ 5:30 PM**
Calaveras Office of Education
185 S. Main St.
Angels Camp CA 95222

COME BY TO GAIN INSIGHT ON THE EARLY LEARNING AND CARE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 3 AND 4 YEARS OLD. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CONTACT US
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Know the Law About Who May Pick Up a Child From Child Care
From The Child Care Law Center



Learn more about the law

CP (Community Partners) Keeping Communities and Children Connected



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 :209/257-4092 or email q4k@first5amador.com

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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 Andahi
aandahi@calaverascounty.gov 209-754-6916





Register Here

ENROLL AMADOR

Children who take part in early childhood programs and activities have improved social skills, do better in school, and learn important life skills that stay with them forever... which in turn promotes healthy, successful children and youth.

Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) is a Mixed Delivery System that brings together ALL of these program options in one simple, helpful place.

Mixed Delivery Systems offer a variety of early learning and child care settings to allow parents and guardians an authentic choice, to meet the needs of their own families.

The new ENROLL AMADOR WEBSITE is your guide!

www.enrollamador.org
& "Enroll Amador" Facebook page

For questions, please contact Amador Child Care Planning Council: (209) 754-1075

UPK Universal PreKindergarten | California's Gold Standard

UPK Universal PreKindergarten ENROLL CALAVERAS

Your guide to help families in Calaveras County choose the best early learning and child care options for their children.

Families with 4 year olds have many early learning options that include: TK, private preschool, care through family childcare homes, and subsidized programs.

ENROLLCALAVERAS.ORG

Enrollment open beginning
Tue 8, 2023 and Tue 2, 2024

Enrollment open beginning
Tue 8, 2024 and Tue 2, 2025

Enrollment open beginning
Tue 8, 2025 and Tue 2, 2026

Enrollment open beginning
Tue 8, 2023 and Tue 2, 2024

Enrollment open beginning
Tue 8, 2024 and Tue 2, 2025

Enrollment open beginning
Tue 8, 2025 and Tue 2, 2026

Find the best fit for you and your family by using our online guide!

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS SPONSORED 0-5 PLAYGROUPS

Mondays 10:30-11:00am @ The San Andreas Community Covenant Church Gym
Not in Session During CUSD Breaks

Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am
@ The Rail Road Flat Community Center

Wednesdays Story Time 10:30-11:00am
Free Play 11:00am-12:30pm
@ The San Andreas Library

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 @ The Blue Mountain Youth Center, Main St. West Point

Fridays 10:00am @ The Makelumne Hill Library

STRONG START Calaveras

For more information:
first5calaveras.org
or scan QR

Playgroups

Free to all children ages 0-5 in Amador County and their Mom, Dad, Grandparent, or Caregiver

All Sites 9:30-11:00am

Tuesday-Jackson
First 5 Amador Learning Lab
975 Broadway, Jackson

Wednesday-Ione
Ione Memorial Hall
207 S Amador St, Ione

Thursday-Plymouth
Plymouth Community Church
38519 Poplar St, Plymouth

Playgroups will not be in session:
Nov. 26, 27, 28
Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31
December 5th and 12th (Plymouth)

For questions call (209)257-1092 or check

talk, read, sing, play!

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 18, November 1 and 29, December 27 (2024)

For more information, call 209-257-1092

Understanding the Basics of an Individual Education Program (IEP)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Light meal available at 5:30pm)

First 5 Amador
Margaret Dalton Children's Center
975 Broadway, Jackson, CA
near the corner of Broadway and Clinton (behind the CHP)

Topics in this workshop include:

- Rights of parents and their children with disabilities
- Assessment, eligibility, IEP meetings, and problem resolution
- Developing effective individual education plans for your child
- Effective communication with professionals

There is no cost to attend this workshop. Please call First 5 Amador, 209-257-1092, to save your seat. Free child care is available; please notify First 5 Amador when you register.

This workshop is open to parents, caregivers, service providers, and others who wish to learn more about the Individual Education Program.

Presented by: Dena Hernandez, State Council on Developmental Disabilities-North Valley Hills & Lisa Culley, Family Resource Network

Mom-Me Time

October 3rd
5:30 p.m.

Repeating with a new topic on the first Thursday of each month!

Harvesting Food and Memories

Take home a complimentary gift
**while supplies last*

Today's harvest is tomorrow's supper.
Just as today's moments are tomorrow's memories.

Light meal for Moms. Childcare available for 0-7.
Light snack for children. Please call ahead if you need childcare.

209-257-1092

First 5 Amador
975 Broadway
Jackson

Music and Movement CLASSES

Hosted by Ms Lyman

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

September 9, 16, 23, 30
October 7, 21, 28

First 5 Amador
975 Broadway,
Jackson

This activity is funded by First 5 of Amador

JOIN FIRST 5 AMADOR AT THE AMADOR FLOWER FARM FOR Dad & Me (OR GRANDPA, UNCLE, ETC.)

Take home a free pumpkin!

For Amador County children 0-5 years old.

October 5, 2024
11am-12pm

RSVPs are appreciated, but not required.

22001 Shenandoah School Road
Plymouth, CA 95669

209-257-1092
f5a@first5amador.com

Pumpkin Patch
Corn and Hay Mazes
Tram Ride Tour!
Shaded Sand Box
Farm Animal Babies

The First 5 Years

Facilitated by Marina Kooroff

Strengthening Families Parent Education is always free for Calaveras families.

By 3 years old, your child's brain is already 80% developed.
Learn what you can do to give them the best start.

Child development basics:
Milestones * Critical periods * Nutrition * Safety

Social-Emotional Development:
Attachment * Learning * Social growth

Tuesdays, October 8 & 15

Join on Zoom 5-7 PM

Register Here!

Questions?
Contact Rachelle Sweet
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rsweet@calaverascounty.gov

first5calaveras.org

Nurtured Heart Approach

Facilitated by Denise Combs, MFT

Strengthening Families Parent Education is always free for Calaveras families.

An Introduction to The Nurtured Heart Approach.

Learn about:

- The 3 strands of Nurtured Heart Approach
- Resets- a powerful tool for self-regulation
- Positive Recognition

Wednesdays, October 9, 16 & 23

Join on Zoom 6 - 7:30 PM

Register Here!

Questions?
Contact Rachelle Sweet
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rsweet@calaverascounty.gov

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2024 October

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13	14	15 CCCC 9am	16	17  Provider Night 430-7pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24  Growing Up Wild! 6pm-8pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 		



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