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## WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

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# Resource Newsletter

# We're so glad your here!

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Providers and Families,

As we enter the month of November, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many things we are grateful for. At The Resource Connection, we are thankful for the dedication and hard work of our child care providers and the trust and partnership of the families we serve. Your efforts ensure that our community's children are nurtured, supported, and prepared for the future.

With the changing season comes new opportunities to engage children in learning and exploration. From fun fall-themed activities to conversations about gratitude and kindness, this time of year offers many ways to encourage curiosity and build important social-emotional skills. As you prepare for Thanksgiving and the winter months ahead, we hope you find time to share the joy of the season with the children in your care.

Please remember to stay vigilant as cold and flu season begins. Now is a great time to refresh hand-washing routines to keep everyone safe and healthy. We're here to support you with resources and information to navigate these seasonal changes.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to quality child care and for all you do for the children and families in our community. We hope you have a wonderful month filled with



warmth and gratitude.

Warm regards,  
Sheri Noble  
Program Manager  
The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral



### 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

### Exploring Precipitation: Fun Weather Activities for Kids

As the fall weather brings more rainy days, it's the perfect time to teach kids about precipitation and the water cycle. From creating a "Water Cycle in a Bag" to making "Rain in a Jar," these fun and interactive activities will help children understand how rain, snow, and other forms of precipitation occur. Dive into the wonders of weather with simple hands-on experiments and outdoor exploration that spark curiosity and a love for learning.



# CHILD CARE TAXES

Learn how to gain a greater deduction on your upcoming tax return! As a Child Care Provider, your tax return is more complex than the average business owner and there may be some rules and deductions you may be missing.

**We invite you to come with questions!**

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Empowering Communities  
Enriching Lives  
**Resource Connection**  
*Child Care Resource & Referral*

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KENYON & ASSOCIATES**



**Time-Space Percentage**  
What you need to know!



**Federal Meal Allowances**



**Business use of home and vehicle**

Register here!



209-754-1075

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 4TH, 2024  
6 PM - 8 PM - ZOOM**

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## Top trends in early childhood education in 2024

Early childhood care and education plays a pivotal role in shaping the foundation of a child's development, fostering lifelong learning, and nurturing a love for exploration and discovery.

[Full Article](#)

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**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!**



**209-754-1075**  
**Karen Frazier**



**8085 Hwy 26 Suite G**  
**Mokelumne Hill 95245**

**Visit us at [rr.trcac.org](http://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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[trcacrr.myturn.com](http://trcacrr.myturn.com)



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Check us out!

Over 5,000 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

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### 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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## CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, November 21st 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!



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Thursday November 21st is Child Care Provider Night! Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. We will be celebrating Friendship!



## 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](mailto: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.





**ENROLL AMADOR UPK MIXED DELIVERY WORKGROUPS**

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.

For info, visit us - [www.enrollamador.org](http://www.enrollamador.org) & 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

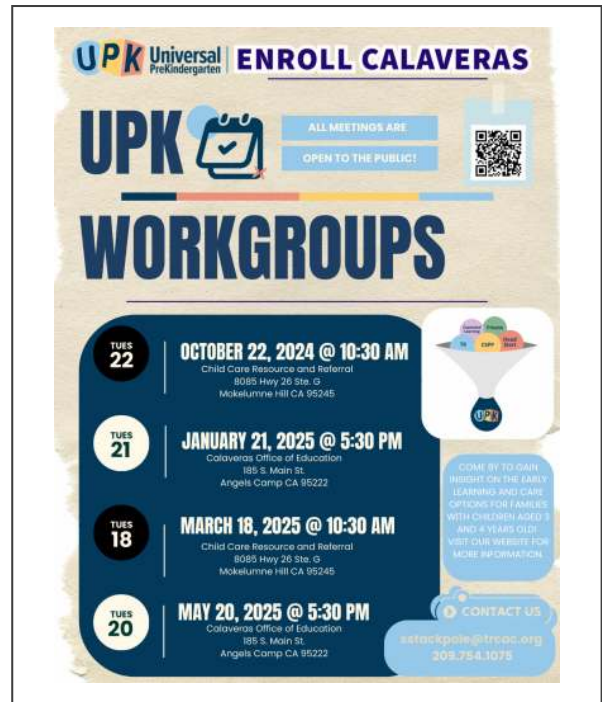
For questions, please contact us - (209) 754-1075 [esimmons@trcac.org](mailto:esimmons@trcac.org)

**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 Universal Prekindergarten ENROLL CALAVERAS WORKGROUPS**

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**TUES 22** **OCTOBER 22, 2024 @ 10:30 AM**  
Child Care Resource and Referral  
8085 Hwy 26 Ste. G  
Mokelumne Hill CA 95246

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

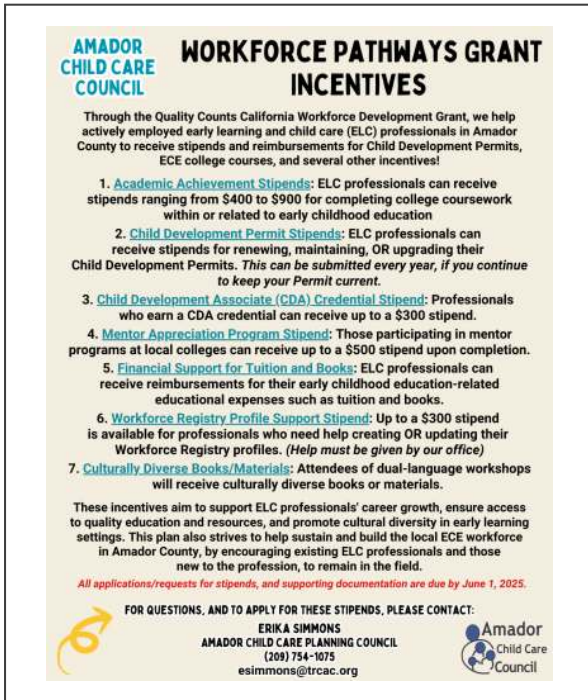
**TUES 18** **MARCH 18, 2025 @ 10:30 AM**  
Child Care Resource and Referral  
8085 Hwy 26 Ste. G  
Mokelumne Hill CA 95246

**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: [estackpole@trcac.org](mailto:estackpole@trcac.org) 209.754.1075

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**AMADOR CHILD CARE COUNCIL WORKFORCE PATHWAYS GRANT INCENTIVES**

Through the Quality Counts California Workforce Development Grant, we help actively employed early learning and child care (ELC) professionals in Amador County to receive stipends and reimbursements for Child Development Permits, ECE college courses, and several other incentives!

- Academic Achievement Stipends:** ELC professionals can receive stipends ranging from \$400 to \$900 for completing college coursework within or related to early childhood education
- Child Development Permit Stipends:** ELC professionals can receive stipends for renewing, maintaining, OR upgrading their Child Development Permits. *This can be submitted every year, if you continue to keep your Permit current.*
- Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Stipend:** Professionals who earn a CDA credential can receive up to a \$300 stipend.
- Mentor Appreciation Program Stipend:** Those participating in mentor programs at local colleges can receive up to a \$500 stipend upon completion.
- Financial Support for Tuition and Books:** ELC professionals can receive reimbursements for their early childhood education-related educational expenses such as tuition and books.
- Workforce Registry Profile Support Stipend:** Up to a \$300 stipend is available for professionals who need help creating OR updating their Workforce Registry profiles. *(Help must be given by our office)*
- Culturally Diverse Books/Materials:** Attendees of dual-language workshops will receive culturally diverse books or materials.

These incentives aim to support ELC professionals' career growth, ensure access to quality education and resources, and promote cultural diversity in early learning settings. This plan also strives to help sustain and build the local ECE workforce in Amador County, by encouraging existing ELC professionals and those new to the profession, to remain in the field.

*All applications/requests for stipends, and supporting documentation are due by June 1, 2025.*

FOR QUESTIONS, AND TO APPLY FOR THESE STIPENDS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
**ERIKA SIMMONS**  
 AMADOR CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL  
 (209) 754-1075  
[esimmons@trcac.org](mailto:esimmons@trcac.org)

Amador Child Care Council



**The Resource Connection**

Complete your professional journey in Early Childhood Education today!

**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 early childhood workforce pathways in Calaveras County by supporting providers actively employed in the early learning sector.

**Our Mission**  
The Resource Connection's mission is to engage families, enrich lives, and empower communities by providing essential resources and support in Amador and Calaveras Counties.

**Participants**  
Working in the Calaveras County Early Learning Providers:  
 • Head Start Staff • Private Preschool Staff  
 • Local Family Child Care Providers  
 • State Preschool Staff • License-Exempt Providers

**Financial Support for Tuition and Books**  
ELC professionals can request assistance for their early childhood education-related educational expenses.

**Academic Education Stipends**  
Stipends ranging from \$400 to \$900 for completing coursework within or related to early childhood education and/or renewing, maintaining or upgrading their Child Development Permit.

**Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Stipend**  
Professionals who earn a CDA credential can receive a \$300.

**Culturally Diverse Books and Materials**  
Attendees of dual-language workshops will receive culturally diverse books or materials.

**ECE Mentorship Program**  
Participants in mentor programs at local colleges can receive up to a \$500 stipend upon completion of 1,000 hours of on-the-job training.

**Workforce Registry Support**  
Up to a \$300 stipend for professionals who need help creating or updating their Workforce Registry profiles.

Complete the application HERE

Contact: Sheri Noble | [snoble@trcac.org](mailto:snoble@trcac.org) | 209-754-1075



## CHILD CARE ADVOCATE PROGRAM

[childcareadvocatesprogram@dss.ca.gov](mailto:childcareadvocatesprogram@dss.ca.gov)

### ***Are you looking to learn more about licensed child care in California?***

The Child Care Advocate Program (CCAP) is here to help! Established in 1984, the CCAP links the Department of Social Services Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP) and the community.

The CCAP's mission is to promote the delivery of child care that meets the unique needs of each community we serve. As a parent, child care provider, employer, educator, or community group, you can count on the Child Care Advocates to provide information and resources about licensed child care.

Child Care Advocates participate in a variety of community activities and special projects to:

- Educate the public and parents about child care licensing,
- Serve as a liaison to child care resource and referral agencies,
- Build relationships with businesses, education groups, child care provider organizations, and other child care programs,
- Assist county government and community agencies in capacity-building and improvement efforts.

The CCAP is administered by the Child Care System's Coordination & Improvement Support Office of the Child Care Program under the Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division.



### **Northern California**

#### **Carla Fernandes-Goes**

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- Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Plumas, San Francisco, San Mateo, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, & Yuba

#### **Danielle Cinder**

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- Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, & Yolo

### **Southern California**

#### **Shoghig Khadarian**

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#### **Jane Cong-Huyen**

[Jane.Cong-Huyen@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Jane.Cong-Huyen@dss.ca.gov)

- Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, & San Diego

#### **CCAP Statewide Manager**

**Tracy Urban** [Tracy.Urban@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Tracy.Urban@dss.ca.gov)

# Amador Quality for Kids

Creating the Best Early Care & Education for Our Children

**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

**Our Partners**  
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FIRST5 CALAVERAS



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

- \* **Social Emotional Development Coaching**- on-site coaching and support with social and emotional observations, environments, expectations and resources.
- \* **Metta Services**- provides "free" mental health trauma informed services to children and families ages 0-5 that are not currently attending mental health services.
- \* **Ready Rosie** - a free educational app - with modeled moments designed to bring valuable lessons into real life situations in an engaging way for everyone.
- \* **Ready for Kindergarten** - booklets all about preparedness and options for tk/k in Calaveras County.
- \* **ASQ** - Ages and Stages early childhood assessment and developmental tracking tool.
- Strong Start Enrollment - Quality Improvement Plan and Professional Development Stipends.

For more information contact Autumn Andahl  
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## 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!  
For questions, please contact Amador Child Care Planning Council: (209) 754-1075  
[www.enrollamador.org](http://www.enrollamador.org)  
& "Enroll Amador" Facebook page

## 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](http://ENROLLCALAVERAS.ORG)



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**  
not in session during CUSD Breaks

**Fridays 10:00am @ The Mokelumne Hill Library**

**Beginning in January 2025:**  
Mountain Ranch Youth Center Monday Mornings  
more info coming soon





## Playgroups

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

**All Sites 9:30-11:00am**

<b>Tuesday-Jackson</b> First 5 Amador Learning Lab 975 Broadway, Jackson	<b>Wednesday-Ione</b> Ione Memorial Hall 207 S Amador St, Ione
<b>Thursday-Plymouth</b> 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

## Mom-Me Time

**WOW**

**November 7th**  
5:30 p.m.

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

Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)

Take home a complimentary gift \*while supplies last

Positive childhood experiences can be linked to good emotional and mental health in adults

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**  
Meet Sara Rader, MS, MCC, IPCC  
First 5 Amador  
975 Broadway  
Jackson

## KNOW FOR SURE

Be sure that your child is in the right car seat.

No-cost car seats and boosters are available to those who attend a safety education and a fitting appointment.

Call a certified car seat technician to schedule an appointment.

Calaveras Public Health  
209-754-6460

CHP San Andreas  
209-306-6400

The Resource Connection  
209-772-3980  
or 209-754-2000

CCPH | INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

## 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

## Adult, Child & Pediatric First aid/ AED & CPR

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.

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral will be offering In - Person Adult/Pediatric CPR & AED with Rhonda Burrow- Rhonda's Safety Training- HSI  
8085 Suite G Hwy 26, Mokelumne Hill 95245

**Sunday, December 8th 2024**  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Space is limited to 12 per class. Registration & \$100 payment must be received by 12/5/24 to reserve your spot.

For Registration information call Karen Frazier (209)754-1075

The Resource Connection





# November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Attendance sheets DUE ACCC 1pm				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	VETERANS Office Closed					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Provider Night 4:50 - 7pm		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				HAPPY THANKS GIVING Office Closed	Office Closed	



Find Child Care

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