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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 December unfolds and the year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible dedication and passion you bring to the lives of the children and families you serve. Your work lights the way for countless little ones, helping them grow, learn, and thrive.



This season is not only a time of celebration but also one of reflection and renewal. As you prepare for the holidays, I encourage you to take a moment for yourselves—to celebrate your achievements, recharge your spirit, and dream about the possibilities the new year holds.

At The Resource Connection, we are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you need training opportunities, resources, or simply a listening ear, please know that you are not alone. We have exciting plans for 2025!

Wishing you and your loved ones a season filled with warmth, joy, and gratitude. Thank you for the vital role you play in our community.

Warm regards,
Sheri Noble

Support The Resource Connection this Giving Tuesday!

This Giving Tuesday, consider making a difference in the lives of children and child care providers in our community. Your support helps us provide valuable resources, training, and materials to child care providers who play a vital role in shaping young minds. Every contribution, big or small, helps us empower child care providers to build stronger families and nurture a brighter future for the children in our community. Thank you for being part of our mission. Together, we can make an impact that lasts a lifetime.



[Visit The Resource Connections Giving Tuesday Donation with Amador Community Foundation page.](#)

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A vibrant orange poster for a Giving Tuesday event. At the top left is the Calaveras Chamber of Commerce logo, which includes a train icon. To the right of the logo is a large red hibiscus flower. The main text reads "GIVING TUESDAY" in large yellow letters, followed by "A HOLIDAY LUAU" in white and "DECEMBER 3RD 2024" in white. Below this is a pink "TICKET" graphic. The central text says "GIVE BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON" and "ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE NON-PROFITS OF CALAVERAS COUNTY". To the left of the text are illustrations of a Santa hat, a Christmas tree with lights, and a smiling pineapple character wearing sunglasses and holding a drink. To the right is a QR code. At the bottom, it says "MOKELUMNE HILL TOWN HALL".

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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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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!

The Engaging Families
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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

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**

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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 - 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 5,000 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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DECEMBER 2024 WWW.RRTRCAC.ORG VOLUME #13

CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, December 19th 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, December 19th is Child Care Provider Night! Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Stop by and grab some much needed holiday supplies and a few fun things too!



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 dbohalla@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**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
3:30 PM**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
5:30 PM**

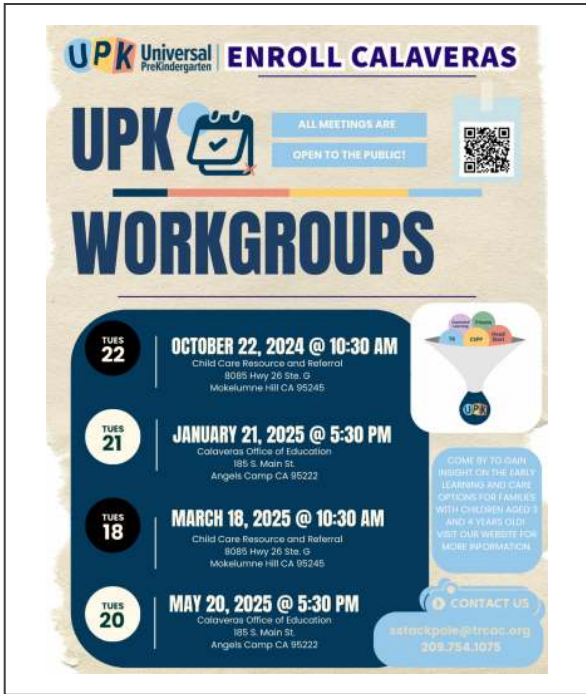
**THURSDAY, MARCH 13
3:30 PM**

**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.

For info, visit us - www.enrollamador.org & 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

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



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
8065 Hwy 20 Ste 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
8065 Hwy 20 Ste 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
estockpole@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

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
Funding is for Calaveras County Early Learning Providers:
Head Start Staff, Private Preschool Staff, Local Family Child Care Providers, State Preschool Staff, License-Exempt Providers

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

Culturally Diverse Books and Materials
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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.

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

Complete the application HERE

Contact: Sheri Noble | snoble@trcac.org | 209-754-1075

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)257-1092 or email q4k@firstsamador.com

Our Partners




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
aandahl@calaverascounty.gov, 209-754-6916



Early Care and Education Get Together

A Calaveras Learning Community, a partnership of Calaveras College, The Resource Connection, and CCEC



Share, Listen, Support, Nurture

Dates: 2025-1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, and 6/11
4:30-6:30PM, 2nd Wed. of the month

VIRTUAL professional learning community. Monthly Get Together via Zoom.

Please RSVP one week before each session:
Alicia Bish, Facilitator
Call or text: 209-401-7666
abish@calaveras.k12.ca.us

ARE YOU...
A New Director? Site Supervisor? Family Child Care Home Provider? Aspiring administrator? Experienced Director with new challenges?


Staff shortages, enrollment challenges, burnt out and exhausted? Feeling overwhelmed? Isolated? Want to start off the year on a positive note? Need a community of support and new ideas? Love to learn and grow?

THEN.....
Come share your challenges and opportunities. Problem solve with others.
Receive support, resources, and build on your strengths.

◊ Professional growth hours available

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Janet Davis-Cook, Facilitator
Call or text: 209-743-6157
jcook@caltel.com

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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.

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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.

Scan QR Code here to visit the new ENROLL AMADOR WEBSITE, and see all options available in Amador County!

The new ENROLL AMADOR WEBSITE is your guide!
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 & 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

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

UPK Universal PreKindergarten California's Great Start

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.

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

Scan me

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

STRONG START Calaveras

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 [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/first5amador) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/first5amador) [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/@first5amador) [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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

December 5th
 5:30 p.m.

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

WOW

Take home a complimentary gift *while supplies last

Relationships

The Beauty and Benefits of Relationships: Family, Friends, and Community by Sara Rader

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
 Alisel Sara Rader, MS, NCC, LPCC
 First 5 Amador, 975 Broadway, Jackson

JOIN FIRST 5 AMADOR AT THE AMADOR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS FOR Dad & Me (OR GRANDPA, UNCLE, ETC.) AT THE 3RD ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival

Saturday, December 14
 10 am - 4 pm

Child and family friendly event!

Join us at our booth for a fun take-home activity!

209-257-1092
fsa@first5amador.com

Music and Movement CLASSES

Hosted by Mrs. Lyman

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

November 4, 18, 25
 December 2, 9, 16
 January 6, 13, 27

First 5 Amador
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12/2024 December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Child Care Taxes Zoom 6pm-8pm	5 Attendance sheets DUE	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19 Prorider Night 4:50-7pm	20	21
22	23	24  Office Closed	25  Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31  Office Closed	Jan 1st, 2025  Office Closed			



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