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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

Resource Newsletter

We're so glad you're here!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Families and Child Care Providers,

As we welcome March, we are reminded of the promise of renewal and growth that comes with the changing seasons. Spring is just around the corner, and with it, new opportunities to nurture the development and well-being of the children in our care.

March is a wonderful time to reflect on early childhood education's critical role in shaping our children's future. Research shows that the first five years of a child's life are foundational for their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Whether you're a parent, caregiver, or educator, your role in fostering curiosity, resilience, and kindness in young children is invaluable.



This month, we encourage you to explore new ways to engage children in learning through play, nature, and creativity. Consider planting seeds together, reading books about spring, or simply spending time outdoors to observe the changes in the environment. These small moments can greatly impact a child's growth and development.

As we move through March, let's embrace the spirit of growth and possibility. Whether you're a parent, provider, or community partner, your efforts make a daily difference. Thank you for being part of the Resource Connection family.

P.S. Don't forget to follow us on social media for daily tips, resources, and updates! Let's make this March a month of learning, connection, and joy for the children in our lives.

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

The **Calaveras Child Care Needs Assessment** is here!

This report highlights the child care needs in our community and how we can support both parents and providers.

Why does this matter?

- Helps shape future child care resources
- Supports working families & providers
- Strengthens early learning opportunities

Check it out **HERE** and be part of the conversation!

THE CALAVERAS CHILD CARE COUNCIL HAS
COMPLETED THE CHILD CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, A
CRUCIAL TOOL IN UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD CARE
LANDSCAPE IN OUR COUNTY.

WE INVITE YOU TO REVIEW THE FINDINGS AND SEE
HOW THEY SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CHILD CARE IN
CALAVERAS COUNTY!





Tuning Out to Tune In: How Time Outside Can Improve Readiness to Learn Inside

As it turns out, the time we spend outside can do amazing work getting our brain ready for the time we spend inside.

[Read More](#)

How did you like this article?



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.

The Resource Connection
Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
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 - 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](#)

RR (Resource & Referral)
Child Care Provider Resources



**Calaveras UPK
Mixed Delivery**



Panel

March | **19** | 6:00 PM
Zoom

Register [Here](#) or use the QR Code Below:



Come learn about the different educational opportunities in Calaveras County for your 4-year-old!

Hear from staff representing Head Start, California State Preschool, Private Preschools, Family Child Care Providers, and Transitional Kindergarten.

enrollcalaveras.org

Questions please reach out to Sheri Noble snoble@trcac.org

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CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, March 20th 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!

The Resource Connection

Thursday, March 20th is Child Care Provider Night! Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Stop by and grab some Weather related goodies.

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.

Calaveras Children's Council Presents

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Rain or Shine

Calaveras CHILDREN'S FAIR

APRIL 5TH, 2025
11AM TO 2PM

For the safety of all attendees, please note that dogs are not permitted at this event.

Music * Public Health * Fire & Police Community Resources * Lunch * Car Seat Checkpoint * Face Painting * Reptiles & Animals * Outdoor Activities

FREE!

Calaveras High School
350 High School St. San Andreas

For more information please contact: 209-754-1075 or kfrazier@trcac.org

A member of the Calaveras Child Care Council (2002) supports the development of affordable, quality, early care which promotes the growth of at-risk children, and the success of our communities.

27th Annual *Rain or Shine!*

Celebrate Our Children Festival!

Join us for Amador County's Premier Annual Event for Children & Families!
Everything is FREE!

MUSIC W/ CLAN DYKEN!
"Unlocking the MYSTERIES of Learning!"
SPECIAL VISIT FROM SHERLOCK HOLMES & DR. WATSON!
TK & CHILD CARE ENROLLMENTS!

FREE LUNCH & JAMBA JUICE!
BIKE RODEO & ENTERTAINMENT! (Bikes are provided)
FACE PAINTING & CAR SEAT CHECKPOINT!
ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS & ADVENTURES!
REPTILE EXHIBIT & SERVICE VEHICLE TOURS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Amador Child Care Council amadorccc.org estemmons@trcac.org


ARGONAUT HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSON

For safety, please NO DOGS, bikes, skateboards

UPK Universal PreKindergarten

California's Great Start





UPK Universal California's Great Start

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.enrollamadior.org & 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

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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

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






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 26 Ste. 9
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 26 Ste. 9
Mokelumne Hill CA 95245

TUES 20

MAY 20, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

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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
209.754.1075

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



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

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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.

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@first5amador.com

Our Partners
The Resource Connection
AMADOR COLLEGE CONNECT
Amador Child Care Council
FIRST 5 CALAVERAS



FIRST 5 CALAVERAS **STRONG START 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
aandahl@calaverasccn.org, 209-754-6916

Early Care and Education Get Together
A Child Care Learning Community, in partnership with Calaveras College, The Resource Connection, and CCPE

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 Ruiz, Facilitator
Call or text: 209-461-7666
ar Ruiz@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
jacook@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.

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
& 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

UPK Universal Prekindergarten | California's Quality 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!

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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 18519 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

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

RAIL ROAD FLAT COMMUNITY CENTER Play Group 2025

NEW DAY (starting February 6)
THURSDAYS 9:30-11am
Families with babies and children 0-5 years old!

RRF Community Center is located at 298 Rail Road Flat Rd. across from RRF General Store (209) 293-4446

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Mom-Me Time

March 6th
5:30 p.m.

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

Watercolors

Make your self-care a priority by creating a one of a kind watercolor to take home!

Take home a complimentary gift *while supplies last

If the cost of transportation is a barrier to attending, please contact First 5 staff.

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

209-257-1092

Meet Suzo Ricker, MS, NCC, IPCC
First 5 Amador
975 Broadway
Jackson

SPONSORED BY FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Music and Movement CLASSES

Hosted by Mrs. Lymah

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

February 3, 10, 24
March 3, 17, 24, 31
April 7, 14, 28

First 5 Amador
975 Broadway, Jackson

This activity is funded by the California Arts Council, Amador Arts Council, and First 5 of Amador

Developmental Milestones

Facilitated by Andria Tiquet, Ed.S.

- Normal social-emotional and physical stages.
- Activities that support your child's development.
- When to ask for more support for your child and what to expect

Wednesday, March 19 5-7 PM

Dinner and childcare provided!

San Andreas Library *Zoom available

Register Here!

Questions? Contact Rochelle Sweet 209-754-6927 rsweet@calaverascounty.gov

209-754-6934 first5calaveras.org

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS



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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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