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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

Resource Newsletter

We're so glad your here!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Child Care Providers, Families,
and Community Friends,

Mark your calendars for April 7-11, 2025 as we celebrate the Week of the Young Child! This special week, created by NAEYC, is our chance to spotlight the incredible importance of early childhood education and the vital role you play in nurturing young minds.



Why We Celebrate

The first five years of life are when children learn more and faster than at any other time. During WOYC, we Celebrate the joy and wonder of early learning, Recognize our amazing early educators, Strengthen partnerships between families and providers, and Advocate for quality early childhood education.

Daily Themes & Simple Ways to Participate

? Music Monday (April 7): Turn everyday moments into musical adventures! Host a parade with homemade instruments or have a dance party with scarves.

? Tasty Tuesday (April 8): Cook up fun and learning! Try making "sunshine smoothies" or "caterpillar crunch" snacks together.

? Work Together Wednesday (April 9): Build community through cooperative projects. Create a giant mural or work together to plant a classroom garden.

? Artsy Thursday (April 10): Let creativity bloom! Set up open-ended art stations with nature items, recycled materials, and lots of colorful supplies.

???? Family Friday (April 11): Celebrate families' important role! Host a special story time, share family photos, or create "all about my family" books.

How Our CCR&R is Celebrating

We're proud to support you during WOYC and all year long with:

Free activity kits for providers during provider night

Special training opportunities focused on playful learning

Advocacy efforts to improve early childhood education in our community

Join the Celebration!

Share your WOYC activities with us using #WOYC2025 and #trcr. We'll feature your posts on our social media!

Warm regards,

Sheri Noble

Program Manager

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral

Amador College Connection- ECE Job Board



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!

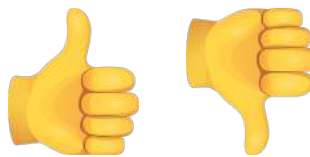


How Mindfulness Can Help Caregivers - Child Mind Institute

One of the biggest challenges of raising a child with intense needs is managing the emotional fallout. Caregivers find techniques reduce stress and anxiety.

[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.

[Attendance Forms](#)

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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 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

In partnership with the Calaveras Child Care Council (CCCC), support the development of affordable, quality, quality child care which promotes the safety of all children, their families, and the community at large.

27th Annual Celebrate Our Children Festival!

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

MUSIC W/ CLAN DYKEN! FREE LUNCH & JAMBA JUICE!

BIKE RODEO & ENTERTAINMENT!
Bikes are provided!

FACE PAINTING & CAR SEAT CHECKPOINT!

ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS & ADVENTURES!

REPTILE EXHIBIT & SERVICE VEHICLE TOURS!

"Unlocking the MYSTERIES of Learning!"

SPECIAL VISIT FROM SHERLOCK HOLMES & DR. WATSON!

TK & CHILD CARE ENROLLMENTS!

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

ARGONAUT HIGH SCHOOL,
JACKSON

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

For safety, please NO DOGS, bikes, skateboards

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CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, April 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!

Christic Matheson
PLANT THE TINY SEED

The Resource Connection

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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Thursday, April 17th is Child Care Provider Night! Join us from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Stop by and grab some Springtime garden related goodies.

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.



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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

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

ENROLL CALAVERAS

UPK WORKGROUPS

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

TUES 22 **OCTOBER 22, 2024 @ 10:30 AM**
Child Care Resource and Referral
8069 Hwy 26 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
8069 Hwy 26 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 INSIGHTS 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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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!

- 1. Academic Achievement Stipends:** ELC professionals can receive stipends ranging from \$400 to \$900 for completing college coursework within or related to early childhood education.
- 2. 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.*
- 3. Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Stipend:** Professionals who earn a CDA credential can receive up to a \$300 stipend.
- 4. Mentor Appreciation Program Stipend:** Those participating in mentor programs at local colleges can receive up to a \$500 stipend upon completion.
- 5. Financial Support for Tuition and Books:** ELC professionals can receive reimbursements for their early childhood education-related educational expenses such as tuition and books.
- 6. 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)*
- 7. 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
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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 for 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 | 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 CHILD CARE COUNCIL
FIRST 5 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 Andah
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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.

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!

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

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

UPK Universal Prekindergarten

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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 child-care 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

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-Pioneer
Faith Lutheran Church
22401 State Hwy 88, Pioneer

For questions call (209) 257-1092 or check

First Quarter of 2025

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

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

Join Us This Month For craft programs at the Library

April

Teen & Adult Crafts With Maria
Folded Paper Flowers

Dates, Times, & Locations

Murphys	Wednesday, April 2nd at 10:30 am
Armedillo	Wednesday, April 2nd at 2:00
San Andreas	Wednesday, April 2nd at 10:30
West Point	Wednesday, April 2nd at 2:30
Angels Camp	Wednesday, April 2nd at 10:00
Copperopolis	Wednesday, April 2nd at 2:30
Mokelumne Hill	Wednesday, April 30th at 10:00
Valley Springs	Wednesday, April 30th at 2:30

Kid's DIY Project
Bunnies

Dates, Times, & Locations

Angels Camp	Tuesday, April 1st at 2:30
Armedillo	Friday, April 1st at 2:30
Valley Springs	Wednesday, April 1st at 2:30
San Andreas	Thursday, April 1st at 2:00
Mokelumne Hill	Friday, April 1st at 2:30
Copperopolis	Tuesday, April 1st at 2:30
West Point	Wednesday, April 1st at 2:00
Murphys	Wednesday, April 1st at 2:30

Music and Movement CLASSES

Hosted by Mrs. Lyman

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

The Kindergarten Bridge Program

"Crossing the bridge to kindergarten"

Priority enrollment deadline: May 15th

June 9th through 26th
No Bridge on June 19th

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-11:30am

Held at the following Elementary Schools:
Ione, Jackson, Sutter Creek, Plymouth, Pine Grove and Pioneer

This FREE program is for children who will attend Kindergarten in the Fall of 2025 and could benefit from a summer transition program.

Please note:
Children who have not attended preschool or TK will be given priority.

For more information call First 5 Amador 209-257-1092

Enrollment forms available at: www.first5amador.com, 975 Broadway in Jackson, or at each elementary school office

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Calaveras Children's Fair REMINDER Attendance Sheets Due
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Provider Night 4:30-7pm	18	19
20 HAPPY EASTER	21	22	23	24	25	26 Celebrate Our Children
27	28	29	30			



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