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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Celebrating Our Unsung Heroes:
Provider Appreciation Day 2025

Every day, child care providers lay the foundation for our children's futures—nurturing curiosity, fostering resilience, and creating safe spaces where young minds can flourish. On Provider Appreciation Day (Friday, May 9, 2025),

we pause to honor these unsung heroes who shape our community one child at a time.



Why Providers Deserve the Spotlight

Child care professionals are more than caregivers; they are teachers, mentors, and often a child's first role model outside the home. Their work extends far beyond supervision:

- They build brains: Through play, stories, and patience, they spark lifelong learning.
- They support families: Enabling parents to work, grow, and thrive with peace of mind.
- They adapt tirelessly: Meeting each child's unique needs with creativity and heart.

Yet, their dedication is too often overlooked. Provider Appreciation Day is our chance to change that. What is the greatest gift we can give? Recognition. A simple "thank you" can remind providers that their work matters—today and every day.

How You Can Participate

1. Say it loud: Tag a provider on social media with #ThankYouChildCareHeroes.
2. Get creative: Kids can make cards, videos, or drawings to share their appreciation.
3. Advocate: Support policies that invest in fair wages and resources for child care professionals.

A Message to Providers

To the tireless individuals who show up with love, energy, and unwavering commitment: You are the backbone of our community. This day is for you, but our gratitude is year-round. However you celebrate—whether it's a quiet moment of pride or a well-deserved break—know that your impact echoes far beyond the classroom.

Happy Provider Appreciation Day 2025!

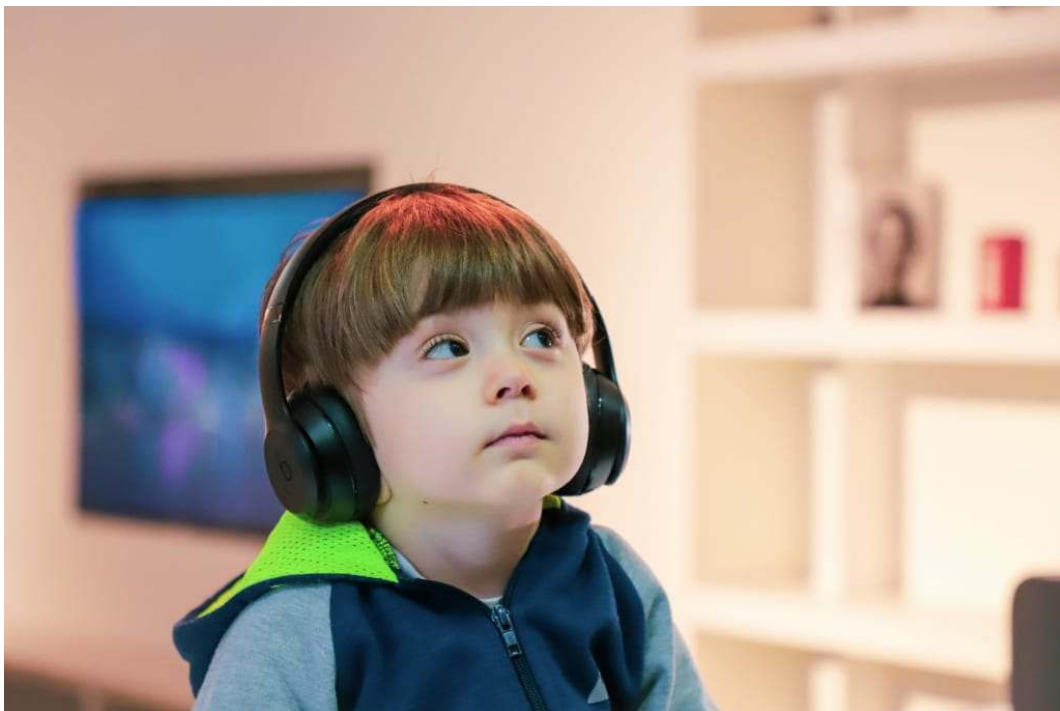
With admiration,
Sheri Noble
Program Manager



25-26 "Voices of Child Care Providers: A Needs Survey"

Please take 2-3 minutes to complete this quick survey. Your feedback will directly guide our priorities, from training workshops to materials and beyond.

[Survey Here](#)

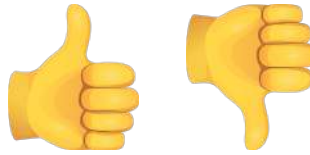


Artificial Intelligence and the Early Childhood Field: Exploring Potential to Enhance Education, Communication and Inclusivity

Particularly for neurodivergent children, AI can be a powerful tool. We spoke with Dr. Julie E. LeMoine to find out more.

[Read More](#)

How did you like this article?



Amador College Connect- ECE Job Board



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](#)

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?

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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



Thursday, May 15th is Child Care Provider Appreciation Night! Join us from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided! Fun, Games & Giveaways!

We care about what you think.

Answer this quick survey to let us know what matters to you and how we can serve you better.



THE RESOURCE CONNECTION
CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL



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

The Resource Connection
Engaging Families • Empowering Communities • Enriching Lives

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
 & 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

For questions, please contact us -
 (209) 754-1075
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



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
estockpola@trcac.org
 209-754-1075



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

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 at 1000 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@firstsamador.com

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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@calaverascounty.gov 209-754-6916

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CALAVERAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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.

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

UPK Universal | **California's Quality Start**

UPK Universal | **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

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

Scan the QR code

Available from January 1, 2023 - January 1, 2024
Available from January 1, 2024 - January 1, 2025
Available from January 1, 2025 - January 1, 2026

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

Strengthening Families Parent Education is always free for Calaveras families.

Hurry Up and Slow Down

Facilitated by Sally Arnold, RN, BSN, MA, and Certified Mindfulness Instructor

Do you feel like you're running on empty?
Frazzled, over scheduled, and exhausted?
You are not alone!

- Bring SLOW DOWN and HAPPY back into your life!
- Shift your pace so you can be fully present as a parent
- Put the CHILD back into Childhood and the SELF into Self-Care

Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22 & 29

Join us on Zoom! 6-7:30 PM

Register Here!

Questions? Contact Michelle Sweet 209-754-6927 mwsweet@calaverascounty.gov

209-754-6914 firstcalaveras.org

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Amador QUALITY FOR KIDS | **MHSA**

THE NURTURED HEART APPROACH TRAINING

May 21st and 28th
Dinner - 5:30pm and Workshop - 6:00-8:00pm
This is a 2-part training.

Come join Denise Marler a certified advanced trainer of The Nurtured Heart Approach at First 5 Amador 973 Broadway, Jackson

The Nurtured Heart Approach - Growing Greatness in our Students

- Learn the "powerful stands" that help us to direct challenging behaviors through our own responses.
- Learn the power of Positive Recognitions to ignite cooperation and greatness in our students.
- Learn the power of the Reset to promote self-regulation in our own and our students.
- Learn why the Nurtured Heart Approach is so effective with all kids, including those with trauma histories.

For more information or to RSVP call Aimee at (209) 257-1092 or email at q4k@firstsamador.com

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Participating Q4k sites will receive PD Certificate and are eligible for attending both trainings.

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 | **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-Pioneer
Faith Lutheran Church
22601 State Hwy 88, Pioneer



First Quarter of 2025

For questions
call (209) 257-1092
or check



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



The Kindergarten Bridge Program

"Crossing the bridge to kindergarten"



Priority
enrollment
deadline:
May 10th

June 9th through 26th

No Bridge on June 18th

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

Hosted by Mrs. Lymari

Music and Movement CLASSES

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

**May 5, 12, 19
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28**

First 5 Amador
975 Broadway, Jackson

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

ATCAA HEAD START

**2025-2026
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

We welcome all children with special needs.

Head Start and Early Head Start are quality early childhood programs focusing on school readiness.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Home visitation for children 0 - 3 years and pregnant women
- Early Head Start Centers for ages 18 months - 3 years
- Head Start/State Preschool for ages 3 - 5 years

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FREE for low-income families

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May 5/2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	REMINDER Attendance Sheets Due					
11	12	15	14	15	16	17
<i>Mother's Day</i>				 Provider Appreciation Night 430-8pm		
18	19	20	21	22	25	24
25	26  HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31



Find Child Care

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