

RR.TRCAC.ORG June 2025

WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

As we welcome the sunny days of June, I'm reminded of the joy and energy that summer brings—and the importance of keeping our children safe while they explore, learn, and grow.

At The Resource Connection, we're committed to supporting safe, high-quality child care all year round. This summer, let's work together to ensure every child has a season filled with fun, learning, and protection. Here's how you can help:

Providers: Refresh your safety practices—sun protection, hydration, and active supervision are key! .

Families: Need care this summer? We can connect you with licensed providers.

Community Members: Know someone passionate about caring for kids? Encourage them to join our network of providers! We offer guidance every step of the way.

Together, we can make this summer both joyful and safe for our children. Thank you for being part of this vital mission!

Stay cool and safe,

Sheri Noble

Program Manager

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral



The Importance of Child Care
A Calaveras Child Care Council Production





Teach children that swimming in open water is different from swimming in a pool. Be aware of situations that are unique to open water, such as limited visibility, depth, uneven surfaces, currents and undertow.



SAFE
KIDS
WORLDWIDE

**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

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](#)



Building Executive Function Skills Through Games: The Power of Playful Learning

The 3- and 4-year-old children in Mr. Garcia's classroom are engaged in a game of Freeze Dance. Mr. Garcia says, "As the music plays, you may twist, jump, or wiggle, but remember: to keep your body safe, you need to stay a safe distance from your neighbor."
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[Read More](#)

How did you like this article?



It's not just that they "don't want to stop playing." There are real developmental reasons behind those tricky moments between activities

Why kids struggle with transitions

1

Difficulty Understanding Time

Young children often don't have a clear grasp of how long a minute or 10 minutes really is.

2

Executive Functioning Concerns

Skills like planning, shifting attention, and self-monitoring are all still developing. Transitions require stopping one task, switching attention, and preparing for what's next.

3

Emotional Regulation Issues

Transitions can feel abrupt, especially if a child is doing something they enjoy. Without strategies to process those emotions, transitions can trigger outbursts, or refusals.

4

Not Knowing What to Expect

Most children feel safest when they know what is coming next. Transitions without warning can feel chaotic and scary.

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Amador College Connection- 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?

**CONTACT
US!**



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Karen Frazier



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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



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.



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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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.enrollamador.org
 & 'Enroll Amador' Facebook page

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

For questions, please 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!

- 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
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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

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 of 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

Our Partners

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Amador College
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Amador County Office of Education
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@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

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

UPK Universal **California's** **Great 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 me

PLAYGROUPS & STORYTIMES
for kids birth to 5 and their caregivers

Days	Times	Location
Mondays	10:30 am	San Andreas Community Covenant Church • Not in session during CUSD breaks
Tuesdays	10:30 am	Murphys Library Storytime
Wednesdays	10 am	Blue Mountain Youth Center, West Point • Not in session during CUSD breaks
Wednesdays	10:30 am	Arnold Library Storytime
Wednesdays	10:30 am	San Andreas Library • Storytime 10:30 - 11 am • Free Play 11 am - 12:30 pm
Thursdays	9:30 am	Rail Road Flat Community Center
Thursdays	10:30 am	Copperopolis Library Storytime
Fridays	10 am	Mokelumne Hill Library Storytime
Fridays	10:30 am	Angels Camp Library Storytime

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS
first5calaveras.org 209-754-6914

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

JOIN FIRST 5 AMADOR FOR Dad & Me OUTDOOR ADVENTURES!

Saturday, June 7th 10 am-12 pm

Camping themed activities and adventures!

975 Broadway Jackson

Sack lunches and picnic blankets will be provided!

Open to Amador County children ages 0-5 and their dad, grandpa, uncle, etc.

Please pre-register by calling or using the QR Code.

209-257-1092 gina@firstsamador.com

FIRST 5 AMADOR

Children and teens are invited to join the 2025 Summer Reading Program at the Calaveras County Library.

Our 6-week program for ages 0-18 will feature a game board for participants to complete. As you embark on your adventure, you shall earn raffle tickets for completing activities. Upon your triumphant journey's end, a free book and grand prize raffle ticket await as a reward for your dedication.

Summer reading starts on Monday, June 9th.

Register now for free books, activities, and to compete for prizes!

Register at your library branch or online at <http://calaveraslibrary.com>
If you have questions call 209-754-6910 or email publiclibrary@calaverascounty.gov

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

Playgroups will not be in session:
June 9-26th

For questions call (209)257-1092 or check [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Second Quarter of 2025

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 AMADOR

The Kindergarten Bridge Program

"Crossing the bridge to kindergarten"

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

Music and Movement CLASSES

Hosted by Mrs. Lynn

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

APPLY TODAY

Trained Teachers • Homemade Meals • Parent Support • Engaging Events

209-533-0361

ATCAA.ORG/HEADSTART

FREE for low-income families

APPLY HERE

Mom-Me Time

June 5th 5:30 p.m.
Repeating with a new topic on the first Thursday of each month!

Picky Eaters

Presented by feeding therapist Margaret Burnett, M.A., CCC Speech Language Pathologist

How to introduce new foods in an explorative, creative and positive way!

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

Arnel Stone-Risher, MS, MCC, EPC
First 5 Amador
975 Broadway
Jackson

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				REMINDER Attendance Sheets Due		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	Juneteenth OFFICE CLOSED NO PROVIDER NIGHT!	hello SUMMER	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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