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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

As summer winds down, we're buzzing with excitement for a brand-new school year! This August, our focus is all about smooth transitions, joyful learning, and building connections as we head back to school.

For Our Little Learners: Transition Tips

Starting school can be big and exciting (and maybe a little scary!). Here's how to help:

- Practice "Goodbye Routines" – Keep drop-offs short and sweet with a special handshake or hug.
- Read Together – Check out *The Kissing Hand* or *Llama Llama Misses Mama* to talk about feelings.
- Bring Comfort Items – A family photo or small lovey can make all the difference.



Sheri Noble
Program Manager
The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral



How to Cope With Back-to-School Anxiety | Parenting Tips & Advice

Consistency and routines are always a great place to start when it comes to squashing those back-to-school worries! Try some of these strategies to help your...

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How did you like this article?



SWINGING: Not just for Recess

If you suspect your child or student has a weak vestibular system and needs more sensory integration, a great activity to try is swinging!

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Swing on your stomach



Swing sitting straight up



Swing on your back



Swing twisting around



Swing standing up





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Child Care Resource and Referral Services

Health & Safety

Reimbursement is available now!

Licensed center-based staff and family child care providers, along with license-exempt providers! If you complete an EMSA approved CPR/First Aid or Health & Safety training between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 you can apply for a reimbursement!

Apply online below or call Karen Frazier for more information
(209) 754-1075

<https://form.jotform.com/251735262324150>

Amador College Conne?ct- ECE Job Board





Did you know Amador College Connect can help YOU earn your Assistant Teaching Permit to work in childcare facilities?

Our ECE Program helps students just like you earn their permit, gain paid hands-on training, and take two core Child Development classes all for FREE. Paid for by a grant, this program serves Amador, Calaveras, and Alpine County residents seeking to work in the early childhood education field. What are you waiting for? Call us today! 209-217-8239. If calling isn't your thing, send our outreach specialist an email to get started:

mia@amadorcollegeconnect.org



Friend, Family & Neighbor Care

TrustLine Background Check is a helpful tool for parents choosing a potential nanny or babysitter. Caregivers Registered with TrustLine,

FROM THE SUBSIDY DEPARTMENT

have no disqualifying criminal convictions, arrests or substantiated child abuse reports in California.

[Read More](#)



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](#)

RR (Resource & Referral) Child Care Provider Resources

VOLUME #20

Thursday, August 21st 4:30 - 7:00 pm



The Engaging Families
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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.



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**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](#)

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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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
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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 Andahl
aandahl@calaverascso.nv.gov 209-754-6916



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 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!

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

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

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 Resource Connection

Complete your professional journey in Early Childhood Education today!

About Us
Through Our My Learning Connection (MLC) website, The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral (CRRR) is proud to be embracing the quality of early childhood workforce pathways in California County by supporting providers, teachers employed in the early learning sector.

Our Mission
The Resource Connection's vision is to engage families, service users, and empower communities by providing essential resources and support in Amador and Calaveras Counties.

Participants
Funding is for Calaveras County Early Learning Providers:
• West Valley Grant • Middle Childhood Health • Local Family Child Care Providers • State Preschool Grant • License Exempt of Preschool

Financial Support for Tuition and Books
Eligible students may receive a fee for early childhood education and associated expenses. Eligibility for this award may be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Academic Education Stipends
Each teacher is eligible for a stipend of \$2,000 in 2025 in support of their professional development and growth. Stipends will be paid in 2025.

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Stipend
An incentive for teachers to obtain their CDA credential in 2025.

Culturally Diverse Books and Materials
Amador County Child Care Resource and Referral (CRRR) is proud to provide culturally diverse books and materials.

ECE Mentorship Program
Participants in the mentorship program will receive a stipend of \$1,000 in 2025 in support of their professional development.

Expanding License to Include Toddler, Infant, and/or Overnight and Weekend Care
Eligible providers may receive a stipend of \$1,000 in 2025 in support of their professional development.

Complete the application HERE

Contact: Sheri Noble | snoble@rconnection.org | 209-734-1075

Mom-Me Time

August 7th
5:30 p.m.

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

Encouraging a love of reading

Take home a complimentary gift
*while supplies last

A conversation with Amador's children's librarian and local moms about building relationships, literacy and language skills.

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

209-257-1092

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8/2025 August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		REMINDER Attendance Sheets Due				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				 Provider Night 4:30-7pm		24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
31						



Find Child Care

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