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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Valued Providers and Families,

There's a unique shift that happens in November. The brilliant colors of autumn give way to bare branches, and the world seems to settle into a quieter, more reflective pace. It's time for cozy sweaters, warm drinks, and meaningful conversations.



Here at The Resource Connection, we're embracing this spirit of transition. It's a valuable time to look back on the year's successes, learn from its challenges, and begin to plan for the renewal that a new year will bring.

Warmly,

Sheri Noble
Program Director
The Resource Connection Child Care Resource
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OFFICE CLOSURES



PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT OUR OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON:

NOV. 11TH

NOV. 27TH & 28TH

WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND
WISH YOU A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY



California Early Care & Education Workforce Registry is CLOSING

This update provides further information on the impact of funding cuts to the ECE Registry. Unfortunately, we must begin a ramp-down of the Registry. If you have a Registry profile in California counties,

Please do the following PRIOR TO 12/15/2025:

- Users will need to access their information prior to 12/15/25 in order to retain qualification documents and data
- Individuals must download all verified and unverified documents and their Education and Training Report
- Employers with Employer Administrative Access must download reports and Education and Training Reports of staff
- QCC/QRIS Tool Users save any pending site data
- Training Calendar Administrators must download reports
- Stipend Module Administrators must download reports

Read More

Embrace the Mess

A Process Art Workshop for Early Childhood Educators

Ever wonder how to move beyond cookie-cutter crafts? This workshop is for you! We'll dive into the world of process art—where the focus is on creative exploration, not a perfect final product. Experience a variety of hands-on, sensory-rich art activities designed for preschoolers. You'll learn the "why" behind the method, gain practical tips for facilitating creative play, and discover how to beautifully display those many, many masterpieces. Leave inspired with a toolkit of lesson plans, book pairings, and art supplies.

Class Details

Wednesday,
November 5th, 2025

Time

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Location

Gold Country Art Spot
1423 Hawver Road
San Andreas, CA.

Participants

Family Child Care
Center Staff | Head Start
Homeschool | Early
Childhood Educators
Parents | Caregivers

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN TO
FIRST 18
PARTICIPANTS**



Call Karen Frazier - The Resource Connection 209-754-1075

Adult, Child & Pediatric
First aid/ AED &

CPR



This 8-hour course is CPR – Adult, Child & Infant and Pediatric First Aid training designed specifically for California State Licensed Child Care Providers and people seeking Child Care licensing in the State of California to satisfy the State requirement for 8 hours of special training in CPR & pediatric first aid that includes extra topics required by the State of California EMS Authority. Satisfies Title 22 requirements for CPR & First Aid Training's requirements for Child Care Providers.

**The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral
will be offering In - Person Adult/Pediatric CPR & AED
with Rhonda Burrow- Rhonda's Safety Training- HSI
8085 Suite G Hwy 26. Mokelumne Hill 95245**

**Saturday, January 24th, 2026
8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Space is limited to 12 per class. Registration &
\$100 payment must be received by
01/23/26 to reserve your spot.**

For Registration information call Karen Frazier (209) 754-1075

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To maintain compliance with California licensing regulations, all childcare providers must hold a current CPR and First Aid certification.



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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>

A Note for Our Dedicated Providers, Educators & Families:

You give so much of yourselves, and the holiday season can add an extra layer of exhaustion. Please remember to fill your own cup. It's not only okay to set boundaries and say "no" to some extra commitments—it's essential. The most valuable thing you can give the children in your care is a present, calm, and joyful you. Take a breath, simplify your activities, and remember that your well-being is the foundation of a healthy learning environment.



FROM THE SUBSIDY DEPARTMENT

ATTENDANCE RECORD



Dear Child Care Providers,
This is a friendly reminder to submit your updated program rates and contracts to rrinfo@trcac.org. The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral requires a 30-day written notice for a rate change.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important administrative task.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
LET'S GET CREATIVE!

The Resource Connection
**CHILD CARE
RESOURCE & REFERRAL
HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST**



ONE
PROVIDER
PER COUNTY
WILL WIN A TOY
GIFT BASKET
(\$100 VALUE)

Turn in coloring sheets by December 5th
8085 Hwy 26 Suite G Mokelumne 95245

[Download Coloring Page Here](#)

RR (Resource & Referral) Child Care Provider Resources



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!

Gratitude & GATHERING



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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



PUMPKIN PIE PLAYDOUGH (NON-EDIBLE)

Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup salt
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup water



Directions

- Combine the dry ingredients in a nonstick saucepan.
- Add the oil, water, and food coloring and whisk until smooth.
- Stirring constantly with a rubber spatula, cook the mixture over medium heat until it forms a ball, about 3 to 4 minutes.
- Turn the dough onto a counter, let it cool slightly, then knead the dough until it has a smooth texture, about 1 minute.
- The dough will keep up to a week in a ziplock bag.

Playful questions

"Ooo, that playdough smells like pumpkin pie! What else does it smell like to you?"

"How many pieces did you cut your pie into? Let's count them."

"Do you think we can bounce a playdough pie like a ball? Should we try?"

Pro-Tip for Providers: Use "I wonder..." statements: "I wonder what would happen if we squished the pie with our feet?"

Learning Outcomes

Expression, Exploration, Creation, Fine Motor Skills, Knowledge, Vocabulary, Storytelling, Supports sensory integration, Visual Motor Coordination.

5 REASONS TO TEACH PAT-A-CAKE & OTHER CLAPPING GAMES

MOTOR PLANNING:

There are a lot of movements that are unfamiliar and new. They need to practice many times in order for it to be automatic.

CROSSING MIDLINE:

Ambidexterity is rare. Usually, it's a midline deficit. If they are struggling with hand dominance, definitely do hand games with them.

SEQUENCING:

Hand games tell a story in a particular sequence that matches a certain hand gesture or movement.

BILATERAL COORDINATION:

Clapping games help children to develop solid bilateral coordination skills because they consistently require the two sides of the body to perform the same task over and over.

VISUAL TRACKING:

During a clapping game, the child's eyes continually move from their left hand to the right hand, to left, to right.

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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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






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@calaverasccn.org 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) 754-1092

www.enrollamador.org & Enroll Amador Facebook page



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.

ENROLLCALAVERAS.ORG



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



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 COVID breaks
Tuesdays	10:30 am	Murphys Library Storytime
Tuesdays	9:30 am	Rail Road Flat Town Hall
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Blue Mountain Youth Center, West Point * Not in session during COVID breaks
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Arnold Library Storytime
Wednesdays	10:30 am	San Andreas Library Storytime 10:30 - 11 am Free Play 11 am - 12:00 pm
Thursdays	10:30 am	Copperopolis Library Storytime
Fridays	10:30 am	Mokelumne Hill Library Storytime
Fridays	10:30 am	Angels Camp Library Storytime

  

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
Howard Park - Soccer Fields
600 S. Church St.
Enter from Church Street near the arena - look for the playgroup A-frame.
Play to the left through the yellow gate to the parking area.

Thursday-Pioneer
Faith Lutheran Church
22601 State Hwy 88, Pioneer

For questions call (209) 257-1092 or check     

August of 2025

  



Messy Mornings

'Learning Through Play'

"DRESS FOR MESS!"
Join us for messy, unstructured playtime!
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



Child Development Training

ECE Student Career & Education Program Educational Support Grant Opportunity

The state provides support for child development education students who are attending California Community Colleges and are enrolled in the ECE program.

Students pursuing a career in early childhood or child development MAY be eligible to apply for the Educational Support Grant.

There are two types of Educational Support Grants:

Grant 1: Employees of a licensed ECE program including center-based programs and family child care centers, or other approved programs, who are enrolled in the ECE program. This grant is available to students from programs, employers or any property, contribution or benefit from a business, which is not a business or a corporation or other entity that is not a business or a corporation.

Grant 2: Students who are not currently employed in the ECE program but are enrolled in the ECE program. This grant is available to students who are enrolled in the ECE program and are attending a community college or a university.

Additional eligibility criteria is included in the application.

Students who are not currently employed in the ECE program but are enrolled in the ECE program may be eligible to apply for the Educational Support Grant.

For questions call 209-257-1092 or check     





WELCOME TO THE JOY OF PARENTING

ACTIVE PARENTING CLASSES

Event Dates

TUESDAYS 5-7pm

November 4, 2025 ◀
 November 11, 2025 ◀
 November 18, 2025 ◀
 November 25, 2025 ◀

JOIN US!

We invite you to join us for Heart Smart Kids Active Parenting Classes. This is a 4-week comprehensive class with video, discussion and activities for a fast paced workshop. Shared by Heart & Family Services through the Heart & Family Smart Kids Program.

NEXUS VALLEY SPRINGS CENTER
 120 PINE ST, VALLEY SPRINGS

NEXUS YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES
 209 295 1360

To sign up contact Wendy at: 209 295 1360 or Wendy@nexusyfs.org



PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

BLUE MOUNTAIN CENTER
 364 MAIN STREET
 WEST POINT, CA




BMCYF.ORG OR 209 293 4500
BMCYF PLAYGROUP ON FACEBOOK




Child Development Permit Stipend Program

The CDTG Child Development Permit Stipend Program pays the permit application fee to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for parents seeking the Child Development Permit levels listed below (including parents with a School-Age Employee).

***First Time Permit Applicants:** All levels (Assistant, Associate Teacher, Teacher, Visual Teacher, Site Supervisor and Program Director)

***Renewal Applicants:** All levels (Child and infant parents are eligible to submit for renewal)

***Upgrade Applicants:** All levels (Child and infant parents are eligible to submit for upgrade)

Live Scan Fingerprint Fee: First time permit applicants may request reimbursement for Live Scan fingerprint fee.

Online Renewal: All levels (CDTTE Assistant and Associate Teacher may request reimbursement for no credit renewal of the CDTG website, AFTER successful completion of CDTG (www.cdtg.org) by 9:00 PM on credit.

Child Development Permit stipend information is on the CDTG website at www.childdevelopment.org. Select "APPLY FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT STIPEND" on the home page for instructions.

Funding is limited, based on availability.
 For applications, email CDTG-Permit@yosemite.edu

The Child Development Training Consortium is funded by California Department of Social Services July 2014



November 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 Attendance Sheets Due Embrace the Mess Workshop 6p-8p Calaveras	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans DAY Office Closed	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Provider Night 430 7pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



[Find Child Care](#)

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