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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Community,

As we enter the month of December, a time of reflection and connection, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—the incredible providers and families we serve. Your commitment is the foundation of everything we do, and it's what makes our community so special.



This season of giving brings us #GivingTuesday on December 3rd. It's a global day of generosity that reminds us of the power of collective support. If you are able, consider joining this movement to help us continue and expand our vital work. Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference. [You can donate here](#)

May this month be filled with moments of peace, joy, and warmth for you and your loved ones. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission and for all you do to make our community stronger.

With sincere appreciation,

Sheri Noble
Program Director
The Resource Connection Child Care Resource
209-754-1075 | snoble@trcac.org

This Giving Tuesday, Stock the Shelves of Our Provider Supply Closet!

This season of giving is a wonderful time for our providers to come together. This Giving Tuesday, join us in ensuring they have the essential supplies needed to create magical, hands-on learning experiences all year long.

[Click the flyer to donate today!](#)

This  ING TUESDAY

December 2nd, 2025

Fuel Creativity

Donate to Our Provider Supply Closet

What is the Supply Closet?

Our **FREE** resource for local child care providers, offering essential supplies like glue, paper, paint and sensory materials so they can focus on the kids!

Your gift makes a Difference:

- \$25= A months of crafts (paper, glue & markers)
- \$50= Sensory play kits for multiple providers
- \$100= A full season of art supplies (paint & canvases)

Online-->

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Amazon Wishlist



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CalSavers | Retirement Savings Requirement for Small Business

If you have one or more employees and don't offer a retirement plan, California now requires you to register for CalSavers by December 31, 2025. The program helps employees save for retirement through automatic payroll deductions—at no cost to employers.

[Read More](#)



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](#)

CHILD CARE TAXES

Learn how to gain a greater deduction on your upcoming tax return! As a Child Care Provider, your tax return is more complex than the average business owner and there may be some rules and deductions you may be missing.

We invite you to come with questions!

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KENYON & ASSOCIATES



Time-Space Percentage
What you need to know!



Federal Meal
Allowances



Business use of
home and vehicle

Register here!



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2025
6 PM - 8 PM - ZOOM



Family Child care Fundamentals Series

Our 4 week online series will provide you with a solid foundation to start and run a successful and professional Family Child Care business.

Designing your Unique Program, Activities and Curriculum

**Tuesday, January 20th
6pm-8pm**

Explore ways to leverage skills and interests and create a unique program that is fulfilling and attractive to families. Come away knowing how to create activities that support a child's whole development while also supporting your unique program idea. Build a curriculum plan you love teaching and children love following.

Environmental Design and Business Marketing

**Tuesday, January 27th
6pm-8pm**

What sets your child care business apart? Plan an environment that supports children's social, emotional and cognitive learning. Practice creating different activity areas and identify which ones are best for your program. Learn the basic principles of marketing and planning for full enrollment.

Contracts, Policies and Communication with Families

**Tuesday, February 3rd
6pm-8pm**

Build your professional relationship with clients by creating a contract that creates clarity with families and a handbook that supports both your business and the clients you serve. Learn communication best practices with families at the time of enrollment and beyond.

Business Finances and Preparing for Taxes

**Tuesday, February 10th
6pm-8pm**

Create a working budget for your business. Set prices that are fair and profitable and walk away with a better understanding of your finances. Identify and set up your best method for record keeping. Learn what costs you can deduct from your business income and how to calculate time/ space.

Contact The Resource
Connection to register:
Karen Frazier (209) 754-1075
kfrazier@trcac.org

**Workshops are
held virtually.**

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>

FROM THE SUBSIDY DEPARTMENT



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

VOLUME #24

Thursday, December 18th 4:30 - 7:00 pm

A winter Playground of
WONDERS



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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



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



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 www.enrollamador.org and see all options available in Amador County!

The new ENROLL AMADOR WEBSITE is your guide!
www.enrollamador.org
& "Enroll Amador" Facebook page

For questions, please contact
Amador Child Care Planning Council
(209) 754-1095

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 - 12:30 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-Iona
Howard Park - Soccer Fields
600 S. Church St.
Enter from Church Street near the horse arena (Second entrance from town) - look for the playgroup A-frame. Stay to the left through the yellow gate to the parking area.

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

No Playgroup
• Nov 11 (Jackson only)
• Nov 25-27
• Dec 22-Jan 1

For questions call (209) 257-1092 or check [facebook](#) [first5](#)

talk, read, sing, play!

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 ages 0-5, and their parents or caregivers

For more information, call 209-257-1092

Child Development Training

Child Development Consortium

ECE Student Career & Education Program Educational Support Grant Opportunity

The state provides support for applicants for a career or education training grant to the Department of Education, Child Development Services, in the CDTC website at: [http://childdevelopment.org](#)

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

Eligible students include:

- Enrolled in a 2-year ECE program** including center-based, college, and family child care programs, or in a 4-year program with a child development focus.
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Additional eligibility criteria include:

- Must be a resident of California.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Must be a high school senior or college student.
- Must be a member of the Child Development Consortium.
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For more information, call 209-257-1092

Music and Movement CLASSES

Hosted by Mrs. Lyman

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

November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 15
January 5, 12, 26

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

First 5 Amador
975 Broadway, Jackson

PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

BLUE MOUNTAIN CENTER
364 MAIN STREET
WEST POINT, CA

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Blue Mountain
Coalition for Youth and Families

BMCYF.ORG OR 209 293 4500
BMCYF PLAYGROUP ON FACEBOOK

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Child Development Permit Stipend Program

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

First Time Permit Applicants: All levels (Associate, Associate Teacher, Teacher, Teacher/Teacher, Supervisor and Program Director).

Renewal Applicants: All levels (Associate and certified permits are eligible to renew).

Upgrade Applicants: All levels (Associate and certified permits are eligible to upgrade).

Live Scan Fingerprint Fee: First time permit applicants may request a refund for the Live Scan Fingerprint Fee.

Online Renewal: All levels (Associate and Associate Teacher) may renew their permit online for no fee on the CDTC website. AFTER paying the fee online to CDTC, please email us at [info@cdtc.org](#) to get the refund.

Child Development Permit stipend information is on the CDTC 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 assistance, email [CDTC-Permit@yosemite.edu](#)

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





[Find Child Care](#)

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