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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Community,

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season was full of joy and time well spent with loved ones. As we look into the new year, we thank you for your support throughout 2025 and look forward to your continued support in the new year.

In December, we attended First 5 Amador's Festivals Around The World, which was a huge success. We enjoyed seeing families and children making luminary bags for the country we chose to represent, Mexico.

I want to thank Calaveras Chamber of Commerce and Amador Community Foundation for hosting Giving Tuesday events in December. Together, we raised just over \$1,450. Thank you to our donors for making Giving Tuesday such a success!

With sincere appreciation,

Sheri Noble
Program Director
The Resource Connection Child Care Resource
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California Child Care Resource & Referral
NETWORK

Hello & Introduction!

Hi everyone! My name is Mia Huss, I'm joining the TRC team as a Resource and Referral Specialist. My focus is on supporting you and advocating for your needs with local, state, and federal lawmakers. See the photo of Karen and I at Giving Tuesday!

I encourage you to reach out so I can better learn how to support you and advocate for your needs. Let me do the legwork, so you can focus on providing quality care. I encourage you to read the policy column below to learn more about what's happening.

Happy New Year,

Mia Huss

mhuss@trcac.org | 209-754-1075



From Policy to Practice

2026 is a busy year for child care policy and advocacy, and we're ready for the challenge! This includes an exciting lineup of advocacy work in the coming months. We hope to represent providers fairly and share your stories, inspiring lawmakers to focus on the needs of children, families, and providers in our region. Just before the holidays, a few staff and board members visited with Michael Masuda, a candidate for the Congressional seat for District 5.

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Select Committee on Child Care Costs



On December 9, the Assembly Select Committee on Child Care Costs convened where advocates shared their concerns with the growing TK expansion and its impact on child care providers. You can view the committee hearing [here](#). Here are some key takeaways:

- TK expansion is permanent and continues to reduce enrollment of 4-year-olds in child care centers.
- Providers are being pushed towards infant and toddler care.
- Lawmakers recognized the critical work of family child care and FFN providers.

- State leaders are open to long-term solutions.

2025 Legislation Snapshot

These are summaries of a few bills throughout 2025. Want to read the legislation in depth? Click the title of the bill to read more.

SB 271 - Passed and enacted in October

- Makes childcare a "basic need" for college students with children.
- Public colleges must refer students with dependents to child development centers, resource and referral networks and basic needs centers.

AB 752 - Passed and enacted in October

- Makes it easier to open and operate child care centers in multifamily housing.
- Reduction in extra costs for providers by prohibiting local business license fees, taxes and permits for centers in apartments and other multifamily housing.

AB 495 - Passed and takes effect January 1, 2026

- Protects immigrant, mixed-status, or other families at risk of temporary separation.
- Licensed child care facilities and license-exempt California state preschool programs must adopt updated policies to limit assistance with immigration enforcement.
- Child care centers cannot collect details about a child or family's citizenship or immigration status.
- Emergency preparedness for providers if a parent is temporarily unable to care for their child due to separation.

Learn More About the Impacts of TK in California

"During the first four years of California's new transitional kindergarten programs, 167 community-based preschools in Los Angeles County shut down, unable to financially survive amid enrollment drops or pivot to more costly infant and toddler care, according to new UC Berkeley research."



[Read More](#)



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

The Engaging Families
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Connection Enriching Lives

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.

Stages of Play



Unoccupied Play

Birth to 3 months

making
spontaneous
movements



Solitary Play

0 to 2 years

building
with blocks



Onlooker Play

2 years

watching
other children
play



Parallel Play

2+ years

playing
alongside
others



Associative Play

3 to 4 years

sharing
toys with
peers



Cooperative Play

4+ years

building
something
together



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Child Care Provider Resources

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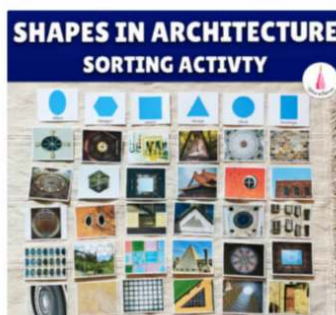
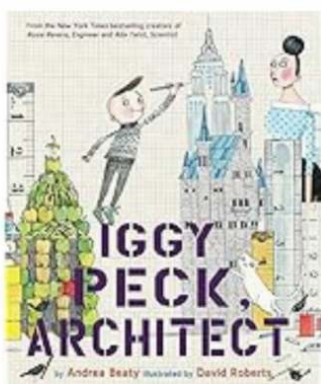
CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, January 15th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

We are thrilled to invite you to a special anniversary edition of our Child Care Provider Night! For two years, we've been dedicated to supporting you, and this evening is a celebration of your incredible work.

Join us for a cozy, winter-themed evening dedicated to helping you connect with fellow local child care providers, ask questions of our staff, and receive items to enrich your program.

A Winter Playground of WONDERS



The Engaging Families
Resource Empowering Communities
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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!

A central graphic for the Child Care Resource & Referral Early Learning Library. It features a white circular area on a dark blue background. Inside the circle, there's a list of benefits on the left, contact information on the right, and illustrations of toys (a truck, a teddy bear, a dinosaur, a kite) in the center. A yellow button at the bottom says 'CHECK US OUT TODAY!'.

**CHILD CARE
RESOURCE & REFERRAL**
Early Learning Library

- ✓ Free for all!
- ✓ New Items monthly
- ✓ All ages and Stages
- ✓ Monday- Thursday
8:00a- 4:00p

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TOYS

CHECK US OUT TODAY!

Follow the Lending Library on
Facebook!

Follow the Lending Library on
Instagram!

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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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 209/257-4092 or email q4k@first5amador.com

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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@calaverasccn.ny.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.

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) 754-1075

UPK Universal Prekindergarten | Calaveras County | Great 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.



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 CUSD breaks
Tuesdays	10:30 am	Murphy's Library Storytime
Tuesdays	9:30 am	Roll Road Flat Town Hall
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Blue Mountain Youth Center, West Point * Not in session during CUSD breaks
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Arnold Library Storytime
Wednesdays	10:30 am	San Andreas Library Storytime 10:30 - 11 am Free Play 11 am - 12:50 pm
Thursdays	10:30 am	Copperopolis Library Storytime
Fridays	10:30 am	Mokelumne Hill Library Storytime
Fridays	10:30 am	Angels Camp Library Storytime

For more information, visit first5calaveras.org or call 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  

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 ages 0-5, and their parents or caregivers

For more information call 209-257-1092 



Do you feel tired, busy, and stressed?
You are not alone!

Join us for this 3-part series!

Hurry Up and Slow Down

Facilitated by Sally Aronold, RN, PhD, VA, and Certified Mindfulness Instructor

Learn how to bring happy and calm back into your life:

- Make time to relax and be happy
- Be more present with your kids
- Put the CHILD back into Childhood and the SELF into Self-Care!

Thursdays, January 15, 22, & 29
6 to 7:30 pm on Zoom

[Register Here!](#)

Questions? 209-754-6914 first5calaveras.org

Strongngthening Families Parent Education is FREE for Calaveras families.



Music and Movement CLASSES

Hosted by Mrs. Lymari

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

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

This 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

BMCYF.ORG OR 209 293 4500
BMCYF PLAYGROUP ON FACEBOOK



Strongngthening Families Parent Education is always FREE for Calaveras families.

Parenting with Intention

Tools for Challenging Behaviors and Trauma
Facilitated by Denise Marker, MFT

Join us for this engaging class!

- Learn new skills to help children build positive behaviors or heal from trauma.
- Bring your questions about challenging behaviors.

This class meets monthly on the second Wednesday to support all caregivers with new ideas for tough situations.

Wednesday, January 14

[Register Here!](#)

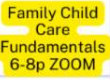
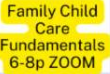
Join on Zoom
6-7:30 PM

Questions? Call our office or email meet@calaverascounty.gov 209-754-6914 first5calaveras.org





1/2026 January

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4	5 Attendance Sheets Due	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27 	28	29	30	31



Find Child Care

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