

RR.TRCAC.ORG February 2026

## WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Community,

I hope you've had a wonderful start to your new year. As we look forward to all that February has to offer, we want to thank our community for the continued support and collaboration.

A new way to access child care information is available for families and providers. **This new online portal is called CAI Hub.** Read more about the portal below and reach out if you have any questions.

With sincere appreciation,

Sheri Noble  
Program Director  
The Resource Connection Child Care Resource  
209-754-1075 | [snoble@trcac.org](mailto:snoble@trcac.org)



### CAI Hub is here!

We're excited to share [CAI Hub](#), a new easy-to-use online portal designed to make it **easy and convenient** for providers and families to stay connected and informed.

With [CAI Hub](#), you can:

- Access important child care information 24/7
- View notices of action, child care schedules, and approved services
- Check payment and attendance information
- Complete and review documents electronically
- Send secure messages to staff members

**How do you access CAI Hub? It's easy!** Providers and families can download the app below **OR** visit the online portals. Click the buttons below to access the parent and provider portals **OR** click the image below to download the app.

We believe CAI Hub will help improve communication, transparency, and access to services. **To get started, call The Resource Connection at (209) 754-1075 and ask for Jessica.**

CAI Hub Parent Portal

CAI Hub Provider Portal



Here's a few highlights from the 2026-2027 fiscal year **budget:**  
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- **\$58.6 billion** total for Department of Social Services.
- **Proposed \$7.5 billion** for Department of Social Services administered child care and development programs.
- Finalized a **three-year agreement** with Child Care Providers United, including increased provider payments and stabilization supports.
- **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)** for DSS Child Care

*From  
Policy to  
Practice*



## California Budget 101

?The state's budget is a complex, living document that takes time to read in depth. See the below infographic on how the process works and what's next.

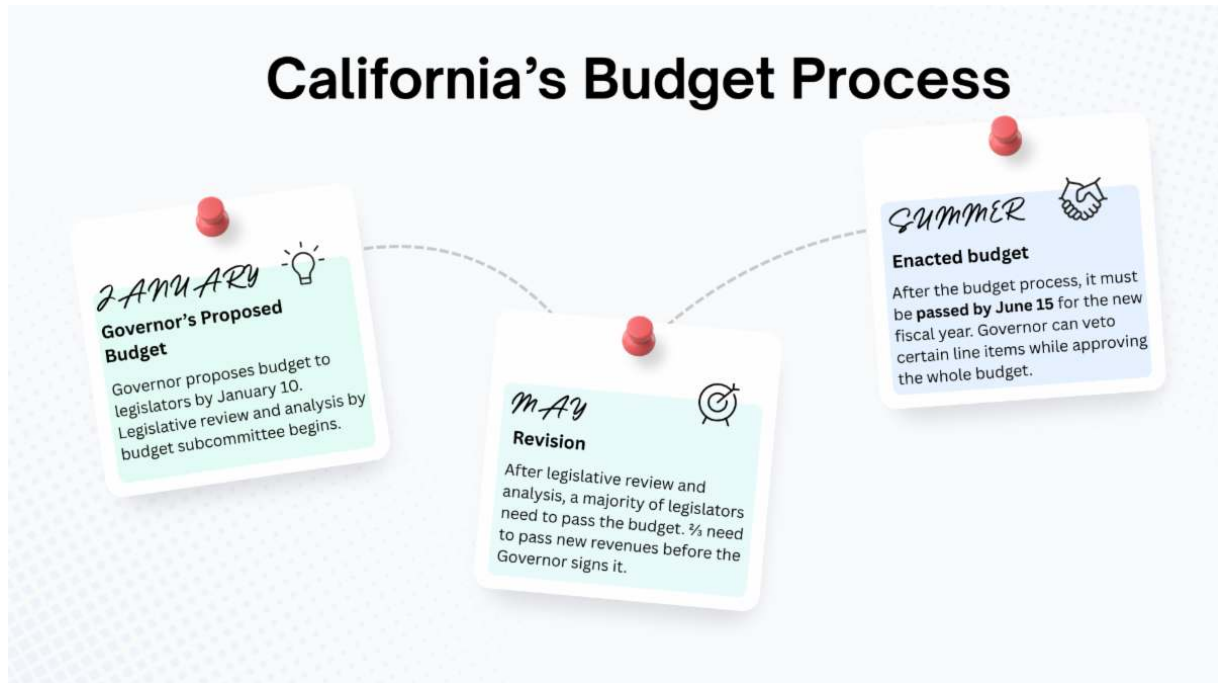
Since 2020, the state has invested over \$3.6 billion in general fund support for child care. This budget reaffirms the state's commitment to child care access,

Programs.

- **\$11.5 million** one-time proposition 64 funding for child care infrastructure in fire-impacted communities.

stability, and infrastructure. [View a summary of the budget here.](#)

With the state's Gubernatorial election this year, choosing a governor who cares about families and children is critical. Learn about [Choose Children](#), a California initiative committed to creating a thriving future for children and families.



## Securing the Future for California Families

The Resource Connection visited Southern California for a policy conference focusing on supporting families and the early learning field. Here are a few key takeaways:

- California is lacking a unified message about early childhood education.
- Framing child care as an affordability issue makes it more urgent and relatable.
- Personal stories from families and providers need to be uplifted.
- Build awareness in many ways, including social media posts.
- Impactful policy can change the child care community for the better.
- Good public policy makes child care systems work for families and providers.





## Real Stories, Real Impact

Child care providers are the voices behind the work that matters most, and we want to share your story with local, state, and federal government officials as we meet with them and advocate for you.

**Please reach out to Mia to tell your story and help share the wonderful work you all do in our communities.**

[mhuss@trcac.org](mailto:mhuss@trcac.org) or (209) 754-1075

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## Media Made for Growing Minds!

PBS Kids offers a diverse selection of media for children. Everyone knows the classic Sesame Street, but there's so much more to choose from!

PBS Kids also offers craft, activity, and snack ideas for children. Click the link below to learn about the **FREE** resources provided to you from PBS Kids.?



[Click Here to Learn More About PBS Kids](#)



### Weather Watching With Kids

Created by Al Roker, Weather Hunters is a show that explores the wonder and science of weather in ways that are fun and engaging for all learners. Learn more about Weather Hunters by clicking [here!](#)

How did you like this article?



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



## The Resource Connection

Engaging Families • Empowering Communities • Enriching Lives

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>

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## 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](mailto: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.

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Brightlife Kids is a service provided in partnership with CalHOPE and Brightline. This is a personalized support for California families. Kids ages 0–12 get free, expert coaching for sleep issues, worry, social skills, and more. Live, 1:1 video sessions, secure chat, on-demand content, and more. Click on image to learn more.

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## **RR (Resource & Referral)**

### **Child Care Provider Resources**

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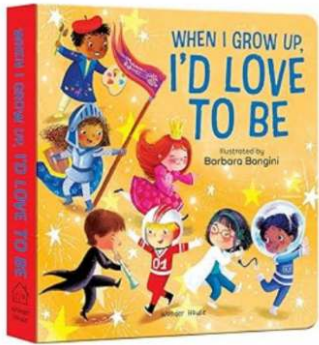
# CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, February 19th, 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 an evening of dramatic play. This event is dedicated to helping you connect with fellow local child care providers, ask questions of our staff, and receive items to enrich your program.

## *Dramatic Play* DYNAMOS



*Sarah's Silks*

**The** Engaging Families  
**Resource** Empowering Communities  
**Connection** Enriching Lives

## 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 with a white circular background on a dark blue field. The circle contains the title 'CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL' in bold red and black, and 'Early Learning Library' in a red script font. To the left, a list of four bullet points with green checkmarks: 'Free for all!', 'New Items monthly', 'All ages and Stages', and 'Monday- Thursday 8:00a- 4:00p'. To the right, contact information: a phone icon for '209-754-1075', a globe icon for 'rr.trcac.org', and a location pin icon for '8085 Hwy 26 Suite G Mokelumne Hill, CA. 95249'. In the center of the circle is an illustration of a green toy truck labeled 'TOYS' carrying a yellow duck, a box of 'PENCILS', and a red ball, next to a brown teddy bear. A yellow button at the bottom of the circle says 'CHECK US OUT TODAY!'. Decorative elements include a green dinosaur with a yellow key, a colorful kite, and various stars and dots.

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RESOURCE & REFERRAL**  
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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.



[trcacrr.myturn.com](http://trcacrr.myturn.com)



## 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.**



The flyer features a photograph of an elderly hand holding a child's hand at the top. Below the photo, the title "Grandparent Cafe" is in a large, bold, dark blue font, followed by "Online Meetings 2026" in a smaller font. A row of five teal circles contains the dates: Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, and May 13. Below this, the text "SUPPORT & RESOURCES FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN" is in bold. The flyer then provides meeting details: "The Grandparent Cafe meets online the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30am. In-person meetings are offered quarterly in Amador County. Looking for more resources for you and your grandchild? Call The Resource Connection at (209) 754-1075." A light blue button contains the text "Join on Zoom Meeting ID# 83259307428". At the bottom, the logo for "The Resource Connection" is displayed with the tagline "Engaging Families - Empowering Communities - Enriching Lives".

**Grandparent Cafe**  
Online Meetings 2026

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**The Resource Connection**  
Engaging Families - Empowering Communities - Enriching Lives

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## **CP (Community Partners)** **Keeping Communities and Children Connected**

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**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 Amice at (209)257-1092 or email [q4k@firstsamador.com](mailto:q4k@firstsamador.com)

**Our Partners**

The Resource Connection  
Amador College CONNECT  
Amador County Office of Education  
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](mailto:aandahl@calaverasccn.ny.gov) 209-754-6916



**ENROLL AMADOR UPK Universal** California's Great Start

Your guide to help families in Amador County choose the best early learning and child care options for their children.

Learn what option is best for your child. Scan the QR code to visit [enroll.amador.org](http://enroll.amador.org)

Families with 4-year-olds have many early learning options:

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
- Family Child Care Homes
- California State Preschool Program
- Before & After School Care
- Private Preschool
- Head Start

Options include: CSPP, TK, Expanded Learning, Private, Head Start.

Scan here to find the best fit for your child!

[snoble@trcac.org](mailto:snoble@trcac.org) 209-754-1075 Enroll Amador

**UPK Universal** California's Great Start **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:

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
- Family Child Care Homes
- California State Preschool Program (CSPP)
- Before & After School Care
- Private Preschool
- Head Start

Learn what option is best for your child. Scan the QR code to visit [enrollcalaveras.org](http://enrollcalaveras.org)

[snoble@trcac.org](mailto:snoble@trcac.org) 209-754-1075 Enroll Calaveras

**PLAYGROUPS & STORYTIMES**  
for kids birth to 5 and their caregivers

| Days       | Times    | Location                                                                       |
|------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mondays    | 10:30 am | San Andreas Community Covenant Church<br>* 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<br>* Not in session during COVID breaks |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 am | Arnold Library Storytime                                                       |
| Wednesdays | 10:30 am | San Andreas Library<br>Storytime 10:30 - 11 am<br>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                                                  |

**FIRST 5 CALAVERAS**  
[first5calaveras.org](http://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

For questions call (209)257-1092 or check [first5calaveras.org](http://first5calaveras.org)

**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

**FIRST 5 AMADOR**

**Music and Movement CLASSES**

Hosted by Mrs. Lyman

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

February 2, 9, 23  
March 2, 16, 23, 30  
April 13, 27

Funded by First 5 Amador  
975 Broadway, Jackson

**STRENGTHENING CALAVERAS FAMILIES**  
FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Strengthening Families Parent Education  
is always **FREE** for Calaveras families.

**Join us for this 2-Part series!**

### Parenting for Connection: Attachment Styles

Facilitated by Mia Poznansky

**We will learn to:**

- Create a safe emotional environment
- Build trust and healthy connections
- Understand relational patterns and attachment styles

**Tuesdays  
February 17 & 24  
5-7 pm on Zoom**

**Register Here!**

Questions?  
209-754-6914  
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**FIRST 5 CALAVERAS**

**PLAYGROUP**  
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

**BLUE MOUNTAIN CENTER**  
364 MAIN STREET  
WEST POINT, CA

**FIRST 5 CALAVERAS**

**Blue Mountain**  
Coalition for Youth and Families

B/MCYF.ORG OR 209 293 4500  
B/MCYF PLAYGROUP ON FACEBOOK

**STRENGTHENING CALAVERAS FAMILIES**  
FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Strengthening Families Parent Education  
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### Many Faces of Grief and Loss

Facilitated by Mia Poznansky, Professor of Psychology  
and Child Development

**Join us on Zoom to discuss:**

- Working through the stages of grief and loss
- Grief reactions in adults and children
- How to best support someone who is grieving

**Tuesdays,  
February 3 & 10  
from 5-7 pm**

**Register Here!**

Questions?  
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[first5calaveras.org](http://first5calaveras.org)

**FIRST 5 CALAVERAS**

**STRENGTHENING CALAVERAS FAMILIES**  
FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

### LOOK AT ME... TURNING 3!

Early Start services end on your  
toddler's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday,  
February 4

**TIME:**  
5 - 7 PM

**LOCATION:**  
San Andreas  
Library &  
Zoom

**REGISTER  
HERE**

**Transitioning from Early Start  
services to Preschool**  
PARENT & CAREGIVER TRAINING

Join us to learn how to prepare for your  
child's upcoming transition at age three.

**LEARN ABOUT:**

- Preschool Services
- Special Education
- Understand Your Parent Rights

**Questions? CONTACT MICHELLE RICHMOND**

PHONE: 209-751-0767 EMAIL: [MICHELLE@CDSSMCH.NET](mailto:MICHELLE@CDSSMCH.NET)

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**Teen & Adult  
Crafts With  
Maria**

Pipe  
Cleaner  
Roses

**Dates, Times, Locations**

**Murphys:** Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am  
**Arnold:** Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30  
**San Andreas:** Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30  
**Angels Camp:** Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00  
**Copperopolis:** Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30  
**Mohe Hill:** Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30  
**Valley Springs:** Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30

**Kid's DIY Project**

**Lunar New  
Year Dragons**

**Dates, Times, & Locations**

**Angels Camp:** Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30  
**Mohe Hill:** Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30  
**Arnold:** Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30  
**Copperopolis:** Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30  
**San Andreas:** Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00  
**Valley Springs:** Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30  
**West Point:** Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00  
**Murphys:** Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30



# FEBRUARY 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE                                            | WED | THU                          | FRI | SAT                   |
|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1   | 2   | 3<br>Family Child Care Fundamentals 6-8p ZOOM  | 4   | 5<br>Attendance Sheets Due   | 6   | 7                     |
| 8   | 9   | 10<br>Family Child Care Fundamentals 6-8p ZOOM | 11  | 12                           | 13  | 14<br>Valentine's Day |
| 15  | 16  | 17                                             | 18  | 19<br>Provider Night 430-7pm | 20  | 21                    |
| 22  | 23  | 24                                             | 25  | 26                           | 27  | 28                    |



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