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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Community,

Happy March! As we celebrate Women's History Month, we honor the vital role women play in shaping young lives through child care and education. Thank you for the creativity and dedication you bring to our youngest learners each day. The Resource Connection has some amazing events coming up in April you should be aware of. Read more in our newsletter about the annual Calaveras Children's Fair and Amador Celebrate our Children events coming up!

Then, join us for provider night to discover fresh ideas for fostering creativity and critical thinking in your preschool environment through storytelling, early engineering, and collaborative art projects.

This is another reminder that 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 call us to get started.

Thank you for your support and continued community collaboration with The Resource Connection. I hope you have a great start to the spring season!

With sincere appreciation,

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



Reminder: CAI Hub is here!

CAI Hub is a new, 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. **Get started now! Call The Resource Connection at (209) 754-1075 and ask for Jessica.**

CAI Hub Parent Portal

CAI Hub Provider Portal



*From
Policy to
Practice*



R&R on the Road!

Outreach about child care is critical in California. Our staff have taken a road trip to focus on local advocacy in Amador and

Three Bills to Keep Your Eyes On

All the bills below are proposed, not enacted. Each bill must go through the legislative process. Click the title of each bill to follow its progress.

SB 1110: Early learning and care: rates

- Restructures AP reimbursements
- Creates a minimum funding floor
- Requires clear cost definitions and categories
- Penalizes prolongs under enrollment (below 85% for three consecutive years)

SB 1051: Foster care: childcare

- Stabilizes bridge program

Calaveras Counties. See where we've already shared about child care in our region:

Amador County

- City of Lone
- City of Jackson
- City of Sutter Creek
- Amador County Board of Supervisors

Calaveras County

- Calaveras County Board of Supervisors

Statewide Advocacy

- Thriving Families Advocacy Day 2/18
- CA R&R Network Advocacy Day 2/25

- Supports families and children in foster care
- Allows R&R networks to be the first point of contact, eliminating back and forth phone calls with CPS
- Allows R&R staff to formally refer foster children to the bridge program
- Takes workload off of social workers and allows R&R staff to support this critical work

SB 902 Child care; electronic signatures

- Modernizes child care subsidy paperwork
- Gives electronic signatures the same legal standing as handwritten signatures
- Authorizes documents to be created, converted, stored electronically

Other Legislation In Progress

SB 557 Child abuse: family resource centers

- Emphasizes community efforts to prevent child abuse

SB 299 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): exemption: day care center: zoning

- CEQA requires environmental review of projects that may impact the environment, including child care projects
- Makes it easier for day care centers and family care homes to qualify for that exemption

AB 1528 Child care

- Allows child care providers to be paid when children miss care for medical or school appointments
- Extends family fee waivers for families receiving child protective services from 1 year to 2 years.
- **Our local Assemblymembers have votes yes on this, it is now on it's way to the Senate!**

AB 904 Child care services: workday

- Expands what counts as a "workday" so parents can use child care while job seeking, on pregnancy leave, or paid family leave
- **Our local Assemblymembers did not vote on this or voted no, but it still passed to the Senate.**



Best Practices for a Safe & Secure Child Care Environment

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) sent out a reminder to child care providers of important safety practices and how to recognize official Community Care Licensing visits. Licensing Program Analysts conduct routine, unannounced inspections and will always introduce themselves and present official identification.

CDSS also recommends regularly viewing and updating policies related to:

- Authorized staff and visitors
- Emergency and contingency planning
- Protection of records and personal information
- Clear communication with staff and families
- Emergency contacts and authorized pick-up/drop-off individuals



Suspect Subsidy Fraud? Contact CDSS

Call 1-800-344-8477 or email FraudHotline@dss.ca.gov

Mandated Reporter Training

- [Mandated Reporter Training link](#)
- Mandatedreportertraining.com
- The training requirement has been updated: Providers need to complete the **child care providers** portion ONLY.
- Required for all staff, volunteers recommended
- New employees have 90 days to complete



CDSS

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



ATTENDANCE RECORD

Date	Time

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.



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.

RR (Resource & Referral)
Child Care Provider Resources

CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, March 19th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

THE POWER OF *Maganatiles*

Take Magnatiles to the next level! Join us as we explore innovative ways to use this classroom favorite. Discover fresh ideas for integrating magnetic tiles into storytelling, early engineering, and collaborative art projects to foster creativity and critical thinking in your preschool environment. 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.



The Engaging Families
Resource Empowering Communities
Connection Enriching Lives

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 or (209) 754-1075



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 banner for the Child Care Resource & Referral Early Learning Library. It features a central illustration of a toy truck labeled "TOYS" with a teddy bear, a box of pencils, and other toys. The text includes:

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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Mokelumne Hill, CA, 95249

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.



SCAN ME



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

FREE ENTRY

COLOR OUR COMMUNITY Rain or Shine

24TH ANNUAL CALAVERAS CHILDREN'S FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 11:00AM - 3:00PM

**Bret Harte High School Track
Angels Camp**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
Music - Fun Activities - Free lunch - Face Painting
Car Seat Check - Public Health - Community Resources
Fire & Police - Outdoor Activities

Service animals only, please.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
THE RESOURCE CONNECTION 209-754-1075**

The Resource Connection
Colveros Child Care Council

The mission of the Calaveras Child Care Council (CCCC) supports the development of affordable, accessible, quality child care which promotes the success of all children, their families, and the economy of our communities.

A Day of Play the Amador Way

CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 11AM-3PM

ITALIAN PICNIC GROUNDS | SUTTER CREEK

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
MUSIC - FUN ACTIVITIES - FREE LUNCH - FACE PAINTING
CAR SEAT CHECK PUBLIC HEALTH - COMMUNITY
RESOURCES - FIRE & POLICE - OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FREE ENTRY!

RAIN OR SHINE

SERVICE ANIMALS OK

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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 Cafe Online Meetings 2026

Jan 14
Feb 11
Mar 11
Apr 8
May 13

SUPPORT & RESOURCES FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

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.

Join on Zoom
Meeting ID# 83259307428

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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 Amice at (209) 257-1092 or email q4k@first5amador.com

Our Partners

The Resource Connection

Amador College

Amador Child Care Council

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
andahl@calaverascounty.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

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

Scan here to find the best fit for your child!

snoble@trcac.org
 209-754-1075
 Enroll Amador

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PLAYGROUPS & STORYTIMES
for kids birth to 5 and their caregivers

Days	Times	Location
Mondays	10:30 am	San Andreas Community Covenant Church <small>* Not in session during CSPP breaks</small>
Tuesdays	10:30 am	Murphy's Library Storytime
Tuesdays	9:30 am	Rail Road Flat Town Hall
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Blue Mountain Youth Center, West Point <small>* Not in session during CSPP breaks</small>
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Arnold Library Storytime
Wednesdays	10:30 am	San Andreas Library Storytime 10:30 - 11am Free Play 11am - 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-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 www.first5amador.com

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

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

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975 Broadway, Jackson

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STRENGTHENING CALAVERAS FAMILIES
FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Do you, or your child, feel overwhelmed by anxiety or depression? You are not alone.

Join us for this 2-part series!

Raising Resilient Kids, Even on Hard Days

Facilitated by Sara Rader, MEd, MS, LPC

Find support and learn strategies including:

- Practical skills to build resilience
- How to find helpful resources
- Simple tools to manage emotions, and help your child do the same
- Encouragement, connection, and strategies you can use right away

Register Here!

Tuesdays, March 3 & 10

5:30-7 pm on Zoom

Questions? Contact Rochelle Sewer 209-754-6914 rose@calaverascounty.gov

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

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Strengthening Families Parent Education is always free for Calaveras families.

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Parenting with Intention

Tools for Challenging Behaviors and Trauma

Facilitated by Denise Marler, MEd

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.

Register Here!

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6-7:30 on ZOOM

Questions? Call our office or email rsweert@calaverascounty.gov

209-754-6914 first5calaveras.org

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

Mom-Me Time

March 5, 5:30 p.m.

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

WOW

Bring calm, harmony and peace to your day-to-day life.

Take home a complimentary gift *while supplies last

Learn techniques to find calm, quiet, and stillness with Sara Rader. Guided yoga instruction floor/chair (optional) with Marie Schluter.

Light meal for Moms. Childcare available for 0-7.

Please call ahead if you need childcare. Space is limited.

209-257-1092

FIRST 5 AMADOR

New Jung Rader, MS, NCC, LPC
First 5 Amador
975 Broadway
Jackson

Approved in part by the State Health Services Act

Join the Amador Child Care Council!



The Amador Child Care Council is now accepting applications for new members. Serving on the Council is a meaningful opportunity to support and strengthen child care and early learning services in our community.

- We encourage community members, parents, child care providers, public agencies, and other local organizations to apply.

Questions? Contact Jeni DeWalt jdewalt@acusd.org or 209-257-5338

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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





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