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WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Community,

Happy April! We are counting down the days for our **Calaveras Children's Fair on April 11** and **Amador Celebrate Our Children on April 26**. See the flyers below for more details and join us for two weekends of fun!



April is National Child Abuse Prevention

Month. Communities around the nation come together to support families and children in an effort to end child abuse and prevent neglect. Thank you to our early childhood educators and community partners who support children in need every day.

April 11-17 is the Week of the Young Child! Learn more about the origins of the the weekly celebration and why this week is so important by clicking [HERE](#).

With sincere appreciation,

Sheri Noble

Program Director

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral
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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*



Early Childhood Policy Updates

Legislation to Watch

Click the bill names below to view a fact sheet or the legislative language about some critical ECE bills in our state!

SB 1051 Emergency Child Care Bridge: No Wrong Door

- Committee hearing on April 6
- Strengthens the Bridge Program
- Allows R&R Navigators to submit referrals to county child welfare agencies
- Alleviate pressure on social workers
- Ensures child care is not a barrier to keeping children safe

Who Represents Me?

Do you know your local Senator or Assemblymember? How about your County Board of Supervisors or City Council? What about your Federal representatives? There's an easy way to learn who represents you. **Click the image below to find out!**

SB 902 Childcare: electronic signatures

- Committee hearing on April 6
- Co-Authored by Assemblymember Heather Hadwick (represents Amador County)
- Recognizes current technology that supports the needs of families
- Ensures electronic signatures have the same legal effect as handwritten ones

AB 1981 Subsidized childcare: reimbursement rates: reporting

- Supported by CCPU
- Requires CDSS to submit a timeline for transitioning to new reimbursement rates by January 31, 2027 with annual updates until implementation is complete

AB 1914 General plan elements: childcare

- Require cities and counties to review and update general plan elements to address child care needs

AB 2092 Early Childhood Integrated Data System

- Create a statewide data system with CDSS to connect and share data across programs serving children 0-5
- Establish a state task force to coordinate the system's development and implementation

AB 1755 CalWORKS: Do Not Punish Working Families Act

- Co-Authored by Assemblymember David Tangipa (represents Calaveras County)
- Eliminate current law that requires the primary wage-earning parent in a two-parent family to work less than 100 hours per month for the family to be eligible for CalWORKS



Local Representatives

Calaveras County

- Angels Camp City Council
- Calaveras County Board of Supervisors

Amador County

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

Did You Know...

There are 8 federal fraud bills regarding child care. Earlier this year there was ***alleged*** fraud in Minnesota, California, Colorado, Illinois, and New York regarding child care funds. You can learn more about the bills and who is voting for them [HERE](#).

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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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!

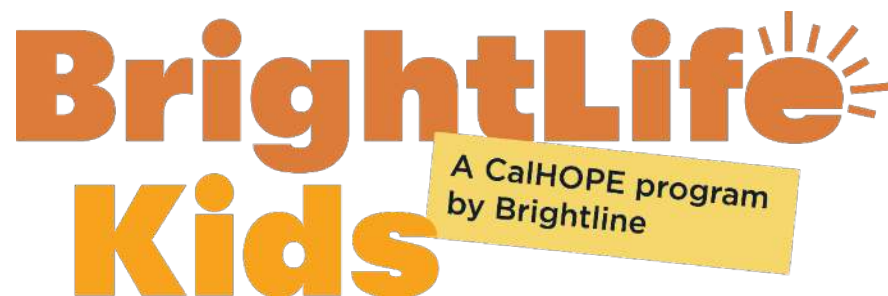
Apply online [HERE!](#)

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.



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

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CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, April 16th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

SPRING INTO *Dirt*

Join us for a garden 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. Let the garden inspire conversations and create lasting memories.



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PROVIDER *Appreciation Night*

Dear Providers,
In appreciation for all that you do, we invite you to join us for a special evening on **Friday, May 8th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
As a small token of our gratitude, every attendee will receive a Mud Kitchen to take home that evening!

To make your kitchen play-ready, we will be painting rock food during the event. Please join us in creating fruits, vegetables, and other fun ingredients to stock your new kitchen.

Details:

- **What: Provider Appreciation Night & Rock Food Painting**
- **When: Friday, May 8th | 6p - 8p**
- **Where: TRC Office 8085 Hwy 26 Suite G Mokelumne Hill 95245**
- **Special Gift: Every attendee receives a Mud Kitchen!**

Dinner will be served.
Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication. We look forward to celebrating with you

Kindly RSVP by May 1st so we can prepare your kitchen and enough food!



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Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation!

At the April 28 Calaveras County Board of Supervisors meeting, a proclamation will be read aloud thanking **YOU** for your work to support young children in our community every day. **Join us at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at 891 Mountain Ranch Road (County Admin Building).**

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!

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

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

209-754-1075
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8085 Hwy 26 Suite G
Mokelumne Hill, CA.
95249

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 Cafe

Online Meetings 2026

Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 8	May 13
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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

Creating the Best Early Care & Education for Our Children

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
The Resource Connection, Amador Community College, College CIGNECT, FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

STRONG START Calaveras

Excellence in Early Learning

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GROW. LEARN. EARN. STRONG START CALAVERAS
Excellence in Early Learning | Quality Improvement Support for Childcare Providers

Are You One of These?

✓ Licensed Family Childcare Provider ✓ Preschool Staff ✓ Family, Friend, or Neighbor (FFN) Caregiver

<p>Get Paid to Grow!</p> <p>Earn monetary incentives for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Improvement Plan Goals ECE courses & educational units Health & safety classes Professional development milestones 	<p>Free Resources Tool!</p> <p>As a participant, you also receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFN Engagement Activity Kits Toolkits for DLL & children with disabilities Professional development resources Books, ASQ resources & training Ready for Kindergarten booklets
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How to Apply

Apply online or request a paper application!

Required documents:

- Program Application
- Participation Agreement
- 2 Quality Improvement Plan Goals
- W-9 (new participants)

Key dates:

- Aug 1-30: Open Enrollment
- January-March: Midyear Check-In
- May 1-15: Goal Updates Due
- June: Incentive Checks Issued!

Ready to Strong Start? Let's Talk!
(209) 754-6914
msnoble@calaverascounty.gov
first5calaveras.org

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS **STRONG START CALAVERAS**

A First 5 Calaveras Program | Part of Quality Counts California (QCC)

ENROLL AMADOR UPK Universal Preschool Kindergarten | 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

Expanded Learning, Private, Head Start, CSPP, TK

Scan here to find the best fit for your child!

msnoble@trcac.org | 209-754-1075 | Enroll Amador

UPK Universal Preschool Kindergarten | 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

Early Childhood, TK-12, Expanded Learning, UPK

Learn what option is best for your child. Scan the QR code to visit enrollcalaveras.org

msnoble@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 * Not in session during Q4SD 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 Q4SD 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

STRONG START CALAVERAS **FIRST 5 CALAVERAS**

msnoble@calaveras.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 B8, Pioneer



For questions
call (209)257-1092
or check



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



Hosted by Mrs. Lyman

Music and Movement CLASSES

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

2026-2027 Preschool Enrollment

Applications for enrollment open on Wednesday, April 1, 2026!
The program is available for children who will be age three or four by December 1.

PRESCHOOL LOCATIONS:

- Pioneer
- Plymouth
- Ione
- Jackson

Scan or click the QR code to see enrollment requirements & start your application:

ENROLL NOW

209-257-5338
amadorcoe.org/amadorstatepreschool

PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

BLUE MOUNTAIN CENTER
364 MAIN STREET
WEST POINT, CA

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



JOIN THE CALAVERAS CHILD CARE COUNCIL!

When there are vacancies for members of the Child Care Council, we look for the community to appoint additional members. If you would like to be a member, please contact us at (209) 754-1075 or cccc@trcac.org or fill out the membership request application on our website.

*Members are expected to attend regular monthly meetings on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, participate in additional meetings for training and Council business.

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

amadorccc.org

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APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5  REMINDER Attendance sheets DUE	6	7	8	9	10	11 Calaveras Celebrate Our Children 11-3 Calaveras High
12	13	14	15	16  Provider Night 430-7pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Amador Celebrate Our Children 11-3 Italian Picnic Grounds
26	27	28	29	30		

[Find Child Care](#)

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