

WELCOME TO EARLY LEARNING IN THE KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM OUR Program Director

Dear Community,

April was a busy month for the R&R team! We attended On The Right Track at Calaveras High School and Bret Harte High School, hosted Calaveras Children's Fair, and hosted the Amador Celebrate Our Children. One of our subsidy staff members attended a conference in LA and we attended a Calaveras Board of Supervisor's meeting to celebrate child care providers.



May 8 is Provider Appreciation Day! Thank you to our child care providers and early educators who commit themselves to supporting our local families and children every day. Read our newsletter to learn about our Provider Appreciation Night where you can get a mud kitchen to take home!

With sincere appreciation,

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

Effective July 1, 2026, The Resource Connection will no longer be sending attendance confirmation emails. All information is available in the parent and provider portals, including confirmation receipts, Notice of Actions, Child Care Certificates, and payment information.

Get Started with CAI Hub: it's Easy as 1-2-3!

CAI Hub is a new, online portal designed to make it **easy and convenient** for providers and families to stay connected and informed.

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. She makes it SO easy to get CAI Hub set up!

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.

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 critical ECE bills in our state!

AB 2314: The Child Care Stability and Modernization Act

- Maximizes use of existing child care funds to serve families, ensuring efficiency in spending and reduction in delays for supporting families.
- Passed in Assembly Human Services Committee
- Supported by David Tangipa, Assemblymember representing Calaveras County

SB 1110: Reimagining Child Care to Better Serve Families & Providers

- Pushes the state towards a universal child care/single rate structure
- Passed Senate Education Committee

AB 1914: Planning for Child Care Access Act

- Planning for growth and accessibility for child care in communities
- All counties and cities must include child care in land use, circulation, housing, safety, and environmental justice elements of their general plans at minimum.

SB 1051 Emergency Child Care Bridge: No Wrong Door

- Allows for R&R Navigators to start referral process for resource families
- Passed through Senate with local Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil voting in support
- Now it goes to the Assembly floor

SB 902 Childcare: electronic signatures

- Authorizes electronic signature use for child care programs, including subsidy.
- Senate hearing last week in April, likely to be passed soon and move to the Assembly floor.

AB 1981 Subsidized childcare: reimbursement rates: reporting

- Passed in Assembly, onto the Senate floor.
- Voted in support by local Assemblymembers Heath Flora and David Tangipa, but not Heather Hadwick who did not vote.

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.



Local Spotlights

Calaveras County

The Calaveras Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation on April 28 for Provider Appreciation Day. Thank you for showing your commitment to the essential work child care providers do every day!

Amador County

Plymouth City Council's "Kid Zone" is located in Plymouth City Hall, where city council meetings are held twice a month. Integrating child-friendly activities and spaces can increase civic engagement in the long term or support local elected officials who struggle to find child care during city council meetings. Consider reaching out to your local city or county to inquire about how they support children who attend meetings or if they have a "Kids Zone".



- Supported by David Tangipa, local Assemblymember for Calaveras County

Thanks for Joining us at the 24th Annual Calaveras Children's Fair



[Watch the Recap Here!](#)

Thanks for Joining us at the 28th Annual Amador Celebrate Our Children!





[Watch the Recap 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



CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
4 Hours

The Child Care Providers training satisfies the requirements of AB 1207 and should be taken by every Mandated Reporter that works in a licensed child care facility.
Spanish course now available.

CDSS

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

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, May 30th, 2026
8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Space is limited to 12 per class. Registration &
\$100 payment must be received by
5/29/26 to reserve your spot.**

For Registration information, call Karen Frazier (209) 754-1075

The Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives
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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 [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.



Subsidy Goes to SoCal!

One of our Subsidy Coordinators, Taj, visited Anaheim for the Thriving Families statewide meeting alongside 130+ child care leaders for two days. Read below what Taj had to say about her travels to southern California! [Check out this video from one of the presenters highlighting their workshop!](#)

"The conference was an overall positive experience. I was happy to see that there are a lot of really dedicated and thoughtful people in our line of work. The conversation through the various workshops was leaning towards the use of technology in the field, with a highlight on how to apply AI and other software to enter, transfer, and review data to prevent fraud, allow better communication between agencies, families, and the government, as well as alleviate workload. **At the same time, the discussion was very human, reminding everyone that our voices and our activism, our personal work, our thoughts and feelings, our understanding and compassionate approach matter and make a difference.**" ~Taj

BrightLife
Kids

A CalHOPE program
by Brightline

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


WWW.RR.TRCAC.ORG

CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, May 21st, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

ALOHA SUMMER

Join us for a summer-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 aloha inspire conversations and create lasting memories.



The Resource Connection



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!




The Resource Connection

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
rr.trcac.org
8085 Hwy 26 Suite G
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.



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.



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
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

STRONG START CALAVERAS
Excellence in Early Learning | Quality Improvement Support for Childcare Providers

Quality Counts
Measuring the Quality of Early Childhood Care

Are You One of These?

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

Get Paid to Grow!	Free Resources Tool!
<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>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

How to Apply

Apply online or request a paper application!

<p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Program Application ✓ Participation Agreement ✓ 2 Quality Improvement Plan Goals ✓ W-9 (new participants) 	<p>Key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aug 1-30: Open Enrollment ✓ January-March: Midyear Check-in ✓ May 1-15: Goal Updates Due ✓ June: Incentive Checks Issued! 🎉
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Ready to Strong Start?

Let's Talk!
(209) 754-6914
rsweat@calaverascounty.gov
first5calaveras.org

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

RAIL ROAD FLAT PLAY GROUP TUESDAYS 9:30-11AM



Families with babies and children 0-5 years old are invited to join us for the following special activities at the Rail Road Flat TOWN HALL (250 Rail Road Flat Rd.)



May 5 Music with Maracas!



May 12 Ages & Stages



May 19 Rocking & Rolling

May 26 Family Yoga & Flower Garden Launch



Add us about Ages and Stages Developmental Screening!

Contact Dawn (415) 260-5783 or Allyssa (209) 480-8452 for more details or to sign up for text group notifications.



RRF Playgroup is sponsored by Waypoint Headings, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Breastfeeding Support Group



EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10AM

AT COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
261 TREAT AVE,
SAN ANDREAS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (209) 223-7688



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Calaveras County Resource Fair

FREE

Monday, June 1st 2026
9:00am to 12:00pm
San Andreas Town Hall

Join us and see what resources are available in the county

- WIC
- Calaveras Food Bank
- Head Start
- Child Care Resource & Referral
- The Calaveras Crisis Center
- The Calaveras Children's Advocacy Center
- Mother Lode Job Training
- Calaveras County Public Health
- MACT Health Services
- And other local resources



Bike Rodeo



Car Seat Check

THE POWER OF PLAY

Expanding Curiosity, Creativity, & Connection

Meet Carly Bedard. [Click HERE](#)

Come rediscover the power of play as the foundation for children's learning and development. In this interactive workshop, participants will dive into hands-on exploration with open-ended materials- experiencing for themselves the wonder, creativity, and connection that play makes possible. We'll reflect on the role of play in our own lives and in our work with children, and consider how play elevates engagement, curiosity, and joy. You'll leave feeling inspired, renewed, and equipped with practical strategies to create open-ended play experiences.

In-Person Learning

In this session we will be reflecting on a play memory, discussing play research, engaging in a cooperative play experience, and discussing resources to support overcoming barriers to play. The session is offered twice for your scheduling convenience.

DATE: Friday, May 15th, 2026
TIME: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Maidu Community Center
1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville, CA 95661

[REGISTER HERE](#)



OR

DATE: Saturday, May 16th, 2026
TIME: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
First 5 Amador
975 Broadway, Jackson, CA 95642

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Questions: Email
Brandi Pedigo brandi@pedigo@edcoe.org




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	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 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 - 12:30 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
Center for Early Learning

FIRST 5
CALAVERAS

first5calaveras.org 209-754-6914

TALK • READ • SING
CALAVERAS



Hosted by Mrs. Lyman

Music and Movement CLASSES

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

May 4, 11, 18
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
July 6, 13, 20, 27

Funded by
First 5 Amador
975 Broadway, Jackson
209-257-1092




Playgroups

Free to all children ages 0 through 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



Apr # 2025

FRIDAYS 9:30AM - 11:00

SCHEDULE

MOUNTAIN RANCH PLAY GROUP

7869 WHISKEY SLIDE RD.

05.01 ALPHABETS & NAMES

05.08 FLOWERS FOR MOM

05.15 FUN WITH FROGS

05.22 NATURE EXPLORER

05.29 BUZZING BEES



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

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



SSAY
AMADOR YOUTH SUBSTANCE TRENDS: A PANEL DISCUSSION
 ENGAGE, CONNECT, DISCUSS

JOIN US FOR AN ESSENTIAL CONVERSATION ON LOCAL MARIJUANA AND ALCOHOL USE, WITH REPRESENTATION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AMADOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, AND VOICES OF THE YOUTH.

MAY 5, 2026 | 6PM TO 7:30 PM

AT ARGONAUT HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
 Argonaut Lane



ALSO HYBRID VIA ZOOM
MEETING ID: 816 1936 2779
PASSCODE: 123456

More info: (209) 660-1245 or 660-3310
 SSAYCOALITION.ORG



RSVP



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

Amador County Unified School District presents
THE NURTURED HEART APPROACH
 with Denise Marler, MFT
 a **FREE** community training!



ABOUT THE TRAINING:

Denise is an "Advanced Certified Trainer" for the Nurtured Heart Approach. This approach helps parents and teachers understand how the power of relationship can turn even the most challenging kids/teens around. Participants learn to recognize and build upon strengths in even the most challenging children.

Free childcare & dinner provided!

DATE:
 May 14, 21, & 28

TIME:
 5:00 - 7:00 pm

LOCATION:
 First 5 Amador
 975 Broadway, Jackson

Attendees must sign up by **scanning the QR code** below. Please plan to attend all 3 days.



QUESTIONS:
 Dr. Heidi Galvez - ACCE FIT Coordinator
 (209) 304-9433



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@acscsd.org or 209-257-5338

amadrorccc.org



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 ccc@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.

CDSS

CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

MAY 2026

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[Find Child Care](#)

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