

# Early Learning in the Know

June 2026 Edition

## A Message From our Program Director

Dear Community,

Summer is here, which means the days are longer and the weather is heating up! As we look forward to all the summer season has to offer, I'd like to remind you of a few important things as we wrap up our fiscal year:



**June attendance forms and all other attendance forms between July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 NEED to be turned in no later than July 5, 2026.**

**Starting July 1, we will not be emailing attendance form confirmations to you. You can see if we have received your forms online on the new portal, CAI Hub.**

**Please call our office to sign up for the new provider and parent portals.**

We hope you have a wonderful start to your summer season!  
With sincere appreciation,

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

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# Important Announcement!



June Attendance Forms and any other attendance forms pertaining to months of child care utilized from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 need to be turned in no later than July 5, 2026 Please reach out to 209-754-1075 with any questions.

## CAI Hub

CAI Hub is the new provider and parent portal that's easy as 1-2-3 to set up! CAI Hub has proven to increase communication and transparency. It's not too late to get started! **Call The Resource Connection and ask for Jessica, she makes it SO easy to set up!**



[Get Started Now!](#)

## How Do I Access CAI Hub?

Providers and families can download the app by clicking the image above OR clicking the buttons below for the parent portal and provider portal. CAI Hub will help you access important child care information 24/7, view child care schedules, check payment and attendance information, and SO much more!

[Parent Portal](#)

[Provider Portal](#)

**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.

## Early Childhood Policy Updates

Click the bill names below to view a fact sheet or legislative language. In a rush? Read a few summarized points about each bill below!

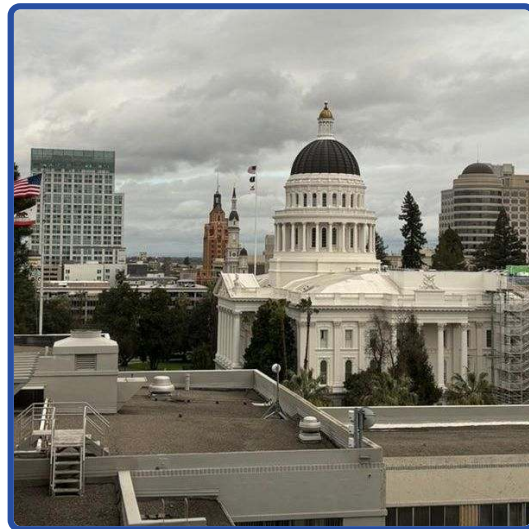
### [SB 1200: Definition of an Infant](#)

- Redefine the age range for an infant to mean a child under 18 months instead of 24 months.
- Recently passed in the Senate, on to the Assembly

### [AB 1914: Integrating Child Care in](#)

#### [Local General Plans](#)

- Require cities and counties to update their general plan elements on or after January 1, 2028.
- Include child care in the general plan at least these five sections: land use, circulation, housing, safety, and environmental justice.
- Passed in the Assembly, on to the Senate



### [AB 2430: The Bridge and Boost Act](#)

- Expands access to afterschool programs for teenagers.
- Expand access to mentorship, academic support, and career-connected learning in an afterschool program setting.
- Establishes a workgroup to focus on quality afterschool programs for teenagers, update funding rates, and stabilize program implementation.
- Requires reporting on CALPADS system.

### [AB 1690: Personal Income Tax Law: Young Child Tax Credit](#)

- Eliminate the five year age cap from Young Child Tax Credit eligibility.
- Increase the dependent age eligibility by 1 year each year until all families with dependents under 18 years old qualify.
- Help families with rising costs and financial stability.

## [AB 2429: Childcare: Mental Health Consultation Services](#)

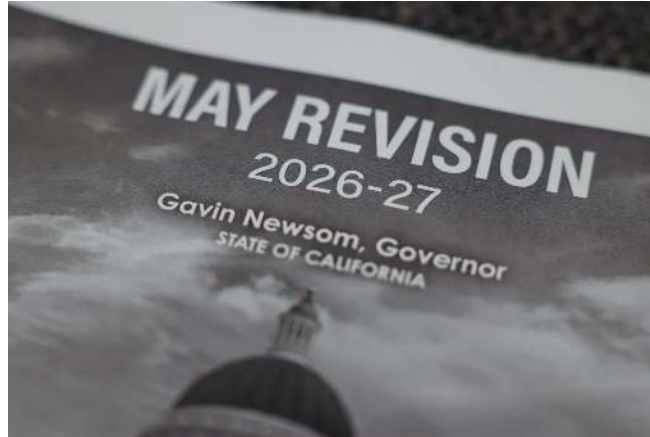
- Remove requirements to conduct ACEs Screener for each child in the classroom receiving early childhood mental health services.
- Reduce required classroom observations to once per year.

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# California Budget Updates

## The May Revise

Governor Gavin Newsom released the May Revise outlining his budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. See below some highlights and resources for navigating the state's proposed budget.



**Legislators have budget hearings throughout the month and must pass a budget before June 15. The Governor must sign a budget before June 30. This means the May Revise is not final and stay tuned for updates!**

## Highlights

- \$59.1 billion for CDSS budget
- \$7.5 billion for CDSS child care and development programs
- Expand 125,000 new child care slots
- \$100 million from voucher-based programs to fund CCTR spaces
- No change to rates for Cost of Care Plus
- \$112 million of the general fund for a 2.01% COLA for all DSS administered child care programs
- Reduction of COLA for CSPP to align with child care programs at 2.01%
- Ongoing funding for foster bridge at \$63.7 million
- Increase of \$20 million for Proposition 98

[Health and Human Services Budget Summary](#)

[TK-12 Education Budget Summary](#)

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# California Governor's Race

Learn about what California Governor candidates have to say about  
child care and education

**Children Now** interviewed seven candidates for California Governor and inquired about their perspective on children, families, and child care. Learn more and view those videos below:





**What Builds  
Brain  
Development**



**What Disrupts  
Brain  
Development**

@instituteofchildpsych

**Health & Safety scholarships for the 25-26  
fiscal year must be turned in by June 15th**



## 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!

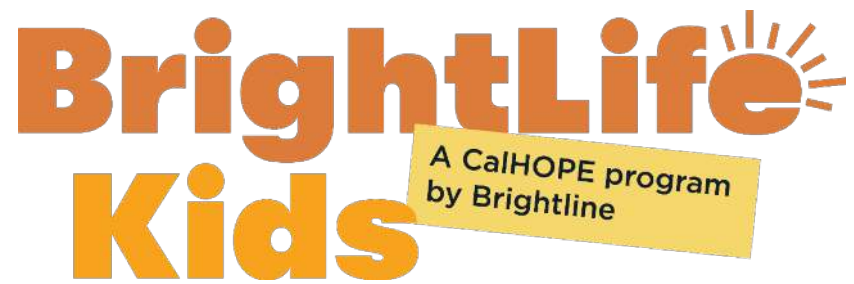
Apply online [HERE!](#)



## From the Subsidy Department

This is a friendly reminder to submit your updated program rates and contracts to [rrinfo@trcac.org](mailto:rrinfo@trcac.org). The Resource Connection requires a 30-day written notice for a rate change. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important administrative task.

# BrightLife Kids



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.

**R&R (Resource & Referral)**



## FRIEND, FAMILY & NEIGHBOR (FFN) ART WORKSHOP



*Want to encourage  
creativity?*

Learn how to set up engaging art activities for toddlers and the philosophy behind what is known as "process-based" art. From mess-free to big messes, we'll have developmentally appropriate suggestions for every comfort level. This creative workshop explores the benefits of engaging young children through art and play using materials you already have around the house plus some basic art supplies.



JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
6:00PM -8:00PM



GOLD COUNTRY ART SPOT  
1423 HAWVER RD,  
SAN ANDREAS, CA 95249

***Registration Required*** → → →  
***Space is limited to 15 Adults***



WWW.RR.TRCAC.ORG

# CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, June 18th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm



## SPECIAL GUEST

Shawna Holm  
Gold Country Art Spot

Join us for a creative evening featuring Shawna Holm from Gold Country Art Spot, who will set up process art activities for you to explore and take home instruction sheets. There will also be an art-supply buffet for you to top off your supplies for the long summer days ahead.



## Providers Out & About!

Check out Refuge Christian Preschool and The Resource Connection's Early Childhood Programs at the 2026 Frog Jump Youth Parade!



## 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 colorful graphic for "CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL Early Learning Library". The graphic features a central illustration of a toy truck with a sign that says "TOYS", a teddy bear, and a box of crayons. To the left of the illustration is a green dinosaur. The background is dark blue with colorful stars and confetti. The text "CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL" is in orange and "Early Learning Library" is in red script. Below the illustration is a yellow button that says "CHECK US OUT TODAY!".

- ✓ 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

Follow the Lending Library on Facebook!

# 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 are available for **FREE** for **YOU!** We add new items monthly. Visit us at 8085 Hwy 26, Suite G, Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245

[View the Library Online!](http://trcacrr.myturn.com)

# Check Out These Items!

Each month we will highlight 6 items from the Lending Library. Some are thematic to the weather we just had, like the "I Like The Wind" book, and others are just good old-fashioned fun! Consider checking out some of these items below...



## Animal X-Rays

Perfect for:

- Preschool and school age
- Active play
- Science and exploration



## Alphabet Fishing Game

Perfect for:

- Preschool and school age
- Practice spelling



## Toolbox Kit

Perfect for:

- Preschool
- Dramatic play
- Hands on, creative activities



## I Like The Wind Board Book

Perfect for:

- Preschool
- Learning about weather and the environment



## About Face

Perfect for:

- Preschool and school age
- Understanding emotions



## Rhythm Set

Perfect for:

- Toddler, Preschool, and School Age
- Manipulatives
- Music
- Group activity

- STEM

# Community Corner: Events, Resources & More!



**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](mailto:q4k@first5amador.com)

**Our Partners**



### Are You One of These?

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

#### 📍 Get Paid to Grow!

Earn monetary incentives for:

- ✓ Quality Improvement Plan Goals
- ✓ ECE courses & educational units
- ✓ Health & safety classes
- ✓ Professional development milestones

#### 📁 Free Resources Too!

As a participant, you also receive:

- ✓ 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!

#### 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

[rsweet@calaverascounty.gov](mailto:rsweet@calaverascounty.gov)

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



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



*Free  
Baby Resource  
Giveaway Day!*

**IN MOUNTAIN RANCH**  
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026  
4PM-7PM  
MOUNTAIN RANCH COMMUNITY PARK  
7869 WHISKEY SLIDE RD.

**NO OBLIGATION - JUST FREE STUFF!**

Baby Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Bibs, Crib  
Sheets, Blankets, Diapers & More!



*Free  
Baby Resource  
Giveaway Day!*

**IN COPPEROPOLIS!**  
Thursday, June 18, 2026, 1pm-3pm  
AT THE COPPEROPOLIS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK  
LOCATED AT LAKE TULLOCH BIBLE CHURCH  
3566 SPANGLER LN.

**NO OBLIGATION - JUST FREE STUFF!**

Baby Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Bibs, Crib  
Sheets, Blankets, Diapers & More!



**PLAYGROUP**  
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM  
BLUE MOUNTAIN CENTER  
364 MAIN STREET  
WEST POINT, CA




BMCYF.ORG OR 209 293 4500  
BMCYF PLAYGROUP ON FACEBOOK




**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
- Lone
- Jackson


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



**ENROLL NOW**

209-257-5338  
amadorcoe.org/amadorstatepreschool 

# 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) 223-7685

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Creating Healthy Learning Communities  
Building Lives

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN



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



## 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



## 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-lone**  
lone Memorial Hall  
207 S Amador St, lone




**Thursday-Pioneer**  
Faith Lutheran Church  
22601 State Hwy 88, Pioneer



For questions  
call (209)257-1092  
or check






**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](mailto: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](mailto:Jeni.DeWalt@acusd.org) at [acusd.org](mailto:acusd.org) or 209-257-5338

[amadorccc.org](http://amadorccc.org)

COMING SOON!



**WIGGLE WORKS**

**6 WEEK SESSION**

FOR AGES 0-5

FROM JUNE 23RD TO JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>

**TUESDAYS AT 12PM**

145 MANGILI RD, VALLEY SPRINGS AT

**POWER UP! FITNESS**

CONTACT REBEKA AT 209-294-6398

Priority enrollment deadline: June 5th



**The Bridge Program**

“bridging the gap to school success”



**July 6th through 23rd** Monday-Thursday

**Learning Labs at First 5 Amador**  
**975 Broadway, Jackson**

This FREE program is for children that could benefit from a summer transition program.

There will be 2 sessions:

<b>AM Session:</b> Children entering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) in the fall of 2026 (8:30-11:00am)	<b>PM Session:</b> Children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 (12:30-4:00pm)
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Please note: Children who have not attended preschool or TK will be given priority.

For more information call First 5 Amador 209-257-1092



Enrollment Forms available via QR code, First 5 Amador's website, 975 Broadway in Jackson, or at each elementary school office



# Grab & Go Lunch at the Library



Free lunches are back at the library for all kids and teens 18 and under! Everyone can join in—no ID, no income info. Just sign up at your local branch (pre-registration helps!) and grab a lunch while supplies last.

And that's not all... summer at the library is going to be fun. We're talking tie-dye, juggling, puppet shows, and more at select branches across the county! A full schedule of summer adventures is coming soon.

Come for the lunch—stay for the stories, crafts, and all the excitement to help young minds and bodies grow!

**Calaveras County Library**  
For kids ages 18 and under

**Lunch pickup begins on June 15th**



# Grab & Go Lunch at the Library



**June 15th – July 24th**



**Calaveras County Library**  
For kids ages 18 and under

Free lunches at the library for children and teens 18 years and under. All children are eligible. No income information or identification will be needed. Sign up at your local branch library; pre-registration is encouraged. Lunch will be served on a first come, first served basis. The library offers these meals in partnership with Amador Unified School District, through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. We hope you will come for lunches, summer reading, and free activities to help young minds and bodies grow and thrive!

### Lunch is served:

<b>San Andreas Library</b> Monday–Friday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Valley Springs Library</b> Monday–Friday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Moke Hill Library</b> Wednesday–Friday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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To learn more about summer meals, visit [www.summerfood.usda.gov](http://www.summerfood.usda.gov)



This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The Summer Food Service Program is a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California.

# Grab & Go Lunch at the Library



**June 15th – July 24th**



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For kids ages 18 and under

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### Lunch is served:

**Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families**  
Monday–Thursday  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

To learn more about summer meals, visit [www.summerfood.usda.gov](http://www.summerfood.usda.gov)



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# Grab & Go Lunch at the Library



**June 15th – August 7th**



**Calaveras County Library**  
For kids ages 18 and under

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### Lunch is served:

<b>Angels Camp Library</b> Monday–Friday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Arnold Library</b> Wednesday & Friday 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Copperopolis Library</b> Thursdays 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Murphys Library</b> Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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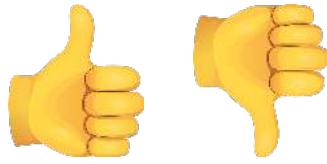
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How did you like this email?



# June



2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5   Attendance sheets DUE	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16  FFN Art workshop 8p-8p Gold Country Art Spot	17	18  Art Night Provider Night 4:30-7pm	19 CLOSED 	20	21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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