

Early Learning in the Know

August 2026 Edition

A Message From our Program Director

Dear Community,

August is National Wellness Month. As we close out summer vacations and start a new school year, we hope you can all find time to unwind, relax, and destress.



Thank you providers for submitting your attendance forms on time for the end of our fiscal year. As many of you know, we will no longer be emailing attendance form confirmation emails. To see if we've received your forms, you need to be set up with CAI Hub, the new portal.

Jessica is a superstar in getting you set up for the portal. She makes it so easy. Just give her a call at (209) 754-1075.

With sincere appreciation,

Sheri Noble

Program Director

The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral

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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. Still confused? Jessica is here to help, so what are you waiting for? Call us!

[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

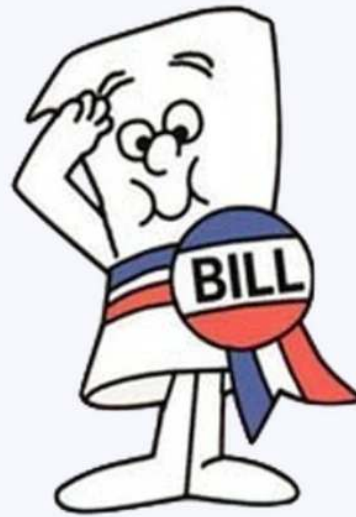
The California State Legislature is on recess until August 3. There are plenty of legislative committee hearings this week, view them down below!

Our September newsletter will have more in-depth legislation like we usually do, so stay tuned.

In the meantime, learn about the impacts of SB 150 on the early learning system. If you have questions, feel free to email Mia at mhuss@trcac.org

SB 150

Learn more about the early care and education trailer bill approved on June 29.



What is SB 150?

SB 150 stands for Senate Bill 150. It's a trailer bill to the budget that was approved and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 29, 2026.

What is a trailer bill?

Trailer bills are pieces of legislation that go along with the budget. The budget is the "how to" guide to spend money while the trailer bills are the "rulebook" that outlines what the money can be spent on.

When does it take effect?

SB 150 took effect July 1, 2026 after the budget was passed by the Senate and Assembly, then signed by the Governor. This does not mean all contents of SB

Reimbursement rates

- CSPP and CCTR reimbursement transitions to enrollment based funding
- COLA for CSPP and CDSS administered subsidized child care programs are suspended for 2026-27
- Increase monthly Cost of Care Plus payments, percentage of increase TBD
- R&Rs and LPCs will receive a 2% COLA directly
- RMR survey cycle changes to every three years

CSPP eligibility expansion

- Local education employee's children are 4th enrollment priority
- Lowest income first for CSPP
- Families in CalWORKs program are actively eligible for full day CSPP
- Families can join CSPP if a parent or guardian works or lives within the district
- 24 month continuous eligibility

CSPP & CDSS family fees (Beginning January 1, 2027)

- Contractors must pay CSPP and CDSS child care providers the full amount of certificates or vouchers without taking out family fees

150 take effect July 1 of this year.

- Contractors to collect family fees from families directly

Emergency planning (By January 1, 2027)

- All licensed child daycare facilities must have a written disaster and emergency plan.
- Details on what that plan should include is [HERE](#)

Health & safety training

- 15 hour health and safety training applies to all child care staff, family child care home licensees, and adult subs in family child care homes

Substitute adults

- Licensee absences may not exceed 20% of monthly operating hours
- Families must receive written notice before planned absences or by next business day for emergencies
- Absences must be reported to CDSS by next business day
- Written documentation must be submitted to CDSS within seven calendar days

Medication administration

- Licensed child daycare facilities may now administer all medications

Anaphylactic policies (Begins January 1, 2028)

- compliance with CDSS anaphylactic policy is mandatory for all child daycare facilities
- Facilities must notify families of the policy annually upon enrollment

Mandated Reporter training

- Exemption for individuals with limited English proficiency has been eliminated
- All licensed providers, applicants, administrators, and employees must complete mandated reporter training

Fraud and integrity

- Child care contractors must formally adopt best practices on fraud prevention and program integrity
- Terminate eligibility when there is substantiated evidence of fraud

Funds transfer authority

- CDSS can move money between different programs if contractors are not helping families or children enough
- Contractors with unspent slot expansion awards should be aware that CDSS may redirect funds
- CDSS must annually report to the legislature and LAO by Oct. 1 regarding transfers

Disaster relief (Begins July 1, 2027)

- Disaster related infrastructure grant program is established
- \$25M appropriated from Federal Trust Fund for disaster relief occurring in 2023-24, available for claims through Sept 30, 2029

Infrastructure (Begins July 1, 2027)

- CDSS may reserve 15% of slot expansion funds to support

- CDSS must publish a new statewide policy by Sept. 2027

minor repairs, infrastructure upgrades, and readiness activities.



From the Subsidy Department

This is a friendly reminder to submit your updated program rates and contracts to 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.

Need Help Paying For Child Care?



Child Care Subsidy can help you pay for Child Care:

- Work or look for work
- Seek permanent housing
- Go to school or training
- Helps when you are medically incapacitated

1. Check to see if you are eligible. Check the chart to see if your before-tax income is within the limits.

2. To be placed on our Child Care Eligibility List (CEL), please use our online application below.

cel.trcac.org

3. As funds become available, and we are able to enroll families at your current income rank, a subsidy coordinator will reach out to you.

Family Size	Family Monthly Income	Family Annual Income
1-2	\$7,119	\$85,434
3	\$8,054	\$96,652
4	\$9,636	\$115,637
5	\$11,178	\$134,139
6	\$12,720	\$152,641
7	\$13,009	\$156,110
8	\$13,298	\$159,580
9	\$13,587	\$163,049

If you meet eligibility requirements, you have the option to choose from licensed family child care, licensed or exempt child care centers, or family, friend, or neighbor care (may require background clearance), and in-home care. Please update your application when changes occur in your family size or income.

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Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives

Amador and Calaveras County
(209) 754-1075 (877) 944-9911

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.

R&R (Resource & Referral)

WWW.RR.TRCAC.ORG

CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, August 20th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

BACK TO SCHOOL

Join us for our monthly child care provider night – We are heading back to school. Grab items to help your littles get ready for their big day.



Grandparent Cafe Meetings

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Support and Resources for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

The Grandparent Cafe meets online the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. In-person meetings are offered quarterly. For additional information contact the Resource Connection at (209) 754-1075 or sstackpole@trcac.org.



Aug. 11

Sept. 8

Oct. 13 - Held at
the Senior Center
in Room 1

Nov. 10

Dec. 8 - Held at
the Senior
Center in Room 1

**Join on Zoom
Meeting ID# 878 8136 5783**

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 flyer for the Child Care Resource & Referral Early Learning Library. The background is dark blue with a white circular area in the center. The title 'CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL' is in orange, and 'Early Learning Library' is in red script. To the left of the title are three green checkmarks with corresponding text. In the center is an illustration of a toy truck labeled 'TOYS' carrying a box of pencils, a rubber duck, and a teddy bear. To the right of the truck is contact information. At the bottom center is a yellow button that says 'CHECK US OUT TODAY!'. Decorative elements include a green dinosaur on the left and a colorful kite on the right.

**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

TOYS

CHECK US OUT TODAY!

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



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 season while others are just plain old fashioned fun! Consider checking out some of these items below...



Light Play Lab

Perfect for:

- School aged
- STEM education
- Creativity and exploration



Fine Motor Forest Friends

Perfect for:

- Infants and toddlers
- Fine motor skills
- Learning about nature and animals



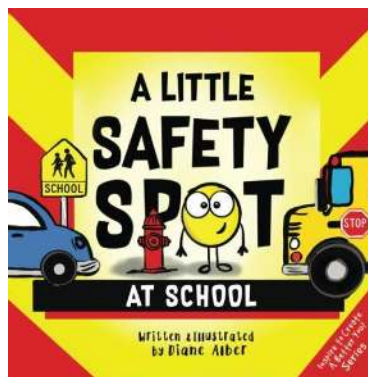
Car Ramp

Perfect for:

- Preschool and school aged
- Construction and building
- Creative play



"If You Take a Mouse to School" Book and Prop Set



"A Little Safety Spot At School" Book

Perfect for:



School Bus Musical Push Along

Perfect for:

Perfect for:

- Toddlers, preschool and school aged
- Literacy
- School readiness and active play

- Preschoolers and school aged
- Safety education for school
- School readiness

- Preschool aged and toddlers
- Fine motor skills
- Sing alongs and school readiness

Upcoming Professional Development & Trainings

UNDERSTANDING EARLY CHILDHOOD CREDENTIALS: PK-3 & CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMITS



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Monday, August 17 from 1-2 p.m.

Join The Resource Connection and the CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing to learn about the CTC permit matrix and the PK-3 Early Childhood Specialist Credential.

ONLINE VIA ZOOM. SCAN QR CODE OR USE LINK!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84329737612>



Community Resources

CALAVERAS ON THE GREEN

BENEFIT CONCERT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 3:30 - 8PM
BRICE STATION VINEYARDS
 3353 East Highway 4, Murphys, CA

LIVE MUSIC!
RILEY KLASSEN - 4PM
MICHELLE MOUGHTON & MICHAEL ROARK - 5PM
STAR DOGS - 6PM

 **NO PETS PLEASE**

**BENEFITING THE
 CALAVERAS CRISIS CENTER &
 CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**

SPONSORED BY HEALTH NET AND PRIVATE DONATIONS
Tickets: \$30 in advance; \$40 at the door.
No outside alcohol. Food, beer and wine for purchase. Bring a lawn chair!
Questions: 209-754-1300 or 925-550-0280

Breastfeeding Support Group

EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10AM

**AT COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
 243 TREAT AVE.
 SAN ANTONIO**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (209) 925-2685

The Resource Connection
 This activity is open to everyone.

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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 209-297-1092

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

BMCYT.ORG OR 209 293 4500
BMCYT PLAYGROUP ON FACEBOOK

Mom-Me Time

August 6
5:30 p.m.

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

Peace of Mind

Presented by:
Attorney Gwendolyn Christensen
The Estate Planning Law Center

Take home a complimentary gift
*while supplies last

Ensure your assets are protected and your minor children are cared for.

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
975 Broadway
Jackson, CA
209-257-1092

Host: Toni Rucker, MS, NCC, LCC
First 5 Amador
975 Broadway
Jackson

Sponsored in part by the Merced Health Foundation

Please join us for an

Amador Community Baby Shower

To celebrate expectant parents and families with a child under 12 months old.

Friday, 28 August 12-2pm

- Refreshments
- Giveaways & raffles prizes
- Information and resources
- On-site childcare

Hosted at:
FIRST 5 AMADOR
975 Broadway
Jackson, CA
209-257-1092

RSVP requested for planning purposes (for location, food, and seating)

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

Anthem healthnet FIRST 5 AMADOR

FREE Laptop & Computer Classes

Attend up to 4 in-person classes or join online on your own device to complete the program. Upon completion, receive a FREE Chromebook!

San Andreas: Cheri Lee at CheriLee@ceda.org
Angels Camp: Sarah Hume at Sarah.Hume@ceda.org
Valley Springs: Carol Ann Church at CarolAnnChurch@ceda.org
Murphys: Maggie Lantry at MaggieLantry@ceda.org

SCAN TO REGISTER

For more information, contact CEDA at 209-257-1092 or visit our website at www.ceda.org. For more information, contact CEDA at 209-257-1092 or visit our website at www.ceda.org.

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 out our website at www.first5amador.org

talk, read, sing, play

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

AUGUST 2026 SCHEDULE

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.)

August 4 Splash Pad / Water Play

August 11 Alpha-Bots

August 18 Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!

August 24 Playground Day

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

FIRST 5 AMADOR

WATER SAFETY AND PLAY Dad & Me

(grand-dads or father-figures)

For Amador County children 0-5 years old.

August 1, 2026
9:30 am-11:00 am
Jackson City Pool at Detert Park

RSVP required by July 24
209-257-1092 or QR code below

Free family picnic lunch after water play!

In order to ensure a low lifeguard to participant ratio, attendance is limited. Please sign up early!

Free safety info & lifejackets (while supplies last)

FIRST 5 AMADOR

Do you have a child on the Autism Spectrum? Amador County Public Health has created a group to help parents connect.



Join us at 6 pm the first Tuesday of each month at First 5 in Jackson

Together we can build an Autism friendly community!

**For more information please contact :
Naila Hertzog or Marsha Stone
(209) 223-6407
publichealth@amadorcounty.gov**

Your child may qualify for MEDI-CAL; scan the link above to learn 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)257-1002 or email q4k@first5amador.com

Our Partners





♦ 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



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

🌐 first5calaveras.org



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



AUGUST 2026




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