

Early Learning in the Know

September 2026 Edition

A Message From our Program Director

Dear Community,

September is a time to celebrate the changing of seasons with the Autumn Equinox on September 22. Before you know it, we'll be kicking off the holiday season!



Please note that beginning **October 1, 2026**, if you choose to email your **attendance forms**, please submit them as a PDF or through an application that creates *clear, complete copies*. Attendance forms that are unclear, incomplete, or difficult to read will be returned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. We are always here to help. We hope you enjoy the cooler weather and start to the fall season! With sincere appreciation,

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

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

REMINDER: 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. This has been in effect since July 1, 2026.

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Early Childhood Policy Updates

The Resource Connection's R&R Team has been watching legislation closely and there are some upcoming changes you need to be aware of.

See which bills made it through this year's legislative session. If you have questions about legislation or SB150, feel free to email Mia at mhuss@trcac.org

Click the image below to view the ??
legislative provider fact sheet!??



Recap of the 2025- 2026 Legislative Season

The state legislature adjourns its final legislative session on August 31. This is the last day to pass bills for the year. The last day for Governor Gavin Newsom to sign or veto bills is September 30.



Listed below are bills that passed or failed this legislative session. If passed, the bills are sent to the Governor's desk. The Governor has until September 30 to sign bills. Click the bill's name to see a more in depth explanation.

? = the bill passed ? = the bill failed

Senate Bills

?SB 1051 Emergency child care bridge: no wrong door

?SB 902 Childcare: electronic signatures

?SB 1200 Definition of an infant

?SB 954 CEQA: advanced manufacturing facilities: exemption

?SB 557 Child abuse: family resource centers

Assembly Bills

?AB 1981 Subsidized childcare: reimbursement rates: reporting

?AB 2230 Childcare daycare facilities

?AB 2258 Early childhood education and childcare: alternative payment program

?AB 2314 Childcare: alternative payment program

?AB 1914 General plan elements: childcare

?AB 2441 Community Supporting Innovation Pilot Program

?AB 1746 CalWORKs: childcare request forms

?AB 2430 Expanding learning programs: high school pupils

?AB 2092 Early Childhood Integrated Data System

?AB 65 School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave

?AB 2673 Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credit: childcare

?AB 1602 Foster youth: disaster aid assistance

?AB 2006 State government: office buildings: daycare centers

?AB 2429 Childcare: mental health consultation services

?AB 1755 CalWORKs

?AB 1688 Child abuse or neglect: reporting

?AB 2379 Family daycare homes: Fourth Amendment training

?AB 1937 Discrimination: business establishments

?AB 1690 Personal Income Tax Law: young child tax credit

?AB 2737 California Early Intervention Services Act

?AB 1159 Student personal information

?AB 1996 California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council

?AB 2241 School facilities: inclusive school playgrounds

How did our local legislators vote on ECE bills this legislative session? See the stats below.

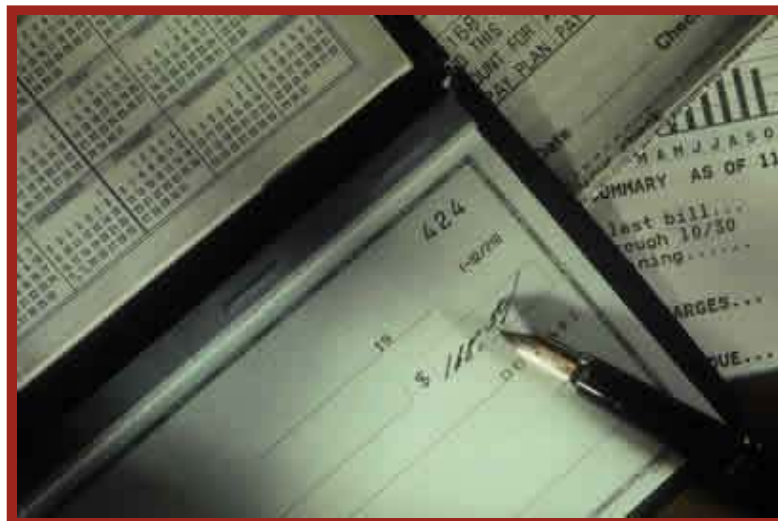
Want further details on how our local legislators voted? [Contact Mia](#) for the full spreadsheet.

Name	County & region They Serve	For	Against	No Vote Recorded	Never Got a Chance to Vote
Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil (R)	Amador & Calaveras	13	2	1	13
Assemblymember David Tangipa (R)	Calaveras County	15	4	1	9
Assemblymember Heath Flora (R)	Copperopolis & Ione only	13	3	4	9
Assemblymember Heather Hadwick (R)	Amador County	13	4	3	9



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.



??Payments??

As per The Resource Connection's parent provider handbook, **payments will be sent to providers no later than the 20th of the month.**

Contact the office if payment was not received by the 20th if you are signed up for direct deposit. For providers receiving payment via mail, checks may be received after the 20th due to mail processing times.

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

EMERGENCY PREP

Join us for our monthly child care provider night – We are getting emergency-ready. Listos California will be in attendance to meet with providers. We will have emergency prep packets available.





About Us

Through Quality Counts California (QCC) efforts, The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of the early childhood workforce pathways in Amador and Calaveras Counties by supporting providers actively employed in the early learning sector.

Participants

Funding is available for both Amador and Calaveras County Early Learning Providers. Apply if you are:

- Head Start staff
- Private preschool staff
- Local family child care providers
- State preschool staff
- After school program employees
- License-exempt provider

Stipend Amounts

Please note that stipend amounts vary depending on what you apply for and your eligibility. If you are a new applicant, you will need to complete a W9. Please reach out to The Resource Connection if you have any questions or concerns.

Complete the
application HERE



You Can Receive Stipends For...

Tuition and Books

Early Education Professionals can request assistance for their early childhood education-related expenses.

Academic Education

Stipends for completing coursework within or related to ECE

Child Development Permits & Credentials

Earn, maintain, or upgrade a child development permit.

ECE Mentorship Program

Participate in a mentorship program at a local college with completed on the job training hours.

Expanding License to Include Toddler, Infants, and/or Overnight and Weekend Care

Providers may earn a stipend for expanding their license to fill gaps.

Participant agrees to participate in data collection and use of Hubbe database.
Participant agrees to provide program, site, session, staff and child data and verifications to be entered into Hubbe as needed.

Questions? Contact us! (209) 754-1075 mhuss@trcac.org

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 graphic for the Child Care Resource & Referral Early Learning Library. It features a dark blue background with a white circular area in the center. Inside the circle, there are illustrations of a green dinosaur, a yellow key, a toy truck, a teddy bear, and various toys like a box of pencils and a ball. The text is arranged around these illustrations.

**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!

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!

Check Out These Items!

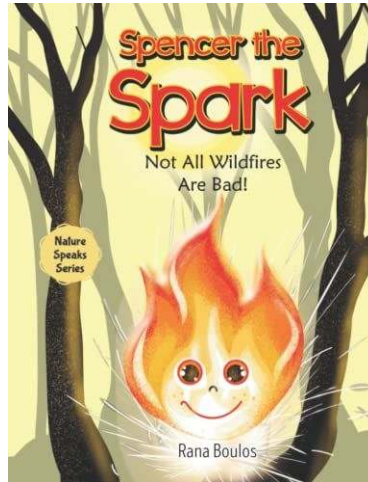
Each month, we will highlight 6 items from the Lending Library. Some are thematic to the season while others are just plain old fashioned fun! Consider checking out some of these items below...



**I Spy Autumn
Book**

Perfect for:

- Preschool
- Learning about fall
- Drawing, coloring, and creativity



**"Spencer the
Spark - Not All
Wildfires are Bad"
Book**

Perfect for:

- School aged
- STEM story
- Learn about the environment and wildfires



**Garden Mound
Soft Play Set**

Perfect for:

- Infants, toddlers, and preschool
- STEM, nature, and outdoor education



**Let's Roll:
Seasons**

Perfect for:

- Preschool



**Baby Balance
Bike**



- School aged
- Fine motor skills
- Play dough, sand, or clay play
- Learning about the seasons

Perfect for:

- Infant and toddler
- Active play
- Outdoor play

Jaguar Shaped Puzzle

Perfect for:

- School aged
- Visual recognition, problem solving, teamwork

Upcoming Professional Development & Trainings



The Engaging Families
Resource Empowering Communities
Connection Enriching Lives

SIMPLE STEPS SAVE LIVES

Let's Create a Disaster & Emergency Plan



9/9/2026 1:00-2:00PM

We will be going over the new written emergency and disaster plan requirements for child care providers that are **mandatory and go into effect January 1, 2027**



EMERGENCY READY!

- Evacuation procedures
- Emergency drills
- Shelter in place and lockdowns
- 72 hour self reliance plan
- Annual staff training on emergency procedures
- Have an emergency plan on site available for CDSS, parents, and all staff
- Relocation procedures, staff vehicle access, and more!

ATTEND THE WORKSHOP, EARN A SAFETY INCENTIVE!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81330977964>





Amador
QUALITY FOR KIDS
Supporting the Best Early Care & Education for Our Children

2026-2027 LAUNCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
4:30-7:00PM *COME WHEN YOU CAN*

FIRST 5 AMADOR
975 BROADWAY, JACKSON, CA



Come join our partners for a night of...

- Community Resources
- Networking
- New Q4K Campaign
- Refreshments
- and more...

Childcare
available upon
request

For attending and participating
in the resource fair you will
receive 2 hours of Professional
Development and an incentive.

Please RSVP by
scanning QR code, or
email q4k@first5amador.com.

For more information call
209-257-1092.

Our Partners

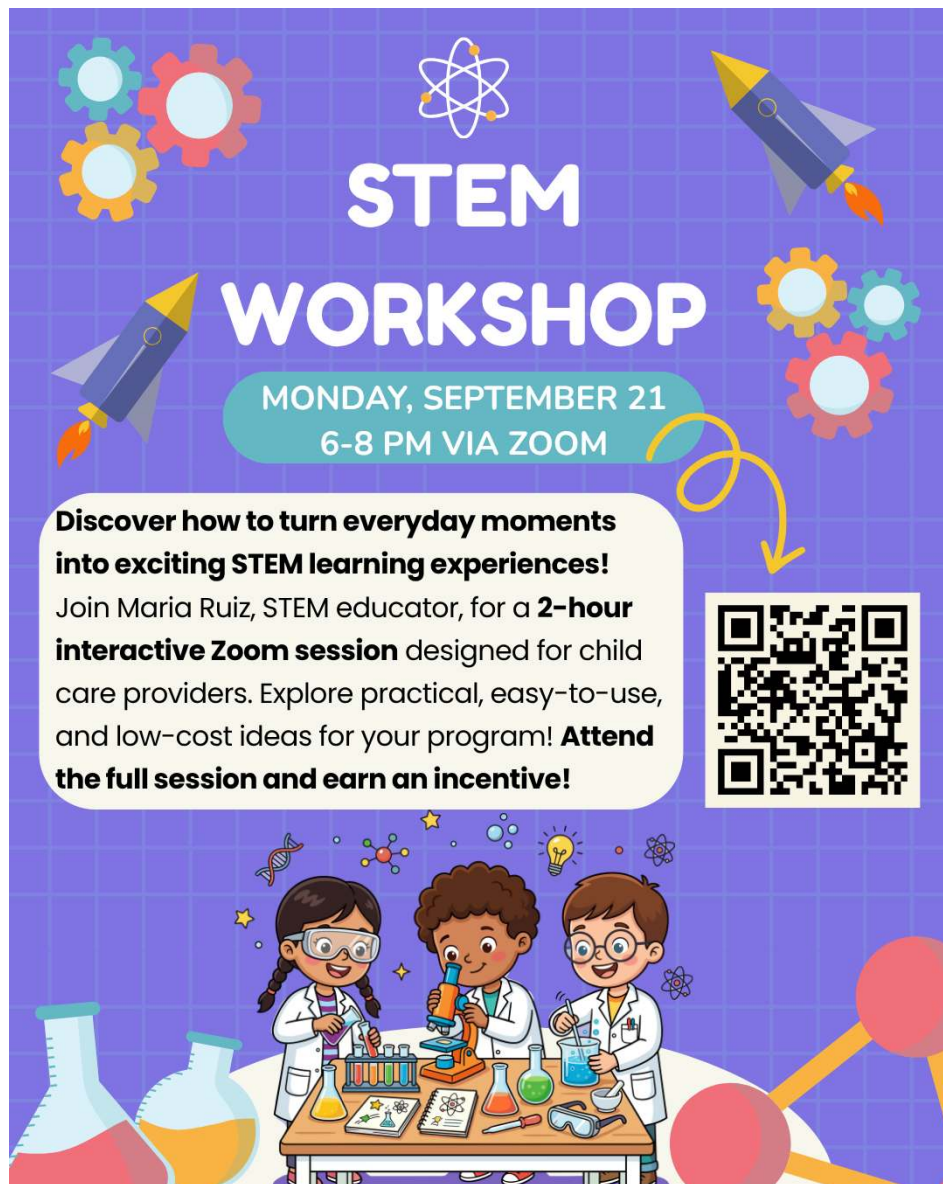
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Amador State Prison



A vibrant purple flyer for a STEM Workshop. At the top, the word "STEM" is in large white letters, followed by "WORKSHOP" in even larger white letters. Below this, a teal banner contains the date and time: "MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21" and "6-8 PM VIA ZOOM". To the left of the banner is a blue rocket with orange flames. To the right are three interlocking gears in teal, orange, and red. A yellow arrow points from the banner to a QR code on the right. Below the banner, a white text box contains the following text: "Discover how to turn everyday moments into exciting STEM learning experiences! Join Maria Ruiz, STEM educator, for a 2-hour interactive Zoom session designed for child care providers. Explore practical, easy-to-use, and low-cost ideas for your program! Attend the full session and earn an incentive!". At the bottom of the flyer is an illustration of three children (two girls and one boy) in white lab coats and safety goggles, working at a table with various science equipment like beakers, flasks, and a microscope. The background is decorated with stars, a DNA helix, and a lightbulb.

STEM WORKSHOP

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6-8 PM VIA ZOOM

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Join Maria Ruiz, STEM educator, for a **2-hour interactive Zoom session** designed for child care providers. Explore practical, easy-to-use, and low-cost ideas for your program! **Attend the full session and earn an incentive!**



Community Resources

Breastfeeding Support Group

EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10AM

AT COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
243 TREAT AVE.
SAN ANDREAS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: (209) 257-2685

The Resource Connection

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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 209-257-1052

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

BMCYF.ORG OR 209 293 4500
BMCYF PLAYGROUP ON FACEBOOK

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-Jane
Jane Memorial Hall
207 S Amador St, Jane

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

For questions call (209) 257-1092 or check

Let's read, sing, play!

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

Don't miss this opportunity for FREE info and a chance to learn more!

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
Chenille of Chenille
Mon-Fri
10:30am - 12:30pm
Tue-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm
Wed-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm

Angels Camp
Serra House
Mon-Fri
10:30am - 12:30pm
Tue-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm
Wed-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm

Valley Springs
Good Samaritan Church
Mon-Fri
10:30am - 12:30pm
Tue-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm
Wed-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm

Murphys
Murphys Library
Mon-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm
Tue-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm
Wed-Fri 10:30am - 12:30pm

SCAN TO REGISTER

For more information please contact:
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Amador Quality for Kids

Creating the Best Early Care & Education for Our Children

STRONG START Calaveras

Excellence In Early Learning



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





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



Quality Counts
Measuring the Quality of Early Learning and Care

Are You One of These?

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

📌 Get Paid to Grow!	📌 Free Resources Too!
Earn monetary incentives for: ✓ Quality Improvement Plan Goals ✓ ECE courses & educational units ✓ Health & safety classes ✓ Professional development milestones	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! 📄
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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)

Events



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Your first step to the career you want! Join us for this free event to invest in your future and meet local employers!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026 | 1-5PM



SAN ANDREAS TOWN HALL
24 Church Hill Road, San Andreas, CA

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**ACORN
RIDGE**

CASINO



**The
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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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**CALAVERAS
ON THE GREEN**

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

LIVE MUSIC!
NICK TYRREL - 4PM
MICHELLE MOUGHTON &
MICHAEL ROARK - 5PM
STAR DOGS - 6PM

 **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

NO PETS PLEASE






SEPTEMBER 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 REMINDER Attendance sheets DUE
6	 Labor Day Office Closure	8	 Emergency Prep for Providers Zoom 1-2pm	10 Quality for Kids Launch 430-7pm at First 5 Amador	 11	12
13	14	 Calaveras Child Care Council meeting 9am	16	17 Provider Night 430-7pm 	18	19
20	21 STEM Zoom workshop from 6-8pm 	22	23	24	25  First Aid/CPR 	26
27	28	29	30			






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