

Early Learning in the Know

October 2026 Edition

A Message From our Program Director

Dear Community,

Happy October! We have an exciting month ahead, kicking it off with the **Gold Country Job Fair today at San Andreas Town Hall from 1-5pm**. See you there!



Thanks to everyone involved, including Acorn Ridge for sponsoring and Mother Lode Job Training for co-hosting.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: 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 the fall season has to offer. 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

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.

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.**



Fall Sensory Activities to Try This Season

Explore sensory-friendly fall activities designed for children, including outdoor play and crafts to stimulate their senses this season.

[Read More](#)

Emergency Bridge Program Updates:

SUPPORTING LITTLE HEARTS

Simple Strategies for Trauma Informed Care

Children who may have experienced trauma could have a small window of tolerance which means they could become dysregulated more easily. A way to support these children is to learn trauma-responsive practices that expand their “window of tolerance”. This would mean strategies that would allow children the space to maintain a level of regulation and optimal function.



The number one trauma responsive strategy is establishing a relationship with a child so that they feel safe with you.

"Children who have been harmed in the context of a relationship can only be healed with a relationship" (Sorrel, 2015, p.48)

Remember how important you are in each child's life that you touch. You may be the relationship that is possible to start the process of healing the harmful effects of trauma.

This information comes from Optimal Brain Integration Module 100. for more information on Trauma Informed Care practices, reach out to the Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral's Emergency Bridge Coordinator at sstackpole@tracac.org

Early Childhood Policy Updates

The Governor's last day to sign bills into law was September 30. See which bills Governor Gavin Newsom signed and vetoed. Have any questions? Contact Mia [HERE](#).

Important Updates for Providers

AB/SB 150, AB/SB 190, and more! View the CDSS PIN and TRC's legislative fact sheet.



Legislation is complex. We're here to help.

Below is a child care provider's guide to legislation in California. As the 2025-26 legislative session comes to a close, The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral Program wants to help you understand critical changes in child care.

Click the image above to view The Resource Connection's legislative fact sheet for providers - making the complex legislative decisions easier to understand.



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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September 25, 2025

PIN 25-11-CCP

TO: ALL CHILD CARE CENTER AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME LICENSEES

FROM: *Original signed by Kevin Gaines*
KEVIN GAINES, Deputy Director
Community Care Licensing Division

SUBJECT: 2026 BUDGET TRAILER BILLS AFFECTING CHILD CARE CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Click the image above to view the PIN for SB150 and other legislative updates for providers. This is an official CDSS document.



What's a Veto?

A veto is the power of the executive branch (Governor or President) to reject a law or decision passed by the legislature.

The Governor is required to deliver a "veto message" for rejecting a law.

What Was Vetoed by the Governor?

?SB 954: California Environmental Quality Act: advanced manufacturing facilities: exemption

- Would have updated CEQA exemptions for child care facilities and advanced manufacturing.
- Governor's reason for the veto: [HERE](#)

?AB 2230: Child daycare facilities

- Would have allowed child care providers to prohibit law enforcement from coming in without a warrant, subpoena, or for an emergency
- Governor's reason for the veto: [HERE](#)

?AB 2314: Childcare: alternative payment program

- Would have allowed a VTT for AP Programs anytime throughout the year.
- Governor's reason for the veto: [HERE](#)

?AB 1602: Foster youth: disaster aid assistance

- Would have established a grant to assist foster youth and their families in an emergency
- Governor's reason for the veto: [HERE](#)

What Bills Were Signed by the Governor?

The governor signed many bills in the 2025-26 legislative session, here are some ECE related bills signed. Click the bill below to view a summary of each one. Signed legislation is typically enacted January 1 of each year.

SB 557: child abuse family resource centers

SB 902: early childhood education and child care: electronic signatures

SB 299: CEQA exemption: daycare center: zoning

SB 1051: Foster care: childcare

AB 1688: child abuse or neglect: reporting

AB 1981: subsidized childcare: reimbursement rates: reporting

AB 2006: state government office buildings: daycare centers

AB 2429: childcare: mental health consultation services

AB 1755: CalWORKS

AB 1159: student personal information

AB 1996: California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council

AB 2241: school facilities: inclusive school playgrounds

Where Do Gubernatorial Candidates Stand on Child Care?

What does Gubernatorial mean?

Gubernatorial is an adjective used to describe the office of the governor.

You'll often hear that there's a gubernatorial race this election. That simply means registered voters will decide on who will be



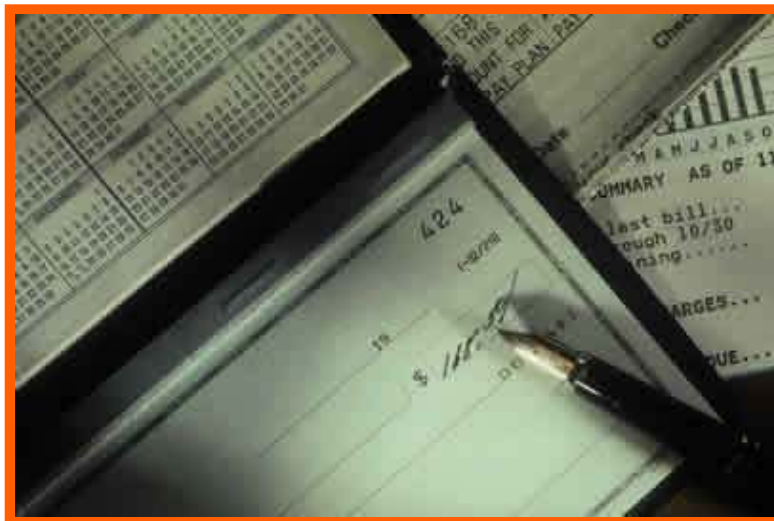
Xavier Beccera and Steve Hilton are running for California Governor. There are many issues voters care about, **but what about child care?** View some resources below to learn about where Beccera and Hilton stand on child care.

Independent Governor Race website [HERE](#)



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 if attendance forms were turned in on 5th.**

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.

The Resource Connection
Engaging Families
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, October 15th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

FALL EXPLORATIONS

Join us for our monthly child care provider night – We are ready for the change of season with this fun book about leaves! Our clear observation tubes will add fun and curiosity to your play space.



The Resource Connection
 Engaging Families
 Empowering Communities
 Enriching Lives
 Stipends for Early
 Childhood
 Professionals living
 and/or working in
 Amador or
 Calaveras Counties



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 blue truck, a brown teddy bear, and a box labeled 'TOYS'. The text 'CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL' is in orange, and 'Early Learning Library' is in red script. A list of benefits is on the left, and contact information is on the right. A yellow button at the bottom says 'CHECK US OUT TODAY!'.

**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!

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!

This month we're heavily focused on books, especially Halloween and Fall themed stories fit for any classroom or program! **Consider checking out some of these items below...**



Construction
Worker Costume

Perfect for:

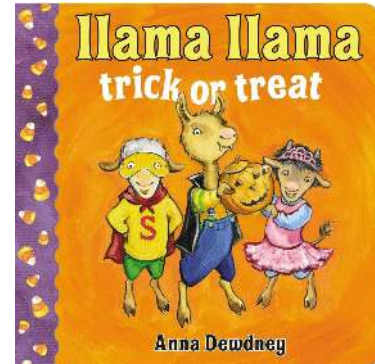
- Feeling like you're in Mokelumne Hill right now!
- Dramatic play
- Preschool
- Exploring careers



The Scarecrow
Book

Perfect for:

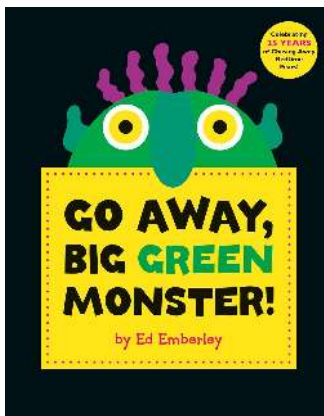
- Preschool
- Fall themed story time
- Discovering friendship
- Emotions



Llama Llama
Trick or Treat
Board Book

Perfect for:

- A fun Halloween story time!
- Preschool



Fall Board Book



Chef Career
Costume

Go Away, Big Green Monster! Book

Perfect for:

- Infant and toddler
- Preschool
- Senses
- Interactive storytime

Perfect for:

- Toddler and school aged children
- Dramatic play
- Being creative
- Exploring careers

Perfect for:

- Preschool
- Toddler
- Halloween story time

Upcoming Professional Development & Trainings



California
**Childcare
PREVENTATIVE
HEALTH & SAFETY**

Saturday October 24th 2026
8:30-5:00
8085 Hwy 26 Suite G
Mokelumne Hill Ca. 95245

\$25

This course is intended for anyone to meet the SB150 criteria for centers and family child care. The class is EMSA-approved and meets the 8- hour Preventative Health & Safety requirement and the Nutrition class needed to become licensed by Community Care Licensing (CCL)

*Facilitators:
Karen Frazier
& Mia Huss*

The Resource Connection
Empowering families
Empowering Communities
Empowering Lives



Call or email for
registration information
(209) 754-1075
kfrazier@trcac.org

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) 223-2685

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 CALIFORNIA

PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM

BLUE MOUNTAIN CENTER
364 MAIN STREET
WEST POINT, CA

FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA

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-Ione
Ione Memorial Hall
207 S. Amador St., Ione

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

For questions call (209) 257-1092 or check [facebook](#) [twitter](#) [instagram](#)

Like, 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 support and connection to other families in your town!

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	Angels Camp	Valley Springs
Chenille & Dismore Mon-Fri 9:00am - 12:00pm Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm Sun 10:00am - 12:00pm	Santa Rosa Mon-Fri 9:00am - 12:00pm Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm Sun 10:00am - 12:00pm	Goodwin Church Mon-Fri 9:00am - 12:00pm Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm Sun 10:00am - 12:00pm

Murphys
Murphy's Library
Mon-Fri 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sun 10:00am - 12:00pm

SCAN TO REGISTER

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

HOME VISITING PARENT EDUCATOR PROGRAM

Our program helps families:

- Support child growth & development
- Learn positive parenting behaviors
- Improve family health & well-being
- Prepare children for school success
- Build strong community connections

ENROLL NOW

No cost family support items:

- Car Seats
- Car Connect Vouchers
- Learning & Development Activities
- Diaper Bag
- Baby & Family Essentials
- And more!

Scan Me!

For more information please contact:
Alissa Bain 209-754-2318

www.clanewspubhealth.com

GROWING TOGETHER PRESCHOOL

ENROLLMENT
2026-27 School Year
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Part Day Program: 7:45-11:30am

San Andreas Elementary
Jenny Lind Elementary
Valley Springs Elementary

Play, Learn, Grow, Together!

State Preschool slots are available, income-based qualifications.

For more information, please contact
Alissa Bain 209-754-2318

CUSD

BEYOND BABY BLUES

MOMS GROUP

Fridays at 11:15 am starting October 2, 2026

At the Peer Wellness Center 373 W St.
Charles St, San Andreas, CA 95249

Hosted by Amelia Vongphairoth, ACSW



**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



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! 📄

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
Resource
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Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!



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GROUP CONNECTIONS DAY

Group Connections are special events designed to bring families together to connect, share parenting experiences, and support early childhood development through play. This special event is free and open to all families in the community! Come let your kids explore while you meet neighboring parents and pick up great early childhood resources.

↓ **LOCATION:**

San Andreas Library
1299 Gold Hunter Rd
San Andreas, CA 95249

Monday, October 26, 2026

Savvy Shopper
Presented by a Registered Dietician ✓

Time: 1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m ✓

Snacks and drinks provided ✓

Childcare provided



Parents as Teachers

Funding for this program is provided by California Department of Public Health Memo 24-06, Policy 200-10.

Contact Us
209-754-6460 

More Information
www.calaveraspublichealth.com 





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