



Calaveras Child Care Council



October Newsletter

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The mission of the Calaveras Child Care Council (CCCC) supports the development of affordable, accessible, quality child care which promotes the success of all children, their families, and the economy of our communities. We envision an inclusive, affordable child care system that promotes healthy, successful children and youth.

?Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

We attended the annual **Child Care Council Coordinators Association (CCCCA) Conference** in Sacramento, 2 weeks ago! This year's theme was "**Empowering LPC's to Strengthen the Early Childhood Community in Times of Change**" - see photos below! We enjoyed lots of statewide networking, and gained ideas and education on ways to continue the important work that we do. Important updates and information from the Conference will be shared all throughout this newsletter!

To kick it off, we wanted to share with our community what the Calaveras Child Care Council is mandated to provide...

Local Child Care Planning Council Mandates

Support Providers

Training and professional development of child care providers.

Collaborate

Collaborate with community and government agencies to provide families with the best possible child care options.

Promote Services

Promote access to quality child care and development services.

Develop Priorities

Develop local priorities for allocation of state and federal child care funds.

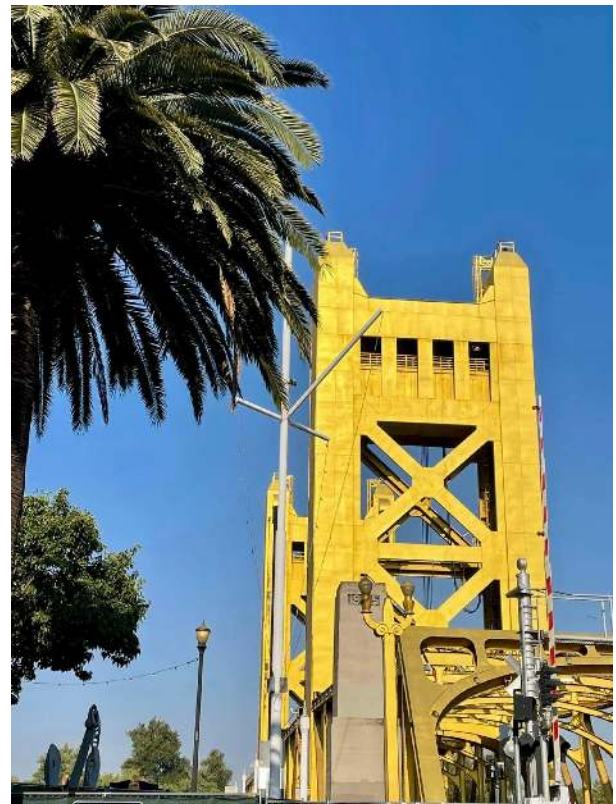
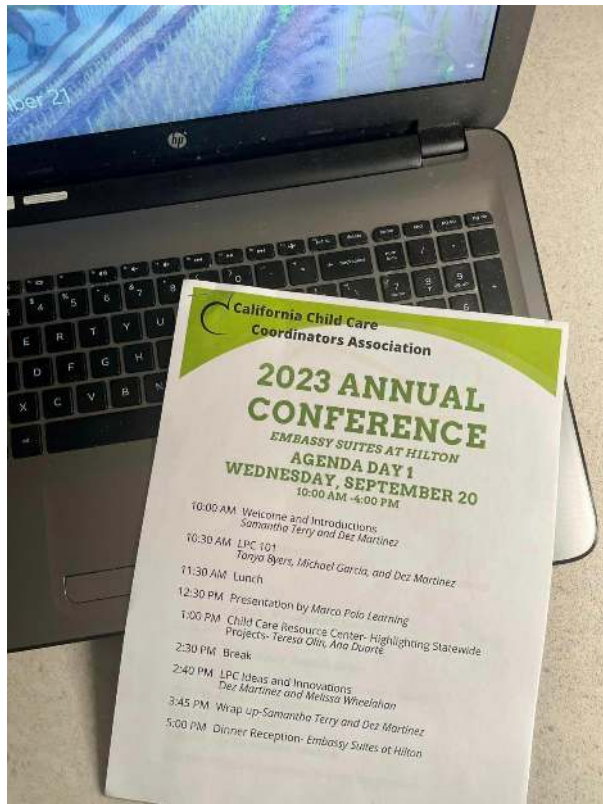
Assess Needs

Assess the County's overall child care needs once every five years.

Prepare Plan

Prepare Countywide Child Care Plan to mobilize public and private resources.

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WHAT'S NEW

See what we've been up to

The Resource Connection
 Empowering Families • Empowering Communities • Nurturing Lives



Amador & Calaveras Counties need you!
Work from home & make a difference. Become a child care provider today!

- Earn income while staying home with your own kids.
- Technical assistance to start and strengthen your program. Free education for providers!
- Claim tax deductions for the business use of your home.
- Equipment lending library & consumable closet.

Contact The Resource Connection today for more details! **209-754-1075** or email kfrazier@trcac.org

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Are you interested in becoming a licensed family child care provider? **Calaveras County needs you!** If you love working with children, you can earn income while staying home!

The Resource Connection can help you through the entire process, and you can earn some great incentives... along with access to a free equipment and supply Lending Library!

Call **(209) 754-1075** for more information, or [email](#) here. Click the photo to learn more!

COLUMBIA COLLEGE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT APPRENTICESHIP





FOR MORE INFORMATION

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www.gocolumbia.edu

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- A 28-month state registered apprenticeship program
- Paid on-the-job training (2,000 hours)
- 18 units of Child Development coursework (RSI)
- Both online and in-person classes
- Tuition and books fully paid
- Certificate of Completion through the Division of Apprenticeship Standards
- Credit for previous coursework

APPRENTICESHIPS WORK!

CHILDCARE HELPS PARENTS EARN WHILE CHILDREN LEARN

EMPLOYERS ARE CURRENTLY HIRING APPRENTICES!

OUR EMPLOYER PARTNERS:

- Amador College Connect
- Amador Tuolumne, Community Action Agency (ATCAA)
- Chicken Ranch Rancheria
- Columbia College Child Care Center
- The Resource Connection
- Senior Youth Partnership



Columbia College is a long-time supporter of the Early Childhood Education field. They offer a wide variety of child development and ECE classes, and also facilitate the **Child Development Apprenticeship program!** If you are currently working in a child care facility and would like to strengthen your skills while earning an Associate Teacher Permit, please check out this opportunity! Click on the flyer and [here](#) for all the details!

We will also be partnering with them next month, by participating in their Resource

sharing event! More to come in November's newsletter.

We are very happy to be serving as a Board Member for the **Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce**! This has been a terrific opportunity to work more with the business community, and explore options of expanding child care availability.

If you are interested in talking to us about how you can help your employees have easier access to child care, let us know!



**All Children Are Special:
How to Know When a
Child Needs Help**

A Guide for Parents and
Child Care Providers



Calaveras Child Care Council
Revision June 2023

The ever-popular "**Purple Manual**" has been updated! The Calaveras Child Care Council has sponsored this helpful manual for many years, and just had it updated this Summer.


?If you have developmental concerns about a child, this manual can guide you through the process of requesting an assessment, and access other helpful resources. **Click photo on the left to check it out online... hard copies will be available at our office soon!**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Available training opportunities


The Calaveras Child Care Council partners with local organizations to share with outreach, and help host, a variety of **training opportunities for child care providers and parents**. Click on each picture below for more information on these upcoming workshops and trainings...

The Resource Connection
PROVIDER WORK NIGHT
 EVERY 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 4:30PM-7:00PM



Learning Resources
 Open to all Providers

Items you may take back to your program and use up. Paint, glue, scissors, paper, glitter, playdough, tape, craft items and more!
 Our color copy machine is available to print your contracts, policy booklets and other business paperwork.



Lending Library

Over 4000 children's books and educational items available for loan. All developmental areas available. Large selection of teaching books.

VIRTUAL ASQ TRAINING

ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2

Participants will be introduced to two highly reliable and valid tools for screening and monitoring the developmental progress of children ages 1-72 months. Content covers the administration, scoring, interpretation, and sensitive communication of ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2 screening results. Various resources and follow up activities will be shared, plus breakout sessions will provide interactive opportunities to practice working with the screeners through case studies.

Participation is required for all four days in order to receive PD credit
Click or Scan the QR Code

Registration Questions email tbeehan@edcoe.org



When

- Wednesday, October 11, 2023
- Wednesday, October 18, 2023
- Wednesday, October 25, 2023
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023

6:00 – 8:00 pm each day.

Where

Via Zoom


Trainers

- Tracy Marrs
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2023-2024
THE RESOURCE CONNECTION
 CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL


Professional Development workshops and trainings

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.
 JOHN DEWEY



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CPIN
 CALIFORNIA PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL NETWORK



Menu of Professional Learning Opportunities
 for pre-kindergarten and transitional kindergarten
 administrators, teachers, leaders, coaches, and early care and education providers

CDSS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Registration
questions email
jwalker@pitc.org

Click or Scan
for desired
session
below:



Virtual Session 1: Creating Partnerships with Families
DATE: September 11 6:00-8:00 pm via Zoom
Participants will have an opportunity to identify and describe their own emotional responses (protective urges) and how they can use the PITC Four-Step Process to create positive relationships with families.



Virtual Session 2: Understanding Children's Behavior
DATE: October 2 6:00-8:00 pm via Zoom
Participants will have an opportunity to explore the connection between social-emotional development and the possible causes of behavior as well as strategies for responding to behavior with infants and toddlers in group care settings.



Virtual Session 3: Caregiving Routines as Curriculum
DATE: October 23 6:00-8:00 pm via Zoom
Participants will have an opportunity to examine how caregiving routines lead to enhanced relationships between the caregiver and child and create natural learning opportunities for the children in their care.



Virtual Session 4: Socialization and Guidance
DATE: November 13 6:00-8:00 pm via Zoom
Participants will have an opportunity to explore the key elements of socialization and guidance with infants and toddlers and identify positive socialization techniques to strengthen their work with children.



Virtual Coaching Sessions, via Zoom:

6:00 – 7:00pm
(For Coaches)

7:00 – 8:00pm
(For Providers)

Sept 21:
Creating Partnerships with Families

Oct 12:
Understanding Children's Behavior

Nov 2:
Caregiving Routines as Curriculum

Nov 30:
Socialization and Guidance

Save the Date Coaching Registration to Follow



Strong Start Calaveras - is a quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) for early learning programs. This grant funded program offers incentives for Calaveras child care sites/homes and teachers for quality improvement and continuing education. Why does quality matter? Research continues to show that high-quality early learning and care programs have a lifelong, positive impact on young children and their families. If you are a Calaveras child care provider, please look [here](#) for more information on how to participate!

UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN (UPK)

Local updates



“**Universal PreKindergarten**” (UPK) is the expansion of the state’s mixed delivery system to meet the early education needs of 3- and 4-year-old children and their families. UPK is an important part of a statewide effort to provide whole-child support for children and families, and transform California’s

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Join us!



UPK MIXED DELIVERY
?WORKGROUP MEETING

To Be Determined
Please call for
?update

schools to be more community-focused and equitable. Partnerships with local community groups are necessary to build successful UPK programs.

The **Calaveras Child Care Council** is funded to form a local workgroup to plan for UPK options in a **mixed delivery system** along with workforce development, in Calaveras County. Mixed Delivery systems offer a variety of early learning and care settings to allow parents and guardians an authentic choice to meet the needs of their families. The local UPK Mixed Delivery workgroup will identify program types available to families and will develop clear access and information about these options.

One of our **UPK Mixed Delivery partners** was recently featured in an interview with the **Sierra Lodestar**... say hello to Jeanette and Quinn with **Head Start and Early Head Start!** Click below to watch interview...



[UPK Presentation - Calaveras County](#)

?We meet 5 times per year, and meeting dates vary. Keep checking here for upcoming dates.

CALAVERAS CHILD CARE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, October 17
9:00 am
Calaveras Unified
School District**

*We meet on the 3rd
Tuesday of every
month.*



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Affecting Child Care

There is currently a lot going on in the Legislature that pertains to child care. Follow this [link](#) to search for each Bill, for more details...

- **SB 2** - related to concealed carry permits, prohibits firearms within child care facility (in building and parking area).
- **AB 51** - would support effective and equitable funding of child care providers and just transition as TK is implemented.
- **AB 185** - effective 9/27/22, related to child care license ratios, children enrolled in TK now considered school-aged.
- **AB 310** - related to CalWorks, would provide parents with support to ensure economic security.
- **SB 380** - would require plan to change reimbursement rates to an alternative methodology, and evaluate cost of providing care. Methodology would be updated regularly to account for rising costs in care.
- **AB 596** - to transition providers to a single cost based reimbursement rate, suspending family fees until an equitable sliding scale is established, also funding providers using enrollment based contract.
- **AB 605** - approved 8/1/23, transition to single license for all existing licenses will be delayed. Community Care Licensing will clarify in a PIN.
- **AB 1038** - would codify unified practices for FCCHEN in a standardized framework.
- **SB 1044** - updated Labor Code, employer: emergency condition: retaliation.
- **AB 2131** - effective 1/1/24, elimination of the "toddler component" in Health & Safety Code.
- **AB 2806** - for state-funded programs, expulsion and suspension procedures.
- **AB 2827** - Inclusive Early Education expansion program.

MONTHLY IDEAS

Fun with Fall

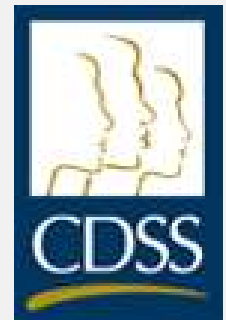


The weather is cooling, and Fall is in the air! Child care providers and early learning professionals everywhere are getting ready to focus on Fall-themed ideas! One component to

STAY INFORMED

Updates from Community Care Licensing

1) As part of the **Inspection Process Project (IPP)**, Community Care Licensing has developed the **Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement (CARE) Tools** for use in the Child Care Program. The CARE Tools will be used by Licensing Program Analysts (LPAs) when conducting inspections in licensed child care

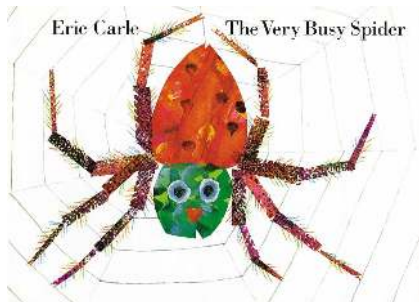


facilities. The CARE Tools focus CCL's efforts in the three IPP priority areas: Prevention, Compliance and Enforcement. Click link [here](#), and scroll down to "CARE Tools for Child Care Facilities." CCL encourages child care providers to download and use these self-assessments.

2) Community Care Licensing is holding a webinar to explain the **new safe sleep regulations**. The webinar will be held on **Tuesday**,

a high-quality learning environment, is including a fun and age-appropriate curriculum. Pair this tasty and simple recipe for **Spider Web Pancakes**, with **The Very Busy Spider** book below, for a well rounded mini-curriculum. Add other Fall or Halloween-themed activities, and you've got a full day's (or more) worth of quality additions to your program, or to enjoy at home with your kiddos!

[Click here for the recipe](#)



October 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Find out more in this [Provider Information Notice](#). Sign up for the Safe Sleep Webinar by [following this link](#).

3) The next **Quarterly Provider Webinar** is scheduled for **December 12**, at **6:00 pm**. Watch for an upcoming PIN from CCL, to register. Click [here](#) to see slide deck from the last Quarterly Update Webinar on September 26.



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Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives

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