



Calaveras
Child Care Council



Fall Newsletter

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.

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See What's New!

Supporting Working Families Just Got Easier

Looking for simple, effective ways to help your employees manage child care?
Our new [Employer-Supported Guide](#) to Child Care Resources offers practical tips,

local contacts, and easy steps to support your workforce—and boost productivity. Click below to view, save, or print!

Employer-Supported Child Care



Calaveras
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Passionate About Early Childhood?

Join the Calaveras County Child Care Council

Make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community. As a council member, you'll help shape policies, support providers, and advocate for quality child care and early education in Calaveras County.

What You'll Gain:

- A voice in local child care planning
- Connections with educators, parents & leaders
- Opportunities to influence positive change

? Meetings are just once a month—your impact will last a lifetime!



THE CALAVERAS CHILD CARE COUNCIL IS SEEKING MEMBERS TO BE A PART OF A PLANNING GROUP THAT WORKS TO ASSESS AND COORDINATE THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY CHILD CARE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IN CALAVERAS COUNTY

**BE A PART OF A TEAM THAT
ADVOCATES FOR LOCAL CHILD
CARE NEEDS**



For more information or to apply please contact us at
 209-754-1075  snoble@trcac.org  www.calaveraschildcare.org

Making Connections

See What's Going on with our Local Partners and Organizations



The Resource Connection



Complete your professional journey in Early Childhood Education today!

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 early childhood workforce pathways in Calaveras County by supporting providers actively employed in the early learning sector.

Our Mission

The Resource Connection's mission is to engage families, enrich lives, and empower communities by providing essential resources and support in Amador and Calaveras Counties.

Participants

Funding is for Calaveras County Early Learning Providers

- Head Start Staff
- Private Preschool Staff
- Local Family Child Care Providers
- State Preschool Staff
- License-Exempt Providers

Financial Support for Tuition and Books

ELC professionals can request assistance for their early childhood education-related educational expenses. Funding is available until no longer available and/or May 31, 2026.

Academic Education Stipends

Stipends ranging from \$400 to \$900 for completing coursework within or related to early childhood education and/ or renewing, maintaining or upgrading their Child Development Permit.

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Stipend

Professionals who earn a CDA credential can receive a \$300.

Culturally Diverse Books and Materials

Attendees of dual-language workshops will receive culturally diverse books or materials.

ECE Mentorship Program

Participants in mentor programs at local colleges can receive up to a \$500 stipend upon completion of 1,000 hours of on-the-job training.

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

Stipend amounts will vary.

Complete the application HERE



Contact: Sheri Noble ✉ snoble@trcac.org ☎ 209-754-1075



FIRST 5 CALAVERAS
PREVENT CHILD ABUSE COUNCIL CALAVERAS

FY 2025-26 Mini-Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 5



Funds available to support activities for Calaveras kids!

- Events**
Up to \$1,000 for Community Events
- Playgroups**
Up to \$2,000 for Playgroups
- Libraries**
Up to \$500 per Library Branch
- Prevent Child Abuse**
Up to \$1,000 *birth to 18 years



What can funds be used for?

First 5 funding may support free activities for all Calaveras children ages 0-5 and their families in the following focus areas:

- Healthy children
- Children learning & ready for school
- Strong families

APPLY AT: FIRST5CALAVERAS.ORG

CONTACT: ☎ 209-754-6914 ✉ aeaves@calaverascounty.gov

PLAYGROUPS & STORYTIMES
for kids birth to 5 and their caregivers

Days	Times	Location
Mondays	10:30 am	San Andreas Community Covenant Church • Not in session during CUSD breaks
Tuesdays	10:30 am	Murphys Library Storytime
Wednesdays	10 am	Blue Mountain Youth Center, West Point • Not in session during CUSD breaks
Wednesdays	10:30 am	Arnold Library Storytime
Wednesdays	10:30 am	San Andreas Library • Storytime 10:30 - 11 am • Free Play 11 am - 12:30 pm
Thursdays	9:30 am	Rail Road Flat Community Center
Thursdays	10:30 am	Copperopolis Library Storytime
Fridays	10 am	Mokelumne Hill Library Storytime
Fridays	10:30 am	Angels Camp Library Storytime



STRONG START Calaveras
Calaveras County Early Learning

first5calaveras.org



FIRST 5 CALAVERAS

☎ 209-754-6914



FAIR READS CALAVERAS

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 below or call Karen Frazier for more information
(209) 754-1075

<https://form.jotform.com/251735262324150>

The Resource Connection

Amador & Calaveras County

Work From Home!

Child Care Resource & Referral is your trusted partner in the path to starting your family child care business. We offer guidance, trainings and valuable resources.

Infant/ Toddler care & after hour/ weekend care needed!

Personalized support to help you succeed

Business start up reimbursement's and supplies available.



DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN?

CONTACT US!



209-754-1075
Karen Frazier



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Mokelumne Hill 95245

Visit us at rr.trcac.org - Be a Child Care Provider

WHAT'S NEW

Ideas for Outdoor Learning Opportunities



APPLE VOLCANOS

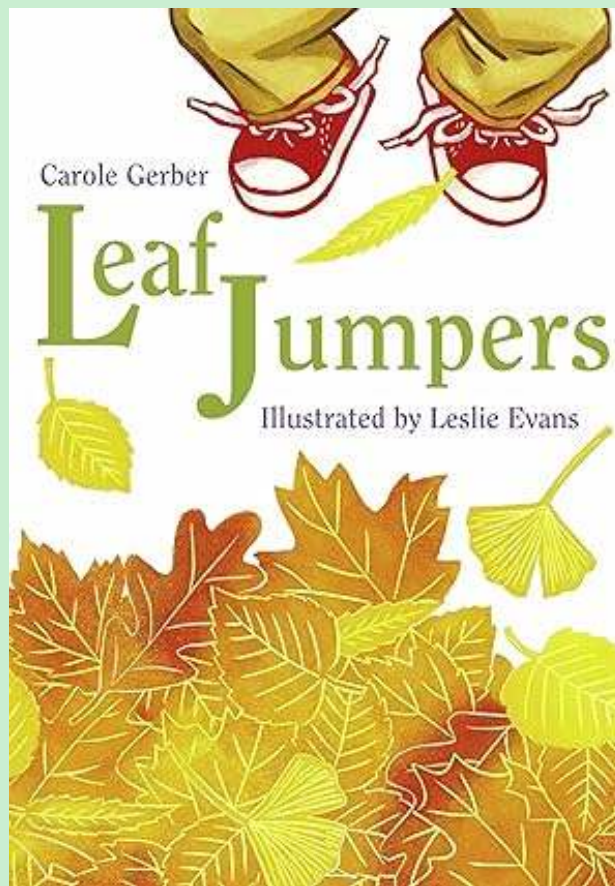
- Apple Volcanoes are a fun fall science activity where kids create a fizzy eruption inside a hollowed-out apple. Simply scoop out the top of an apple, fill it with baking soda, add a few drops of food coloring and dish soap, then pour in vinegar to make it erupt with foamy bubbles. It's a hands-on way to explore chemical reactions using seasonal materials!



PUMPKIN PAINTING

- Pumpkin Painting is a fun, mess-free twist on traditional carving that lets kids get creative with colors, patterns, and designs. Using washable paints, children can turn their pumpkins into silly faces, spooky creatures, or autumn masterpieces—perfect for decorating indoors or out, and safe for all ages!





- Leaf Jumpers is a beautifully written and illustrated picture book that celebrates the magic of fall through the eyes of curious children. With poetic, rhythmic text by Carole Gerber and warm, vibrant illustrations by Leslie Evans, the book introduces young readers to the colorful world of autumn leaves. Each page gently teaches about different leaf types and trees—like maple, oak, and birch—while capturing the joy of children playing among the falling leaves. It's both educational and playful, making it a perfect seasonal read for early learners or a classroom story time. A delightful blend of science and storytelling!.(Find the above listed book through the **Lending Library** at the Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral office).

Universal Prekindergarten (UPK)

Local Updates

Your guide to help families in Calaveras County choose the best early learning and child care options for their children.

Families with 4 year olds have many early learning options that include: TK, private preschool, care through family childcare homes, and subsidized programs.



ENROLLCALAVERAS.ORG



Find the best fit for you and your family by using our online guide!!



Scan me

Join us to explore the latest early learning and care options available for 3 and 4 year-olds—and connect with others working to support young children's growth and success!

SEPT. 18, 2025
9:00 AM

Child Care Resource and Referral
8085 Hwy 26 Ste. G
Mokelumne Hill CA 95245

NOV. 19, 2025
6:00 PM

Refuge Christian Preschool
642 Murphys Grade Rd.
Angels Camp CA 95222

JAN. 21, 2026
5:30 PM

Head Start
30 Vista Del Lago Dr.
Valley Springs CA 95252

MAR. 19, 2026
9:00 AM

Child Care Resource and Referral
8085 Hwy 26 Ste. G
Mokelumne Hill CA 95245

MAY 20, 2026
6:30 PM

Sarah Kelly's Learning Center
4423 Six Mile Rd.
Angels Camp 95222

enrollcalaveras.org

For Questions or to RSVP Please Contact: snoble@trcac.org (209)754-1075



Click on the button below to watch a video featuring the Calaveras County Mixed Delivery System and the potential options for 4 year olds!

Family Resource Video

Legislative Updates

Affecting the Early Learning & Child Care Field



- The usual **Cost-of-Living Adjustment** for child care and preschool programs is suspended for the 2025–26 fiscal year. Instead, the



- California is investing over \$150 million to create 12,000+ new child care and preschool slots,**

\$29.5 million that would have gone to COLA is being reallocated to launch the single rate system. COLA will return in 2026–27.

along with additional funding for emergency child care and family support services. The focus is on expanding access, improving quality, and supporting providers through policy reforms like enrollment-based funding and reduced administrative burdens.



REGION NINE HEAD START ASSOCIATION

Elevating the Head Start Community™

Federal Update

June 26, 2025



www.region9hsa.org

- Region 9 Head Start Association held a Federal Updates Webinar on June 26th, 2025 with Dr. Ruth Friedman. See the full recording [here!](#)

Education Opportunities

For All Child Care Providers



Meaningful Observation & Portfolio Virtual Training

Meaningful observation involves maintaining an open and attentive attitude to understand children's interests and ideas. In this interactive training, participants will develop skills that can be reinforced through daily practice, explore how observation fosters trusting relationships, and learn effective ways to use observation to inform curriculum planning. This virtual training will cover the purpose of observation, methods for collecting documentation evidence, strategies for organizing observation systems, and approaches to assembling comprehensive portfolios.

Register Here



November 15th **8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

For more Information: bpedigo@edcoe.org




Family Child Care At Its Best

Providing home-based child care providers with high quality learning opportunities. Family child care and family, friend, and neighbor providers are a critical source of support for working families. The Family Child Care at Its Best program delivers high-quality, research-based workshops that help home-based caregivers improve their knowledge, skills, and quality of care for working with mixed-age groups of children.

Audience: Licensed and license-exempt child care providers, family, friend, and neighbor providers, other providers who care for mixed-aged groups of children, and coaches who support these providers.

Virtual Opportunity
Setting the Stage for Social Competence
 Use a preventative approach to challenging behavior and plan activities that promote pro-social skills. Learn specific strategies, using the environment and adult-child interaction, to facilitate friendship and build community. **Must register by 9/30/25 so you can receive the materials on time.**

October 14 & 15, 2025 5:30-8:00 PM

Scan or Click QR code below to Register




Creating Brave Spaces

Disrupting Implicit Bias in Early Care and Education
 This module series provides 12 hours of interactive learning (+10 hours CoP) with concrete activities, reflection tools, and printable resources that support and extend the learning experience. Virtual hosts will guide participants through their learning experience, which includes videos from research experts as well as family child care and center-based educators from across California.

Module lessons are designed to be approximately 30 minutes long, and participants need to complete each module via CEEO website <https://www.caeoearlychildhoodonline.org/> before attending each Community of Practice (CoP).

Participants will earn a certificate of completion for nine professional development clock hours when they complete the full module series. They will also receive up to 10 PD clock hours for attending the CoPs.

Audience: Everyone
Facilitators: Shadane Harbour and Denise Gale

Participants **MUST** complete the corresponding CEEO module prior to attending each CoP below.

CoP Dates

Orientation
 2/12/26 6-7 pm

Introduction Module (0)
 2/26/26 6-8 pm

Creating Brave & Safe Spaces Module (1)
 3/12/26 6-8 pm

Understanding the Need for Change Module (2)
 3/26/26 6-8 pm

Language, Culture & Identity Module (3)
 4/16/26 6-8 pm

Building Your Equity Toolkit Module (4)
 4/30/26 6-8 pm

Click or Scan QR Code below to Register






VIRTUAL 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 full PD credit.

Registration Questions email tsheehan@edcoe.org.
Click or Scan the QR Code




When

Tuesday, October 21, 2025
 Thursday, October 23, 2025
 Tuesday, November 4, 2025
 Thursday, November 6, 2025
 6:00 – 8:00 PM EACH DAY

Where

Via Zoom

Trainers

Ashlee Russell
arussell@edcoe.org
 Jesus Cordova
jcordova@edcoe.org

**Location:**

Virtual – Via Zoom Link

Audience:

Early Childhood Educators/Providers
(Working with ages 3-8)

Note: (Due to sensitive topic, please join with cameras on if possible to create safety in our training community)

Questions: Tsheehan@edcoe.org

[Click or Scan QR Code to Register](#)

**Trauma Responsive and Resilience Building for Early Childhood Educators Training Module 100**

The Trauma Responsive and Resilience Building training series is designed to support early childhood educators and providers serving children ages 3 through 8 years old. The training is designed to support the early childhood workforce to be trauma informed and equipped with the concrete skills and knowledge to create nurturing, responsive and healing engaged programs for children who have been impacted by trauma and traumatic stress. This training series will support ECE providers working in a range of settings and environments with young children and for individuals working in infrastructure organizations on behalf of young children and families.

Module 100: Overview of Trauma and Key Trauma-Responsive Practices for Early Childhood Providers

Part 1: Mon. October 6, 2025 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Part 2: Tues. October 7, 2025 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Description:

Trauma-Responsive and Resilience Building Practices for Early Childhood Providers provides an overview on the neurobiology of trauma, the impact of toxic stress on a child and adult and introduces the science of resilience and neuroplasticity. Participants will walk away understanding the difference between a challenging behavior and trauma trigger. The training will guide early child educators and providers and early educators working with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary aged children to understand trauma as well as its impact on young children's brains, behavior, learning, and development. The training introduces a range of trauma-responsive and resilience building teaching strategies they can use in their early childhood programs to create strength-based environments that support children's health, healing, and resiliency.

Employment Opportunities

For All Child Care Providers



In partnership with Amador College Connect, an online [**Early Childhood Education Job Board**](#) has been created and is available to all of those who are interested in a career in child care and early learning!

*If you have a job that you would like added to the board, please email [**mia@amadorcollegeconnect.org**](mailto:mia@amadorcollegeconnect.org).

Are you looking for a career in Early childhood education (ECE)?

This program is designed to help you obtain an Assistant Teaching Permit which will open more doors in the ECE field! This opportunity is FREE to you!

What you will do

Complete 2 courses: CHILD 1: Child Growth & Development and CHILD 22: Child, Family, & Community starting in the Fall 2024 Semester!

Complete 200 hours of on-the-job training with community partners in the ECE field!

Students from Amador and Calaveras Counties will receive one-on-one support from Amador College Connect and Columbia College Staff!

want to learn more?

Students who successfully complete this one-year Career Education Pathway Program will receive a \$500 Completion Award and Reimbursement and other incentives from community organizations!

Contact Amador College Connect!

1 Prosperity Court in Sutter Creek, CA at the corner of Ridge Road and Prospect Drive
209-217-8239 • amadorcollegeconnect.com



Upcoming Dates

Open to the Public

SEP.

16th

Calaveras Child Care Council Meeting

9:00 am at Calaveras Unified School District
3304 W Hwy. 12, Valley Springs CA 95252

SEP.

18th

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup

9:00 am at The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral
8085 Highway 26 Ste G., Mokelumne Hill CA 95245

OCT.

21st

Calaveras Child Care Council Meeting

9:00 am at Calaveras County Office of Education
185 S. Main St., Angels Camp CA 95222

NOV.

18th

Calaveras Child Care Council Meeting

9:00 am at Calaveras Unified School District
3304 W Hwy. 12, Valley Springs CA 95252

NOV.

19th

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup

6:00pm at Refuge Christian Preschool
642 Murphys Grade Rd., Angels Camp 95222

To RSVP to any meetings, please contact (209) 754-1075 or snoble@trcac.org

Useful Information

And Important Headlines



Late Childhood Screen Time May Lead to Developmental Changes in Brain

THURSDAY, July 3, 2025 (HealthDay News) -- Too much screen time in late childhood is associated with developmental changes in the brain, leading to more depress

[Read More](#)

More Options for Families: Public Preschool in Family Child Care Homes

New resources with stories from around the country offer lessons on how to more effectively engage providers.

[Read More](#)

New study: U.S. preschoolers exposed to broad range of potentially harmful chemicals

Children aged 2 to 4 years are exposed to a broad range of environmental chemicals, with a new study showing 34 potentially harmful chemicals detected in more than 90% of children.

[Read More](#)



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