



Calaveras
Child Care Council



Summer 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!

Quality child care is essential to the well-being of Calaveras County — supporting working families, preparing children for success, and strengthening our local community.

?Watch this short video to see why investing in child care matters here at home!



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



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www.calaveraschildcare.org

Making Connections

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

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.



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Strengthening Families Parent Education
is always free for Calaveras families.

Parenting with Anxiety and Depression

Facilitated by Sara Rader, NCC, MS, LPCC

Do you or your child suffer from anxiety and/or depression?

In this class, you will learn:

- Skills to build resilience
- How to seek resources
- Ways to regulate your emotions and help your child regulate theirs

Tuesdays
Sept. 10 &
17

[Register Here!](#)



Zoom
6 - 7:30 PM

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Questions?
Contact Rochelle Sweet
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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



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The Resource Connection
Engaging Families • Empowering Communities • Enriching Lives

FREE

HEAD START PRESCHOOL

FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR !

Located throughout Calaveras County with centers available in Angels Camp, Murphys, San Andreas, Valley Springs, and West Point!

0-5 YEARS OLD

PROGRAM FEATURES :

- Developmental curriculum
- Home-Visiting curriculum
- Play-based learning
- Child Care Food Program

APPLY NOW !

For More Information, visit our website www.trcac.org, give us a call at (209)754-2000, OR scan our QR code to apply now!

Facility License #050309935

Children and teens are invited to join the 2025 Summer Reading Program at the Calaveras County Library.

Our 6-week program for ages 0-18 will feature a game board for participants to complete. As you embark on your adventure, you shall earn raffle tickets for completing activities. Upon your triumphant journey's end, a free book and grand prize raffle ticket await as a reward for your dedication.

**Summer reading starts on
Monday, June 9th.**

Register now for free books, activities, and to compete for prizes!



Register at your library branch or online at <http://calaveraslibrary.com>
If you have questions call 209-754-6510 or email publiclibrary@calaverascounty.gov



WHAT'S NEW

Ideas for Outdoor Learning
Opportunities

SOLAR OVEN S'MORES

- Solar Oven S'mores are a fun and tasty way for kids to learn about solar energy! Using a recycled pizza box, foil, plastic wrap, and black paper, children can build a simple oven that captures the sun's heat to melt chocolate and marshmallows between graham crackers. It's a hands-on summer activity that combines science and snacks!



SIDEWALK CHALK

- Body Tracing with Sidewalk Chalk is a fun and creative way for kids to turn themselves into works of art! Just lie down on the pavement, have a friend trace your outline, then decorate it with silly faces, superhero costumes, or wild hairstyles. It's a great summer activity that sparks imagination, encourages teamwork, and gets kids moving and laughing outdoors!



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- Lyrical, rhyming text and playful, hand-painted illustrations invite young readers to share in the warmth of the shining sun. Includes educational STEM content about the sun and how it helps humans and the earth.(Find the above listed book through the **Lending Library** at the Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral office).

Universal Prekindergarten (UPK)

Local Updates

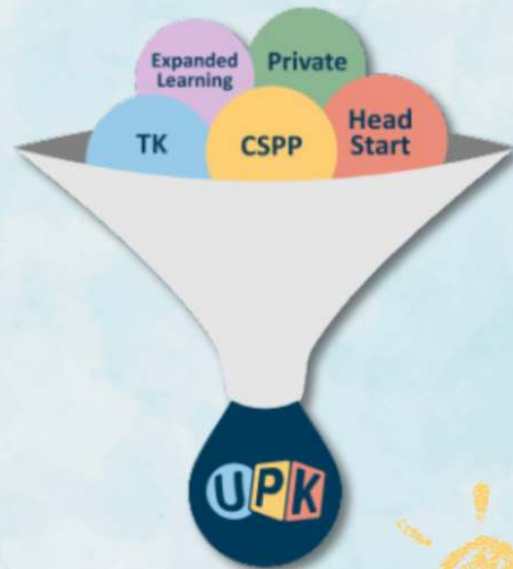


ENROLL CALAVERAS

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](https://enrollcalaveras.org)



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



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

Legislative Updates

Affecting the Early Learning & Child Care Field



- **AB 753**: Effective July 1, 2026, this bill would allow preschool teachers two years from their hire date to obtain their necessary credentials, provided they meet specific conditions. This aims to address workforce shortages by offering flexibility in credentialing timelines.



- Starting September 2025, California will fully implement **Universal TK** for all children turning four by September 1. As of now, the 2025–26 state budget allocates \$3.9 billion for this expansion, including \$1.5 billion to reduce student-to-adult ratios from 12:1 to 10:1 in TK classrooms.

Education Opportunities

For All Child Care Providers



Program for
Infant • Toddler Care

Trainer Certification

Approximately half of all U.S. children under the age of three have a regular child care arrangement creating a significant need for high-quality, responsive care.



PITC builds capacity to improve high-quality infant and toddler care through engaging professional development in the following areas:

- Social-Emotional Growth & Socialization
- Group Care
- Learning & Development
- Culture, Family, & Providers

The goal of PITC remains constant: to help infant and toddler care teachers and providers recognize and implement crucially important relationship-based practices and design care environments that are responsive to infants, toddlers, and their families.

PITC Trainer Certification

The Trainer Institute features a blend of engaging virtual sessions with faculty and online learning experiences with a community of peers.

In 2025-26

- 30-minute pre-enrollment orientation
- Exploration of a topic on the online platform during the launch week to facilitate the development of a certification activity with the support of your peers and your facilitator
- One facilitated 2-hour Learning Experience Plan session (with multiple times to choose from)
- 90-minute optional module opening sessions to highlight resources, climate of care, and training strategies for each module

Who will benefit?

- Trainers
- Coaches
- Program leaders
- Early Head Start staff
- Higher Education faculty
- Child Care Resource specialists
- Preschool programs that serve children under 3
- Family Child Care providers, who serve as trainers or leaders in their communities

Why PITC certification?

- Build your capacity to support improving the quality of infant and toddler care, including mixed-age group settings in your local programs, communities, and state.
- Deepen your understanding of how to enhance the professional development of infant and toddler care teachers and providers, including mixed-age group settings.
- Join the PITC community of learners and network with peers.

Questions?

For questions, contact
PITCEvents@wested.org



PITC is a collaboration of the California Department of Social Services and WestEd.

Submit your online application now to be considered for the 2025-26 Program PITC Trainer Institute. **Applications close on Thursday, August 7, 2025.** The PITC Trainer Institute provides a supportive community of practice model approach to learning PITC content and training skills for educators, program managers, and other professionals responsible for supervising and training

infant/toddler care providers, teachers, and home visitors. For more information visit [PITC](#).

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.



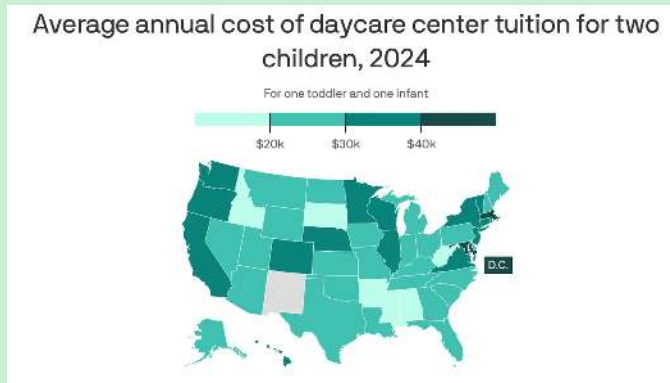
UPCOMING DATES

JUN.	10 th	UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup 5:00 pm at The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral 8085 Hwy 26 Ste. G, Mokelumne Hill CA 95245 *RSVP Required
JUN.	17 th	JUNE MEETING CANCELED
JUL.	15 th	Calaveras Child Care Council Meeting 9:00 am at Calaveras Unified School District 3304 W Hwy. 12, Valley Springs CA 95252

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

Useful Information

And Important Headlines



The cost of child care keeps outpacing inflation

A new report finds that prices rose 29% from 2020 to 2024.

[Read More](#)

Child Care Funding Letters Draw Record Number of Inaugural Signers

For FY26, 285 Members of Congress called for increased funding for federal early childhood education and care programs including 238 Democrats and 47 Republicans.

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The First Five Things to Know About: The Britt-Kaine Bipartisan Child Care Plan

Introduced by Senators Katie Britt and Tim Kaine this bipartisan child care plan would fine-tune three existing provisions in the tax code.

[Read More](#)

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