



Calaveras  
Child Care Council



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## November 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.*

## WHAT'S NEW

See what we've been up to



There is a brand new **Little Free Library** right in front of the offices of The Resource Connection Child Care Resources, and Calaveras Child Care Council! Our new Little Free Library was donated by **First 5 Calaveras**, and painted by our very talented R&R Supervisor, Karen! We are so excited to announce this to the community, and invite anyone to stop by to **"Take a Book, or Leave a Book!"** If you are looking to get rid of books that you no longer want, please consider donating them to this sweet little library... and grab a book to take home while you're here!



The beautiful artwork on our Little Free Library features wildflowers, bees and butterflies, and encourages folks to take care of our pollinators. There will be free packages of Pollinator Mix flower seeds inside as well, for library visitors to plant in their gardens! **We would like to thank First 5 Calaveras for this very generous donation.** Visit us at - 8085 Highway 26, Suite G in Mokelumne Hill! Our Library is also registered on the world-wide map! Visit [here](#).



?The new **Jobs in Education Board** is up, in front of The Resource Connection Child Care Resources and Calaveras Child Care Council office! We will be posting Amador and Calaveras county jobs in education that are open and ready to be filled. Stop by in Mokelumne Hill, to check it out! Job openings will continually be posted here!

**Santa's Express for 2023!**  
Open to Income Qualified Calaveras County Residents



**Holiday Meals – No Registration Required!**

This year you can pick up your monthly food basket and your Holiday Meal all in the same trip! Stop by The Resource Connection Food Bank from Friday, December 1, 2023 to Wednesday, December 20, 2023 to pick-up your Santa's Express Holiday Meal. If you have not provided your household proof of income for 2023, you must bring it with you when you pick-up your food.

The Resource Connection Food Bank is located at:  
206 George Reed Drive  
P.O. Box 1896  
San Andreas, CA 95246

Food Bank Hours - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Closed for lunch 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (CLOSED Thursday)

If you have any questions about the Santa's Express Holiday Meal, please call the Food Bank at: 209 734-1257.

**Santa's Express** will be rolling into town, very soon! **Holiday meals** will be provided to income qualified Calaveras county residents. No Registration is required. This year, you can pick up your monthly food basket and your Holiday Meal all in the same trip! Stop by The Resource Connection Food Bank in San Andreas between **Friday, December 1** and **Wednesday, December 20** to pick up your Santa's Express Holiday Meal. If you have not provided your household proof of income for 2023, you must bring it with you when you pick up your food. Click graphic for more info!

**Toys For Tots** is back for 2023! **Holiday Toy Registrations** will be conducted by the Calaveras County Toys for Tots Chapter.

Registration must be done in person and is limited to the dates, locations and times that are posted here. No applications will be accepted after November 30.

Applications and information can be found [here](#). Also click graphic for even more info!



### Holiday Toy Registrations

Registration for Holiday Toys will be conducted by the Calaveras County Toys for Tots Chapter. Registrations must be done in person and are limited to the following dates, locations and times:

**Murphys:** Faith Lutheran Church  
**Registration:** October 14, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
November 4, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Distribution:** December 16, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**West Point:** Veteran's Hall  
**Registration:** October 7, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
November 11, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Distribution:** December 9, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**San Andreas:** Government Center  
**Registration:** October 21, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
November 18, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Distribution:** December 16, 2023 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

No applications will be accepted after November 30, 2023

<https://burson-ca.toysfortots.org>

The advertisement for The Resource Connection features a collage of three photographs. The top photo shows three children sitting on a floor with a rainbow toy. The middle photo shows a woman and a child playing with colorful blocks. The bottom photo shows a woman and a child playing with colorful balls. The text "The Resource Connection" is at the top left, and "rr.trcac.org" is at the bottom center. Vertical text on the right side of the photos reads "Photo: iStockphoto.com".

*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](mailto:kfrazier@trcac.org)

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!

# 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...



First 5 Parent Education is always  
**FREE** for Calaveras Families


**Monthly Series:**  
**Parenting Children with Trauma  
and Challenging Behavior**  
Facilitated by Denise Combs, MFT

**Wednesday,  
November  
15  
6:00 PM- 7:30 PM**


**FREE Dinner  
and childcare  
provided!**

**Mark Twain Elementary School**


Questions or for Zoom link:  
Contact Rochelle Sweet  
209-754-6927  
rsweet@co.calaveras.ca.us



**Click to Register!**



first5calaveras.org



Funding provided by a  
Calaveras County  
Behavioral Health Services  
Prop 67 Mental Health  
Services Act grant



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**CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB  
PROVIDER NIGHT:**  
Thursday, November 16  
drop in between 4:30 - 7:00 pm



**CHILD CARE TAXES**

Learn how to gain a greater deduction on your upcoming tax return! As a Child Care Provider, your tax return is more complex than the average business owner and there may be some rules and deductions you may be missing.

**We invite you to come with questions!**

**The Resource Connection**  
Providing Training, Technical Assistance, and Referral  
 Child Care Resource & Referral

**FRED KENYON**  
 KENYON & ASSOCIATES

Time-Space Percentage  
What you need to know!

Federal Meal Allowances

Business use of home and vehicle

Register here!

**THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER 7TH, 2023**  
**6 PM - 8 PM - ZOOM**

209-754-1075

**PLAY LEARN & GROW TOGETHER**

**PLAY GROUP**  
 Fridays 9:30-11:00am  
**BLUE MOUNTAIN CENTER**  
**364 Main Street, West Point**

**Blue Mountain** Coalition for Youth and Families  
**FIRST 5 CALAVERAS**

Join our Facebook Group "BMCYF Playgroup" to keep in touch and get more resources for your little ones.

**Upcoming Event**

**Come and join us!**

**REGISTRATION OPEN!**  
 Click to register!

**First 5 Calaveras Spring Event**

Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys, Ca

Friday, April 5, 2024

Questions?  
 Contact Rochelle Sweet  
 209-754-6927  
 rsweet@co.calaveras.ca.us

Featuring **Bryan Post**, one of America's Foremost Child Behavior Experts and founder of the Post Institute.

Lunch Keynote Speaker- **David Woods Bartley**, motivational speaker on mental wellness

**FREE Event with Breakfast and Lunch provided!**

**FIRST 5 CALAVERAS**  
 Funding provided by a Calaveras County Behavioral Health Services Agency Mental Health Services Act grant

**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.

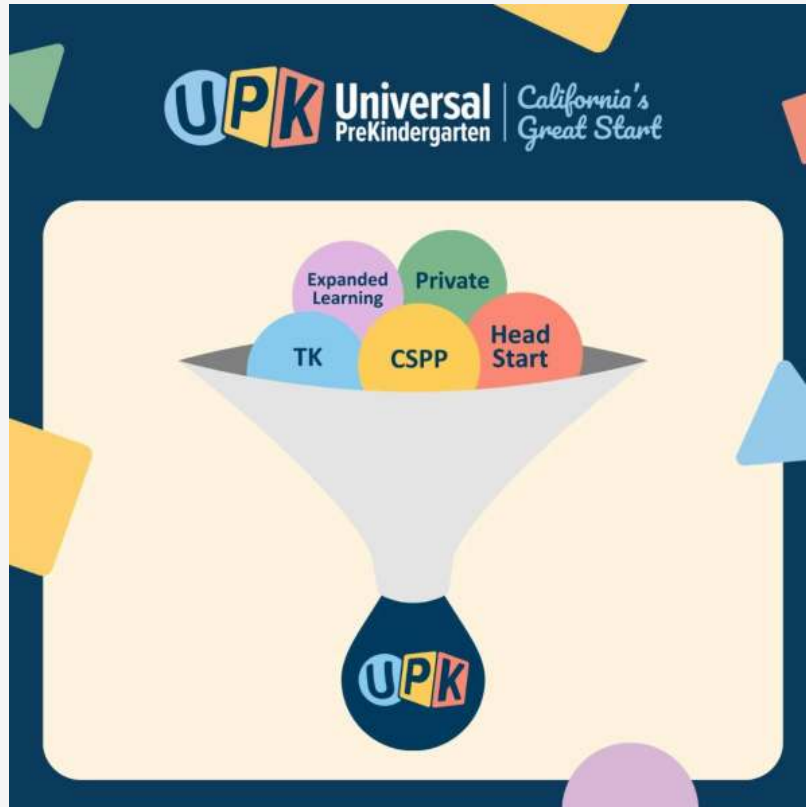
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**UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN (UPK)**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
 Join us!

## 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 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

### CALAVERAS CHILD CARE

#### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am

Calaveras Unified  
School District

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

#### UPK MIXED DELIVERY

##### ?WORKGROUP MEETING

Thursday, December 7

8:30 am

*Meeting will be held  
via Zoom. [Click here](#)  
[to join!](#)*

#### UPK MIXED DELIVERY

##### ?WORKGROUP

##### PRESENTATION

Wednesday, January 17

5:30 pm

CCCC/TRC Office  
8085 Hwy 26 Ste G

Mokelumne Hill

*The Commission on  
Teacher Credentialing  
(CTC) will be giving  
a presentation on the  
new PK-3 ECE  
Specialist teaching  
credential.*

*We will be partnering  
with the [Amador Child  
Care Council](#) and  
refreshments will be  
provided!*

*Please [RSVP](#), and join  
us!*

available to families and will develop clear access and information about these options.

**UPK Presentation - Calaveras County**



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### Affecting Child Care

We keep an eye on Legislature that affects the child care field, on a continual basis. Read below for what's going on right now. For more details, click [here](#), and type in a search for each individual Bill...

**AB 51** - would require extended learning opportunity programs that serve TK children, to be developmentally appropriate for students in TK. Would also require considerations that will support child care providers impacted by TK expansion.

**AB 372** - regarding expansion of the scope of eligibility for CalWORKS, to impose a state-mandated local program for affordable child care.

**AB 393** - for development of procedures for general or migrant child care and development contractors to identify and report data on dual language learners.

**AB 555** - requires the 3rd priority for services to be given to eligible 3 and 4 year old children, who are not enrolled in a state funded TK program.

**AB 596** - for development of an alternative methodology for calculating subsidy payment rates, using a cost estimation model and an equitable sliding scale. Would reimburse child care providers based on the maximum hours of care.

**AB 1106** - for creation of programs of professional preparation that leads to more credentialed teachers that obtain the new PK-3 ECE Specialist credential. **To learn more about this new credential, join us at an upcoming UPK Workgroup meeting where we'll be partnering with the Amador Child Care Council! Details are up above, under "Public Meetings"...**

**AB 1192** - would make TK provisions applicable to a charter school, and any adult assigned to any TK classroom be provided at least 48 hours of professional development.

**SB 380** - for alternative methodology for calculating subsidy payment rates, and develop an interim transition plan. Also includes equitable sliding scale for family fees.

**SB 722** - to create a template form for plans of operations and incidental medical services plans.



## MONTHLY IDEAS

### Giving Thanks



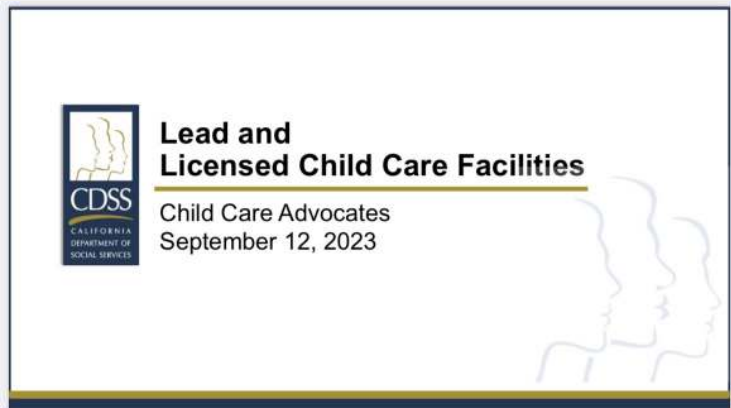
Thanksgiving is almost here! Child care providers and early learning professionals everywhere are getting ready to focus on Fall-themed ideas! One component to a high-quality learning environment, is including a fun and age-appropriate curriculum. Pair this tasty and simple recipe for **Thanksgiving Turkey Lunch**, with the **Tom's Special Thanksgiving Day** book below, for a well rounded mini-curriculum. Add other Fall or Thanksgiving-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](#)

## STAY INFORMED

### Updates from Community Care Licensing

- 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 Webinar on September 26.
- October was **Lead Prevention Month**. As a reminder, **Assembly Bill 2370** passed in 2018 mandated an addition to the required health and safety training for child care providers. Click below to scroll through the **Lead and Licensed Child Care Facilities webinar** provided by the Community Care Licensing Advocates, in September...





**DYK?**

Children at risk for lead exposure should get tested at 1 and 2 years old



# AMADOR GIVING TUESDAY

## Three Ways to Give on Giving Tuesday! 11/28/23

### #1 - Charity Showcase

Meet and Greet 50+ amazing nonprofits supporting the quality of life in our community:

- Charity Showcase 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm @ St. Katharine Drexel Parish
- Give to many charities at ONE time
- FREE Admission and Refreshments

### #2 - Give Online - ALL DAY!

- Donate to one or multiple nonprofits in one spot!
- Donate to The Resource Connection Child Care Resource & Referral with our direct link below

<https://giveamador.org/product/the-resource-connection>

### #3 - Drop - Off Giving!

- Join Amador Community Foundation for coffee & giving at their Jackson office! 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at 571 S. Hwy 49



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Community  
Foundation**  
For good. For ever.

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