



Winter 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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Making Connections

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.

The **Resource Connection**
Engaging Families
Empowering Communities
Enriching Lives

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!



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



The Columbia College Child Development Mentor Program Wants You!

- Want to help Child Development students reach their goals?
- Ready to learn more about leadership?
- Been in your role in early childhood education for 3+ years?
- Currently employed for at least 3 hours a day, 5 days a week?
- Completed 12 core units* of Child Dev/Early Childhood coursework and a practicum?
- Willing to participate in focused professional development?



Please contact Adrienne Seegers
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* Includes: Child Growth and Development, Child Family and Community or Child and Family Relations, Programs/Curriculum, and Practicum



Strengthening Families Parent Education is always free for Calaveras families.

All about IEPs and IFSPs

Facilitated by -Andria Tiquet, co-owner of Metta Services

What you will learn in this class:

- *Transitioning from Part C to Part B- home based to school based services*
- *Expectations for parents who have children with an IFSP or IEP*
- *What to expect when your child is turning 3 and has an IFSP*

January 22
4-5:30 PM

Dinner and childcare provided!

Calaveras County Office of Education

Register Here!



Questions?
Contact Rochelle Sweet
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First 5 Calaveras Sponsored Services available to Strong Start enrolled Family Child Care Providers (FCCP), Friends Family Neighbors (FFN) & Private Child Care Centers

- * **Social Emotional Development Coaching**- on-site coaching and support with social and emotional observations, environments, expectations and resources.
 - * **Metta Services**- provides "free" mental health trauma informed services to children and families ages 0-5 that are not currently attending mental health services.
 - * **Ready Rosie** – a free educational app – with modeled moments designed to bring valuable lessons into real life situations in an engaging way for everyone.
 - * **Ready for Kindergarten** – booklets all about preparedness and options for tk/k in Calaveras County.
 - * **ASQ** – Ages and Stages early childhood assessment and developmental tracking tool.
- Strong Start Enrollment – Quality Improvement Plan and Professional Development Stipends.

For more information contact Autumn Andahl aandahl@calaverascounty.gov 209-754-6916



FIRST 5 CALAVERAS SPONSORED 0-5 PLAYGROUPS

Mondays 10:30-11:00am @ The San Andreas Community Covenant Church Gym
Not in Session During CUSD Breaks

Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am @ The Rail Road Flat Community Center

Wednesdays Story Time 10:30-11:00am
Free Play 11:00am-12:30pm @ The San Andreas Library

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 @ The Blue Mountain Youth Center, Main St. West Point

Fridays 10:00am @ The Mokelumne Hill Library



For more information:
first5calaveras.org
or scan QR





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

WHAT'S NEW

Ideas for Outdoor Learning Opportunities



DIY ICE ORNAMENTS

- Freeze water mixed with food coloring or small items like pine needles or berries in a circular container (like a small pie tin) with a string embedded in the water. Hang them outside and discuss how temperature affects ice.



WINTER BIRD FEEDER


- Take a pine cone and coat it with peanut butter, then roll it in birdseed as if making a snowball. As you add the seeds, picture yourself decorating a festive pine cone "treat" exclusively for the birds! Attach a string, hang it from a branch, and enjoy watching your backyard transform into the most sought-after winter bird café in the neighborhood. This delightful DIY project is bound to draw in chirps, tweets, and perhaps a few grateful flutters!




MAKE LEAF AND BARK RUBBINGS

- Bring crayons and paper to do leaf and bark rubbings. Kids can learn about the types of trees around by comparing leaf shapes and textures, then make a collection to use in art projects.



 **Make Leaf and Bark Rubbings**




What to Do:

- 1. Find some trees:** Take some blank paper, masking tape (optional), and crayons outside. Look for several trees with different types of bark and leaves.
- 2. Feel the bark:** Close your eyes and feel the bark of the trees. How does it feel? Which one is the smoothest? The roughest?
- 3. Make a bark rubbing:** Use tape to hold a piece of paper on the trunk or hold the paper tightly. Lightly rub a crayon horizontally over the surface of the paper on the bark, just hard enough so that the bark's texture shows on the paper. Do this to other trees and compare the rubbings.
- 4. Make a leaf rubbing:** Collect some leaves from different trees. Close your eyes and feel the leaves. How do they feel? Make leaf rubbings by putting the leaf on a piece of cardboard or a clipboard, covering it with the paper, and rubbing the crayon over it.
- 5. Make a matching game:** Once you've made several leaf and bark rubbings, play a matching game with them. Mix them up and see if you can figure out which tree each leaf and bark rubbing came from.

What You Need:

- Trees
- Plain white paper
- Crayons with label removed
- Masking tape (optional)
- Cardboard or clipboard
- Paper bag for collecting leaves




Find more games and activities at pbskids.org/naturecat.

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COOKING IS COOL

Heat-Free Recipes for Kids to Cook



MARIANNE E. DAMBRA

- Visit [PBS online](http://pbskids.org/naturecat) to see this printable activity sheet for Leaf and Bark Rubbings.

- When the days grow colder, bring warmth and creativity to your home by cooking! This delightful activity not only fills the kitchen with delicious aromas but also engages little ones in a fun, hands-on learning experience. From measuring and mixing to decorating treats, kids can practice valuable skills like math, teamwork, and following directions—all while having a blast. (Find the above listed book on Amazon or through the [Lending Library](#) at the Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral office).

Universal Prekindergarten (UPK)

Local Updates

UPK Universal PreKindergarten 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



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



UPK Universal PreKindergarten ENROLL CALAVERAS



ALL MEETINGS ARE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



WORKGROUPS

TUES
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OCTOBER 22, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

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

TUES
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JANUARY 21, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Calaveras Office of Education
185 S. Main St.
Angels Camp CA 95222

TUES
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MARCH 18, 2025 @ 10:30 AM

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

TUES
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MAY 20, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

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COME BY TO GAIN INSIGHT ON THE EARLY LEARNING AND CARE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 3 AND 4 YEARS OLD! VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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UPK Presentation - Calaveras County

Legislative Updates

Affecting the Early Learning & Child Care Field



- Child Care Aware of America recently hosted a post-election webinar to discuss how the election results are shaping the future of child care. See the recording [HERE](#).



- Big changes in California starting 2025, including the Child Vlogger Protection Act (SB 764). Starting next year, parents or guardians profiting from online videos featuring their kids must save a portion of the earnings in a trust account for the child's future. Stay informed and see more [HERE!](#)

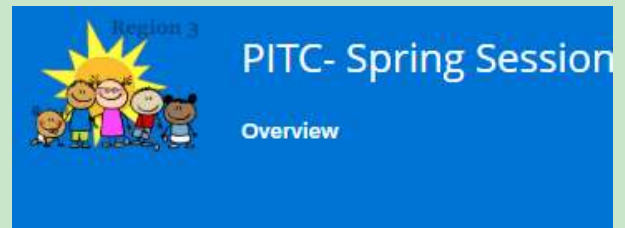
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Education Opportunities For All Child Care Providers

 DESIRED RESULTS FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



- Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP), DRDP Online, California Early



- [PITC Module III: Learning and Development](#) begins 1/29/2025 with [Session I-Orientation](#). Register for all or just one session. If you choose to attend all, the course is available for one semester unit through the California State

Childhood Online (CECO) and special topic webinars qualify for professional growth hours through the **California Early Care and Education Workforce Registry**. To receive professional growth hours, please use the workforce registry link provided in the webinar confirmation email at least 24 hours before the webinar. The California Workforce Registry no longer accepts registration after the webinar has occurred. View the list of upcoming webinars [HERE](#).



- Family Child Care at Its Best (FCCB) is offering a collection of workshops for all family child care and FFN providers who work in rural communities. Each workshop is separate, and attendees will receive a professional growth certificate or credit in the California Early Care and Education Workforce Registry. See the full flyer [HERE](#) for dates and registration links.

University Fresno's Division of Continuing and Global Education.



- First 5 Calaveras has a list of training resources for Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Providers. Check out their website [HERE](#).



UPCOMING DATES



JAN.

21st

Calaveras Child Care Council Meeting
9:00 am at Calaveras Unified School District

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21st

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Meeting
5:30 pm at Calaveras County Office of Education

FEB.

18th

Calaveras Child Care Council Meeting
9:00 am at Calaveras County Office of Education

Useful Information

And Important Headlines



Child Care & Development Division Updates

Announcement: Release of the approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) 2025-27 State Plan

Greetings,

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has recently approved the California's 2025-27 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan. As required by Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations, section 98.14, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has posted the approved version of the 2025-27 CCDF State Plan on the CDSS [CCDF State Plan webpage](#).

The 2025-27 CCDF State Plan is effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027. During the three-year cycle period as policy changes occur, amendments to the plan will be submitted to the ACF as appropriate.

In partnership,

Lupe Jaime-Mileham, EdD, Deputy Director
Child Care and Development Division
California Department of Social Services

'Huge Lack of Communication': How a Building Code Update Disrupted Child Care Centers in California | KQED

A change in California's fire regulations is setting some child care centers back, delaying their plans to open classrooms and enroll thousands of infants and toddlers.

[Read More](#)

Parents are quitting jobs, passing on raises - to qualify for child care

Due to a lack of adequate federal funding, only a fraction - about 10 percent - of families who are eligible actually get child care assistance. This leads parents to make desperate choices, like quitting jobs or putting off finding a permanent home, just to get or keep child care assistance.

[Read More](#)



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