



Calaveras Child Care Council



January 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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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Linda Mariani



The Calaveras Child Care Council sits under the umbrella of The Resource Connection, and **Linda Mariani** is one of The Resource Connection's Board of Directors. We are proud to highlight her in our newsletter this month!

Mountain Oaks School opened its first location in a small two-bedroom house in San Andreas in 1994, with 38 total students. Since then, Mountain Oaks received its official designation of Charter School #527 in 2003, and has grown substantially. Today Mountain Oaks, under the direction of the Calaveras County Office of Education (CCOE), serves approximately 400 students in the contiguous counties of Alpine, Amador, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne.

In December **The Founders Day celebration** was held, to honor the original founders of the school Linda Mariani and Nancy Stehura, alongside former CCOE Superintendent Bob Bach (pictured on the right... Linda in green shirt).

A commemorative plaque located on a large boulder in front of the gymnasium, and a Trident Maple tree planted in the quad honor the school's beginning. The maple tree was generously donated by Don Urbanus of Rising Sun Nursery.

Congratulations to Linda and all Founders of Mountain Oaks, for creating a vision that has stood strong for so many decades!

Click flyer below to find out how YOU can help play a crucial role in

shaping the direction of Mountain Oaks, on January 22! Register [here](#).

Annual Retreat

This is our annual opportunity to unite parents, high school students, community members and mentors from all 3 sites for comprehensive discussion on Mtn. Oaks – where we stand today and our aspirations for the future. Your insights are invaluable, and we sincerely hope you can join us. Your input will play a crucial role in shaping the direction of Mtn. Oaks. Looking forward to your participation.

MONDAY
22
JANUARY

Time
8:45-3:00 PM

Food
Continental Breakfast
Lunch: TBD

Topics to be Discussed
Annual Survey Results, Board Member Election, and vision/future of Mountain Oaks.

Childcare will be provided – but you must sign-up. Please provide your own breakfast and lunch for kids in childcare

Please come help us make Mountain Oaks the best school possible.

Please **RSVP by 1/16** on our website or use the QR code to the left



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WHAT'S NEW

In The Community

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We are excited to announce that planning is underway for the annual **Calaveras Children's Fair**, which will be held on **Saturday, April 6...** at Calaveras High School! This year's theme will be **"Wilderness Wonderland!"** Please be sure to join us for this **FREE** event filled with lots of family fun... including nature and outdoor play-based crafts and activities, and much more! If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this year's event, please click the button and **select "Calaveras Children's Fair"** in the drop-down menu. Donations



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[Donate to 'Calaveras Children's Fair'](#)

allow us to provide food and entertainment for local families... two things that we are unable to purchase with our own funding. As a 501(c)3 organization, we appreciate your support!

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The **FREE PITC ACADEMY** for Family Child Care AND Family, Friend and Neighbor PROVIDERS is coming in

March! APPLICATIONS OPENED THIS WEEK... The Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC) Academy for Family Child

Care (FCC) and Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Providers is a six-session virtual training event for California FCC and FFN providers serving infants and toddlers. The Academy is designed to provide PITC training highlighting the unique assets and challenges of FCC and FFN through specialized training to support infant/toddler care. Includes 6 EVENING Zoom sessions, all during March. Click logo here for all the information, and to submit an application.

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Columbia College in Sonora is offering some terrific classes for anyone needing **Child Development units**, or interested in working with children and families in any field including Transitional Kindergarten (TK). You can also apply to work in **Columbia College Children's Center!**

It's not too late to register for their Spring 2024 semester... most classes begin on January 16. Click flyer here or scan QR Code for all the details!

**COLUMBIA COLLEGE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPRING 2024 CLASSES**

**WE STILL HAVE SPACE FOR YOU!!!
MOST CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2024**

GREAT CHOICES FOR ANYONE NEEDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT UNITS OR INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN ANY FIELD INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)

CHILD 1: CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT: 3 units, Thursdays 1:00 – 4:05 pm or Fully Online Late Start Option Begins 2/26 – 4/19
Examines the major physical, psychosocial, and cognitive/language developmental milestones, both typical and atypical, from conception through adolescence. CSU and UC transferable.

CHILD 4: OBSERVATION AND ASSESSMENT: 3 units, Fully Online
Introduces assessment and observation tools and strategies to document young children's development and learning. Recording strategies, rating systems, portfolios, and other assessment tools will be discussed, along with strategies for collaboration. CSU transferable.

CHILD 22: CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY: 3 units, Wednesdays 6:00 – 9:05 pm
Explores the processes of socialization focusing on the interrelationship of family, school, and community while examining the influence of multiple societal contexts. Students explore the role of collaboration between family, community, and schools in supporting children's development, birth through adolescence. CSU Transferable

CHILD 26: HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NUTRITION: 3 units, Fully Online
This course explores laws, regulations, standards, policies, procedures, and best practices related to health, safety, and nutrition in care and education settings for children birth through middle childhood. Prevention strategies, nutrition and meal planning, integrating health safety experiences into daily routine. CSU Transferable

CHILD 35: INTRODUCTION TO CURRICULUM: 3 units, Fully Online
Explores developmentally appropriate curriculum and environments for children birth through age eight. Students will use knowledge of children's development, theories of learning and development, and examples from various models of developmentally appropriate practice to plan environments and curriculum to support children's development and learning integrated throughout indoor and outdoor settings. CSU transferable

CHILD 36: TEACHING IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY: 3 units, Fully Online
Examines the impact of various societal influences on the development of children's social identity. Examination of culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate anti-bias approaches supporting all children.



WHY TAKE A CLASS??

- LEARN NEW JOB SKILLS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT (ECE)
- EARN 24 UNITS TO TEACH TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN
- EARN A CHILD DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE
- PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN

APPLY FOR A CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (PAID IN FULL THANKS TO ANNUAL TEA PARTY FUND RAISER!) CONTACT SELINA FLORES FLORES@YOSEMITE, 209-588-2138)

APPLY TO WORK IN OUR CHILDREN'S CENTER



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RAIL ROAD FLAT COMMUNITY CENTER

"GROWING WITH BOOKS"

Play Group

WEDNESDAYS 9:30-11am

January 17-June 5, 2024

Families with babies and children 0-5 years old!



First 5 Calaveras is kicking off two new Playgroups... in Rail Road Flat and West Point!



PLAY GROUP

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



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

Be sure to check out these free opportunities! Click on flyers for more information.

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New to our 'Jobs in Education' Board - scan QR Code on flyer

here, for more information on substitute positions for CCOE After School Care, and State Preschool!

Don't forget to visit the **real-life 'Jobs in Education Board'** located outside, in front of The Resource Connection & Calaveras Child Care Council Offices, here in Mokelumne Hill!

If you have a job opening that serves children and families in Calaveras County, send it to us and we'll post it here!



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Substitutes -Afterschool Childcare and State Preschool (Teachers, Site Supervisors, Aides, etc.)

Where	On Call/ As Needed
After School Programs	After School Programs
Angels Camp	2pm - 6pm
Arnold	
Murphys	
Preschool Program	Preschool (Copperopolis)
Copperopolis	8am - 11:30am

Apply Today



*alternative schedules may be determined by Program Director

Salary Info - \$15.75 - \$19.92

CALAVERAS COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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December 21, 2023

News Release

Keeping Kids Safe on Calaveras Roads:
2023 Child Passenger Safety Study



www.calaveraspublichealth.com

209-754-6460

CCPH
CALAVERAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

PRESS RELEASE from Calaveras County Public Health: Keeping Kids Safe on Calaveras Roads, 2023 Child Passenger Safety Study

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To better understand the local child safety practices, **Calaveras County Public Health (CCPH)** conducted a field observation study at five local elementary and middle schools which

assessed child restraint practices at school pick-ups in the Spring of 2023.

Nearly 4 out of 5 children in the study were not safely secured in vehicles. The top concerns found by the team were:

- In nearly 30% of vehicles observed, no safety restraints were used.
- Among 28% of vehicles observed, the vehicle pulled away without ensuring that the door was closed and the child was properly restrained.
- A booster or car seat was not used in 20% of observed vehicles where it would have been appropriate.

Click photo above for the full article.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

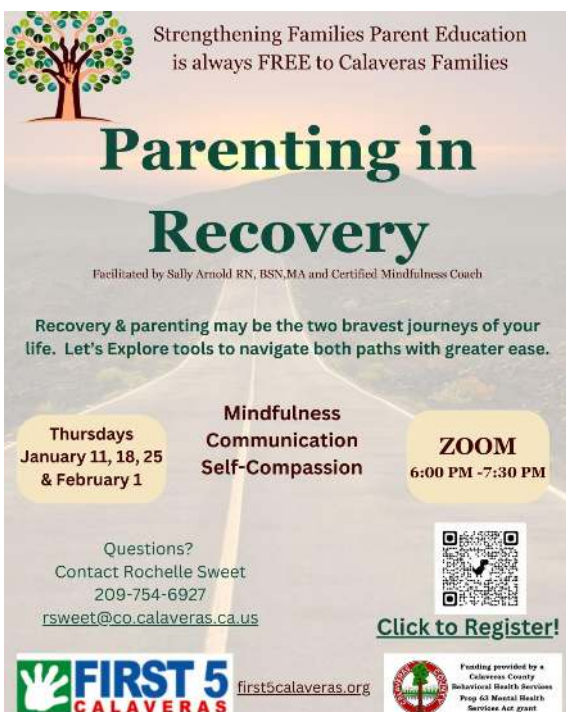
Available training opportunities

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**. **January is a very busy month!** Click on each picture below for more information on these upcoming workshops and trainings...

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Strengthening Families Parent Education is always FREE to Calaveras Families

Parenting in Recovery

Facilitated by Sally Arnold RN, BSN, MA and Certified Mindfulness Coach


Recovery & parenting may be the two bravest journeys of your life. Let's Explore tools to navigate both paths with greater ease.

Thursdays
January 11, 18, 25 & February 1

Mindfulness Communication Self-Compassion

ZOOM
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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



Click to Register!

FIRST 5 CALAVERAS first5calaveras.org

Funding provided by a Calaveras County Behavioral Health Services Prop 63 Mental Health Services Act grant

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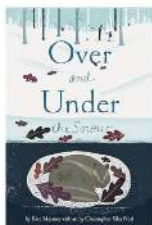
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JANUARY 2024 — WWW.RR.TRCAC.ORG — VOLUME #3

CHILD CARE RESOURCE HUB PROVIDER NIGHT:

Thursday, January 19th 4:30 - 7:00 pm



The Resource Connection

What can you make with this month's child care resources?

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Family Child Care Fundamentals Series

Our 4 week online series will provide you with a solid foundation to start and run a successful and professional Family Child Care business.

<h3>Designing your Unique Program, Activities and Curriculum</h3> <p>Tuesday, January 23rd 8pm-8pm</p> <p>Explore ways to leverage skills and interests and create a unique program that is fulfilling and attractive to families. Come away knowing how to create activities that support a child's whole development while also supporting your unique program idea. Build a curriculum plan you love teaching and children love following.</p>	<h3>Environmental Design and Business Marketing</h3> <p>Tuesday, January 30th 8pm-8pm</p> <p>What sets your child care business apart? Plan an environment that supports children's social, emotional and cognitive learning. Practice creating different activity areas and identify which ones are best for your program. Learn the basic principles of marketing and planning for full enrollment.</p>
<h3>Contracts, Policies and Communication with Families</h3> <p>Tuesday, February 6th 8pm-8pm</p> <p>Build your professional relationship with clients by creating a contract that creates clarity with families and a handbook that supports both your business and the clients you serve. Learn communication best practices with families at the time of enrollment and beyond.</p>	<h3>Business Finances and Preparing for Taxes</h3> <p>Tuesday, February 13th 8pm-8pm</p> <p>Create a working budget for your business. Set prices that are fair and profitable and walk away with a better understanding of your finances. Identify and set up your best method for record keeping. Learn what costs you can deduct from your business income and how to calculate time/ space.</p>

Contact for more information or assistance with registering:
Karen Frazier (209) 754-1075
kfrazier@trcac.org

Workshops are held virtually. Register online with QR code



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AGES & STAGES QUESTIONNAIRES workshop

RSVP HERE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

6:00 - 8:00 pm

IN-PERSON WORKSHOP!
8085 HWY 26, STE G - MOKE HILL
(209) 754-1075

The Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ's) is an easy developmental screening tool that pinpoints developmental progress in children between the ages of one month to 5 ½ years. This tool can help you (and the parents in your programs) to know if the children in your care are on track with their development. Evidence shows that the earlier development is assessed, the greater the chance a child has to reach his or her potential. Join us to learn more about how to implement these easy screenings into your child care programs!

ASQ
Ages & Stages
Questionnaires

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First 5 Calaveras Parent Workshops are always FREE to Calaveras families

Strengthening Families Parent Café Developmental Series- 1st grade- 4th grade

Facilitated by Maggie Rollings

Tuesdays
January 9 & 16
6:00- 7:30 PM

- = Teaching kindness
- = Setting limits and boundaries
- = Build their capacity for making choices

CLICK TO REGISTER ONLINE or visit: [first5calaveras.org](https://www.first5calaveras.org)

Questions?

Contact Rochelle at 209-754-6927 or rsweet@co.calaveras.ca.us

Join your session at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83105852504>

ONLINE PARENTING COMMUNITY SUPPORT EDUCATION CONNECTION



Funding provided by a Calaveras County Behavioral Health Services Prop 63 Mental Health Services Act grant

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IECMHC Network

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Network
Connect. Reflect. Grow.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation for Family Child Care Providers

Family Child Care Home providers play an essential role in the lives of young children and their families. The California Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) Network offers **free consultation** to promote the social and emotional health and well-being of children and the adults who care for them. Consultants in training are available to provide up to 12 hours of consultation either virtually or in person.



Areas Of Support Include:

- Promoting positive mental health and social and emotional development.
- Focusing on relationships and practices that buffer against stress and trauma.
- Addressing behavior that providers find concerning or challenging.
- Developing a program culture that promotes the well-being of providers, children, and families.

Do I Qualify?

- ✓ Are you a California-licensed small or large family child care home provider?
- ✓ Do you care for at least one child under the age of 5?
- ✓ Are you interested in meeting one-on-one for up to 12 hours over the course of six months to discuss your program's strengths and challenges?
- ✓ Are you comfortable with the consultant observing your program virtually or in person?

Request Consultation!

If you answered yes to all these questions, scan the QR code or navigate to the link below to complete a Consultation Request Form to receive a call from us.



Connect with us today!

Consultants are part of a training program and can provide up to 12 hours of consultation services at no charge.

Visit the [IECMHC website](https://www.iecmhc.org) for more information about all our services.

All services are offered at **no cost** to participants.

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Come and join us!

Upcoming Event



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!



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

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**Growing Up
WILD**

The Resource Connection
Child Care Resource & Referral

REGISTER ONLINE:






THURSDAY, MARCH 7
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education curriculum that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature, and invites them to explore wildlife and the outdoor world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, Growing Up WILD provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world and lifelong social and academic skills. This curriculum is written especially for early childhood providers of children ages 3-7, and includes over 400 ready-made thematic units on outdoor explorations, scientific inquiry, art projects, music and movement, conservation activities, reading and math connections! The included activity guide makes it very easy to use this curriculum!

Join us for an adventure!

IN-PERSON - 8085 HWY 26, STE G
MOKELUMNE HILL

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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



rr.trcac.org 209-754-1075




PS Group

This group offers help & support that people with lived experience of mental distress are able to give one another. Based on our shared personal experience & empathy, helping us work towards wellness and recovery.

Thursdays at 10:00AM

The Peer Wellness Center
373 West St. Charles Street,
Suite E
San Andreas, CA 95249
209-754-6451





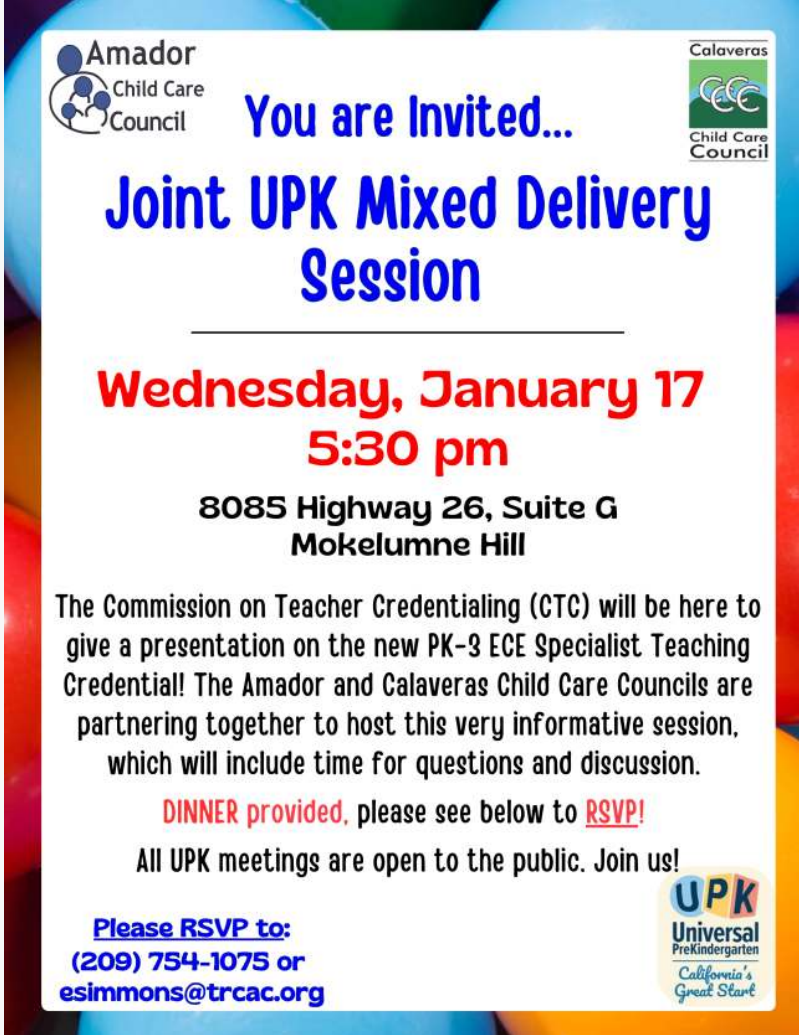
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UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN (UPK)

Local updates

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The flyer is a white rectangular card with a blue and red border. At the top left is the Amador Child Care Council logo, and at the top right is the Calaveras Child Care Council logo. The text is centered and reads: 'You are Invited...' in blue, followed by 'Joint UPK Mixed Delivery Session' in large blue font. Below that is 'Wednesday, January 17' in red, and '5:30 pm' in red. The address '8085 Highway 26, Suite G Mokelumne Hill' is in black. A paragraph in black text describes the session with the CTC. Below that, 'DINNER provided, please see below to RSVP!' is in red. 'All UPK meetings are open to the public. Join us!' is in black. At the bottom left, 'Please RSVP to: (209) 754-1075 or esimmons@trcac.org' is in blue. At the bottom right is the UPK logo with the text 'Universal PreKindergarten California's Great Start'.

Amador Child Care Council

Calaveras Child Care Council

You are Invited...

Joint UPK Mixed Delivery Session

Wednesday, January 17
5:30 pm

8085 Highway 26, Suite G
Mokelumne Hill

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) will be here to give a presentation on the new PK-3 ECE Specialist Teaching Credential! The Amador and Calaveras Child Care Councils are partnering together to host this very informative session, which will include time for questions and discussion.

DINNER provided, please see below to [RSVP!](#)

All UPK meetings are open to the public. Join us!

Please RSVP to:
(209) 754-1075 or
esimmons@trcac.org

UPK
Universal
PreKindergarten
California's
Great Start

We are excited to share that we are partnering with the **Amador Child Care Council** to host a very informative session on January 17!

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) will be here to give a presentation on the new **PK-3 ECE Specialist Teaching Credential!** This session will also include time for questions and discussion. Anyone who is interested in learning more about new qualifications for TK teachers, should attend.

Dinner will be provided, so please be sure to **[RSVP here!](#)** Click flyer to print or share!

Background on Implementation of UPK Mixed Delivery

The California Department of Education (CDE) was directed by the Legislature in 2022 to convene the **statewide Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Mixed Delivery Quality and Access Workgroup**, with the below mentioned statutory charge (**Education Code (EC) 8202.6**) and was given subsequent definitions to create parameters for what would come under the Workgroup's purview.

1. Provide recommendations on best practices for increasing access to high-quality universal preschool programs for three- and four-year-old children offered through a mixed-delivery model, that provides equitable learning experiences across a variety of settings.
2. Provide recommendations to update preschool standards pursuant to **California Education Code (EC) 8203** to support equitable access to high-quality preschool and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs, through the mixed delivery model and across all appropriate settings and funding sources.

3. Ensure that recommendations are in alignment with the work of the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care, without recommending new system changes that create increased state or local costs to offer preschool across the mixed-delivery system.

The **UPK Workgroup Consolidated Report** has recently been completed and released by this UPK Mixed Delivery Quality and Access Workgroup. The report is posted on the California Educators Together (CET) website, and can be viewed here [UPK Workgroup Consolidated Report](#).

UPK Presentation - Calaveras County

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Affecting the Child Care Field

We keep an eye on Legislature that affects the child care field, on a continual basis. We will continue to keep you updated on communications released related to the budget in the new year. In the meantime, click [here](#), and type in a search for any Bill that you are searching for.

As all continue to prepare and strategize for the upcoming legislative session to start-up again in January, here are some **upcoming dates and legislative deadlines to be aware of:**

- January 1 - Statutes take effect
- January 3 - Legislature reconvenes
- January 12 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees' fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year

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MONTHLY IDEAS

Winter Fun

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Join us!



CALAVERAS CHILD CARE

COUNCIL MEETING

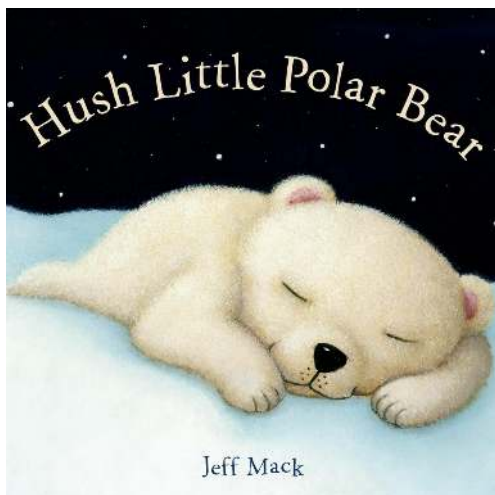
Tuesday, January 16



Winter is here! Child care providers and early learning professionals everywhere are getting ready to focus on Winter-themed ideas! One component to a high-quality learning environment, is including a fun and age-appropriate curriculum.

Pair this simple recipe for **Polar Bear Toast** with the **Hush Little Polar Bear** book below, for a well rounded mini-curriculum. Add Winter or Polar Bear-themed crafts or sensory 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 ?Polar Bear Toast recipe](#)



9:00 am

Calaveras County Unified

School District

We meet on the 3rd

Tuesday of every

month.

JOINT UPK WORKGROUP

SESSION

Wednesday, January 17

5:30 pm

CCCC/TRC Office

8085 Hwy 26 Ste G

Mokelumne Hill

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*We will be partnering with the **Amador Child Care Council** and refreshments will be provided! Please **RSVP**, and join us!*

UPK MIXED DELIVERY

?WORKGROUP MEETING

Wednesday, February 28

3:00 pm

CCCC/TRC Office

8085 Hwy 26 Ste G

Mokelumne Hill



The Engaging Families
Resource Empowering Communities
Connection Enriching Lives

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