



Spring 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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Announcements

See What's New!

Calaveras
Children's
Council
Presents

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Rain or
Shine

Calaveras CHILDREN'S FAIR

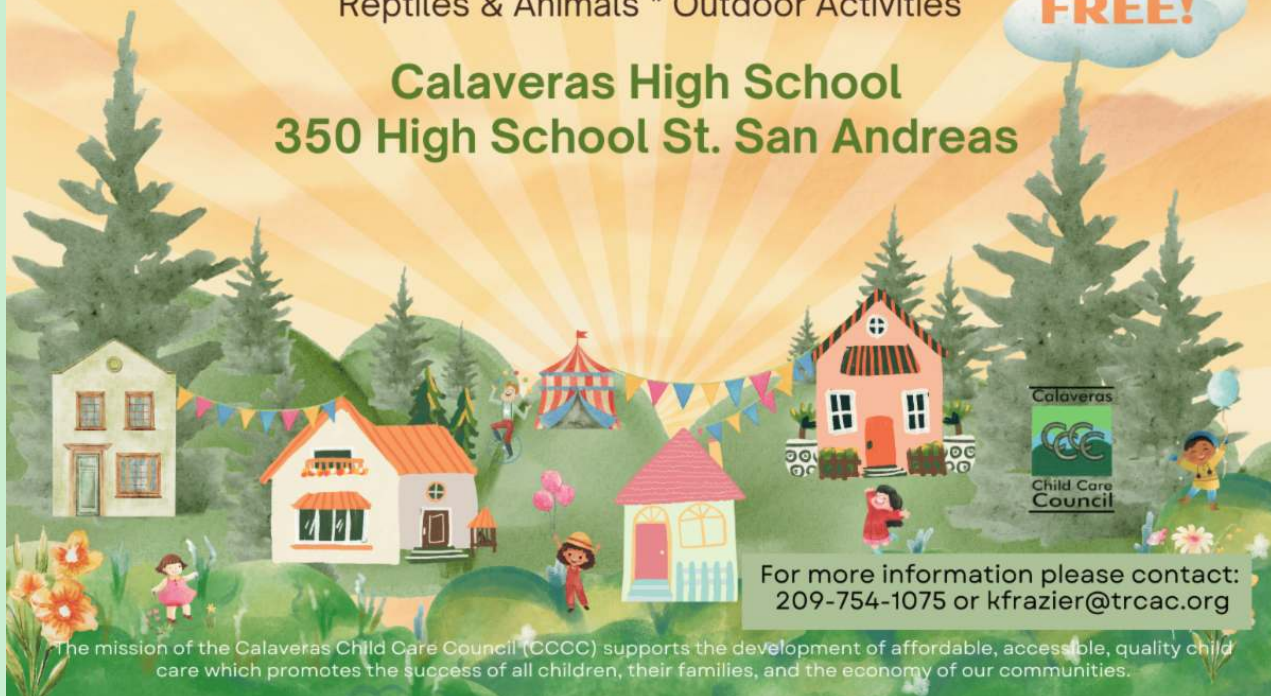
For the safety of
all attendees,
please note that
dogs are not
permitted at this
event.

APRIL 5TH, 2025
11AM TO 2PM

Music * Public Health * Fire & Police
Community Resources * Lunch * Car Seat
Checkpoint * Face Painting
Reptiles & Animals * Outdoor Activities

FREE!

Calaveras High School
350 High School St. San Andreas



For more information please contact:
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The annual Children's Fair is coming up and this year's theme is: It Takes a Village!

Join us on April 5th for a day of fun, learning, and community! Enjoy games, crafts, entertainment, and resources for families—all for free! Let's celebrate the village that helps our children grow!"

2024 Calaveras Child Care Council Needs Assessment



In partnership with Amador College Connect and Amador Child Care Council, 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.

[The Calaveras Child Care Needs Assessment](#) is here!

?This report highlights the child care needs in our community and how we can support both parents and providers. Check it out today and be part of the conversation!

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.*



27th Annual Celebrate Our Children Festival!

Rain or Shine!

Join us for Amador County's Premier Annual Event for Children & Families!
Everything is FREE!

FREE LUNCH & JAMBA JUICE!

BIKE RODEO & ENTERTAINMENT!

ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS & ADVENTURES!

TK & CHILD CARE ENROLLMENTS!

REPTILE EXHIBIT & SERVICE VEHICLE TOURS!

"Unlocking the MYSTERIES of Learning!"



FACE PAINTING & CAR SEAT CHECKPOINT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Amador Child Care Council
amadorccc.org
esimmons@trccac.org

ARGONAUT HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSON

For safety, please NO DOGS, bikes, skateboards



Strengthening Families Parent Education is always free for Calaveras families.

Worthiness

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

This 4-part series will explore:

- The concept of worthiness
- Cultivating a sense of worthiness
- The impact of worthiness on parenting
- Embodying worthiness in everyday life

Thursdays,
February
20, 27,
March 6 & 13

Join us on
Zoom
6 - 7:30 PM

Register Here!

Questions?
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Developmental Milestones

Facilitated by Andria Tiquet, Ed.S.

- Normal social-emotional and physical stages.
- Activities that support your child's development.
- When to ask for more support for your child and what to expect

Wednesday,
March 19
5-7 PM

Dinner and
childcare
provided!

San Andreas
Library
*Zoom available

Register Here!

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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
(209) 588-5275 or
seegersa@yosemite.edu

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



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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WHAT'S NEW

Ideas for Outdoor Learning Opportunities

BUTTERFLY PUDDLE CRAFT

- Create a butterfly puddle station by decorating a shallow dish with bright colors, then filling it with small pebbles, sand, and a bit of water mixed with a pinch of salt or sugar. Place it in a sunny garden spot near flowers to attract butterflies. Kids can observe and record the butterflies that visit, combining creativity with nature learning!



HOMEMADE SUNDIAL

- To make a homemade sundial, place a stick (gnomon) upright in the center of a paper plate or a flat surface outdoors in a sunny spot. Mark where the shadow falls at each hour using small rocks, chalk, or marker lines. Label the hours as the day goes on. By the end of the day, the sundial will show how the sun moves across the sky, teaching kids about time and Earth's rotation!





- Gardening is great for kids because it teaches responsibility, patience, and where food comes from while encouraging outdoor play and curiosity about nature. It also helps develop fine motor skills and a sense of accomplishment as they watch their plants grow! (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!!



Calaveras UPK Mixed Delivery

Panel

March | 19 | 6:00 PM
Zoom

Register [Here](#) or use the QR Code Below:



Come learn about the different educational opportunities in Calaveras County for your 4-year-old!

Hear from staff representing Head Start, California State Preschool, Private Preschools, Family Child Care Providers, and Transitional Kindergarten.

enrollcalaveras.org

Questions please reach out to Sheri Noble snoble@trcac.org

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 California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has issued [Provider Information Notice \(PIN\) 25-01-CCP](#), summarizing newly enacted legislation affecting child care facilities. These laws, primarily effective January 1, 2025, introduce key regulatory changes for child care providers.

- [AB 318](#), introduced by Assemblymember Juan Alanis, aims to streamline California's child care licensing process. By 2027, the bill requires the Department of Social Services to accept electronic applications and credit card payments, while also allowing checks for fees. These changes seek to modernize and simplify licensing for child care providers.

Education Opportunities

For All Child Care Providers



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



Price: \$6,100 includes all four content modules and certification.

The Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC) will offer a fully virtual PITC Trainer Institute in 2025-26. 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](#).



Beyond Behavior Management: Coaching for Lasting Change and Emotional Growth in ECE, by Prerna Richards - Early Childhood Webinars

Managing early childhood classrooms so they are peaceful and productive can sometimes feel overwhelming, leaving teachers and leaders searching for sustainable solutions. This strategy-rich webinar addresses these challenges by providing early care and education leaders with the tools to support staff in creating calmer, more positive learning environments.

[Read More](#)



Getting to Know You

Lessons in
Early
Relational
Health From
Infants and
Caregivers

Claudia M. Gold, MD

Foreword by Junlei Li

Afterword by Lisa Matter and Hoda Shawky

Listening In: Lessons from Infants and Caregivers in Early Relational Health, by Claudia M. Gold, M.D. - Early Childhood Webinars

Early childhood educators and other practitioners on the front lines with young children and families often feel great pressure to know "what to do" in a broad variety of challenging situations. Drawing on both developmental science and extensive clinical experience, this webinar, presented by acclaimed author, pediatrician and early relational health expert, Claudia M.

[Read More](#)



UPCOMING DATES



MAR.

18th

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

MAR.

19th

UPK Mixed Delivery Panel
6:00 pm via Zoom

APR.

15th

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

Useful Information

And Important Headlines

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Child care, family assistance outlined in 2025 California budget

The recently released 2025 California Budget includes funds for child care, early education, and family protections. Read the details here.

[Read More](#)

Preschools Lose Students as Transitional Kindergarten Expands in California

California's implementation of universal transitional kindergarten has had adverse effects on preschool programs, new data shows.

[Read More](#)

Mandatory Kindergarten

Lawmakers are renewing efforts to pass a bill making kindergarten mandatory in California, despite the governor's 2022 veto of a similar measure due to cost concerns.

[Read More](#)

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