

Smalltalk

Serving Providers & Families in Yolo County

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Dear Friends,

Spring has finally arrived and as we dry out and look forward to summer, we hope you are looking ahead and making plans for summer child care! If you have a school age child and are thinking about summer camps or activities, NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP! Summer recreation programs fill up very quickly around here. Savvy and experienced parents have learned the hard way that this is something you do NOT want to procrastinate on. At Child Care Services, we can give you either referrals for child care programs or a listing of summer recreation camps and programs. Just call our office and ask for a referral specialist.

License Exempt Providers, Babysitters, Informal Care Providers come one come all! We are offering you: free training, free toys, free books and resources: **ALL FREE!** If you care for even just one child that is not your own, this program is for you! You are an important teacher in that young child's life and we want to show you how to make the most of it. **PARENTS:** is your child spending their day with Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, a Neighbor, Acquaintance or Friend while you are at work? Make sure your child gets the critical intellectual and emotional stimulation they need to help them develop into successful, well balanced children and adults. The R&R has a brand new training program for the caregivers in your child's life. Studies have shown, the first 5 years of a child's life are the most important for brain development! For more information and the dates of the Resource and Referral's new, state funded **License Exempt Provider Training Program**, please refer to page 8 of this issue. In addition, your child care provider or babysitter (along with your child) can attend our PLAY Day (mini preschool sessions). Your child and provider can come and take part in a 2 hour preschool session in an actual elementary preschool classroom, participate in planned activities and socialize with other children their age-all for free! The only requirement is the child must be under the age of 6 years old. For more information on PLAY Day, please refer to page 8.

Regards,

Robbie Townsley
Resource and Referral Supervisor

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Thelma Harms ECERS Workshops in Davis!

Child Care Services will be sponsoring two separate Thelma Harms Environmental Rating Scales (ECERS) workshops on June 5th and June 10th. Both presentations will be identical, the repeat on Saturday is for anyone who is unable to attend the weekday workshop. Don't miss this ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!! Sign-up is required. **Please see page 3 for more information on this workshop.**

Dr. Harms is Director of Curriculum Development at the FPG Child Development Institute and Research Professor, School of Education, UNC-CH. Dr. Harms is recognized internationally for her work in assessing the quality of educational and care settings. She has also developed a variety of curriculum materials and staff training resources. Dr. Harms has provided extensive in-service training and consultation in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Asia.

Meetings/Support Groups

FAMILY CHILD CARE LICENSING ORIENTATIONS

Tues., May 16 & June 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **New location:** At the Child Care Services Conference Room, 600 A Street in Davis. A \$25 fee will be charged by Community Care Licensing for attending licensing orientation. This fee must be paid to licensing in advance and the receipt brought to the meeting. For more information on licensing or the fee call (916) 229-4530. For general information on becoming a child care provider call (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

PARENTS TOGETHER

Child Care Services sponsors this group. The group is for all parents and babies under 1 year. The group meets every **Tuesday** from 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m. in Davis at the Conference Room at 600 A Street (next to the Child Care Services office). For information call Child Care Services at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

FIRST 5 YOLO COUNTY

(formerly Yolo Co. Children & Families Commission)
2nd Wednesday of the month, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
403 Court Street in Woodland. For more information call (530) 669-2475. www.yolochildren.org

YOLO CO. CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

The Children's Alliance Policy Council meets quarterly. For more information call Katie Villegas at (530) 757-5558.

YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2-4:30 p.m. to discuss child care topics. Meeting locations vary. Call (530) 668-3773 for information.

KINSHIP CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Family Service Agency. Call Edie Dornbush at (530) 662-2211 ext. 33 for information.

GROUP FOR TWINS & PARENTS

If you have twins or if you are pregnant with twins call Fran and she will introduce you to the Twins Group. The group organizes a variety of activities for parents and twins to enjoy. For information call Fran Leistikow at (530) 753-6934.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN

Time limited support groups are available for caregivers of children with emotional disturbances. For information call Joan Beesley at (530) 666-8632.

WOODLAND PARKS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES, & URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, Woodland. Public welcome. Youth and children's issues are discussed. (530) 661-5880.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN – Support for family caregivers raising children. Thursdays, 9 AM at the Woodland office 455 1st Street. Edie Dornbush at (530) 662-2211 Ex. 33. *Sponsored by Yolo Family Service Agency.*

YOLO FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER MEETINGS

Fathers' Group in Spanish* Is a group run by Latino fathers Get advice and support on parenting from peers and a counseling facilitator. The group meets every Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., at the Yolo Family Resource Center. No need to register.

The Parent Project. A class for parents of teens. April 19-July 5, 6-9 p.m.. Call to register.

Women's Support Group in Spanish* This is a parent led support group in Spanish for women. Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Yolo Family Resource Center. No need to register. For information on the Women's Support Group in English contact Matina Kaufman at (530) 406-7221.

Parent Services Committee Meeting in Spanish* (translation available if needed). Interested members of the community get together with Yolo Family Resource Center staff to discuss existing services and brainstorm to plan new center activities, family celebrations, and meet community needs.

Special Needs Support Group*

This is a parent-led support group for families of children with special needs. Childcare & refreshments are provided. Monday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**These groups meet at the Yolo Family Resource Center in Woodland (409 Lincoln Ave). For more information call (530) 406-7221. FREE childcare is provided for these groups.*

ASPERGER'S SYNDROME PARENT SUPPORT

Support for parents, caregivers, and professionals that work with individuals diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. The group meets the 4th Wed. of each month (January to November) 7 to 9 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center, at 7th and A Streets in Davis. For information contact Dede Douglass at (530) 759-8817 or dededouglass@yahoo.com.

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH (16-25) WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES

Group meetings held 4th Tuesday of every month 6:30-8:00 p.m at the YCCC Conference Room, 1950 5th St. in Davis. For more information call (530) 666-8632—Ask to speak with Joan Beesley.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Support for mothers who are breastfeeding. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at 345 L Street, Davis. For phone-support, or meeting topics call: Cheri (530) 759-0334 or Jennifer (530) 753-9824.

GRUPO DE MUJERES – Spanish-speaking woman's support group. Tuesdays, 4 PM at the Woodland office, 455 1st Street. Call Susana Russ, LCSW (530) 662-2211 Ex. 25 for more information. *Sponsored by Yolo Family Service Agency.*

BABY SIGNS® PLAY GROUP Join other parents for a free, informal, FUN time with a certified Baby Signs® Instructor. Meet other families who are interested in signing with their children. 1st Friday of the month at the Davis Library *Blanchard Room, 315 E. 14th St.* from 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. *For more information contact Erin Panelli (530) 219-0876.*

Community News & Events

Calendar

May 16 Family Child Care Licensing Orientation
29 City Offices Closed

June 5 ECERS Overview
10 ECERS Overview
20 Family Child Care Licensing Orientation

July 4 City Offices Closed

For more information about events listed in the calendar, check out the rest of Small Talk and our new tear out "TRAINING CALENDAR" on the last two pages!

Thelma Harms, FPG Child Development Institute and Research Professor, School of Education.

Save the Date for : June 5th OR June 10th, 2006 Thelma Harms ECERS Overview

Call now and reserve a space in either of the full day Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scales (ECERS) overviews on June 5th or 10th. The one day ECERS overviews will give you a working knowledge of the ECERS tool and help you begin to understand the way it works and how you can utilize ECERS to enhance the quality of your program. The ECERS tool is complicated, however, with this overview, you will begin to unlock some of the mysteries involved!

Space is limited for both sessions. We expect them to be full with waiting lists so do not wait to call our office and reserve a free space. You may call and ask for Ing, Rossana, Anna Lynn or Tamiko. They will share the specific location and training information with you once you sign up for the workshop. Both days of training are identical, so only chose one session. The time for each session will generally be 8:30-3:30.



Family Child Care Orientation at Child Care Services

Children's Alliance & Children's Health

Children's Health Initiative Healthy Kids Insurance

The Yolo County Children's Alliance has teamed up with First 5 Yolo to make sure every child in our county between the ages of 0-18 has health insurance! Yolo Children's Health Initiative is a broad-based coalition of public and private partners formed to improve access to quality health care for all children in Yolo County.

Certified Application Assistants are available in several Yolo County Communities. You will need to bring the following information: proof of income, proof of age of child, and proof that you live in Yolo County. Programs that are offered include Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Kaiser Child Health Plan, and Healthy Kids.

A Certified Application Assistant will answer your questions and help you make the right choice for insuring your child. Every call, every conversation is kept confidential, so your privacy is protected. Our goal is to build trust with you and your family and to be there to help you every step of the way. Call the number below in your community to make an appointment.

In Woodland, Winters, Knight's Landing: Yolo Family Resource Center (530) 406-7221

In Davis: CommuniCare Clinic (530) 758-2060

In Esparto, Capay Valley: RISE (530) 787-4110

In West Sacramento: Salud Clinic (916) 375-6400

The Yolo County Children's Alliance is very excited to welcome new director Katie Villagas on board!

For more information on the Children's Alliance or the Children's Health Initiative, please visit their web-site at: <http://www.yolokids.org/>



The Importance of Outdoor Play

In the Ecologist (October, 2005) Edward Gill's article, "If You Go Down to the Woods," makes a case for the importance of restoring outdoor play for children. In part, he observed "children are disappearing from the outdoors at a rate that would make them top of any conservationist's list of endangered species if they were any other member of the animal kingdom". So does it matter that kids aren't playing outside as much these days? "Let's start with health, and specifically with childhood obesity. Here, everyone agrees: playing outside keeps kids thinner. Even the Government's own recent public health white paper accepts that the loss of opportunities for spontaneous outdoor play is one of the main causes of childhood obesity. Dr William Deitz, the leading US Federal Government expert on nutrition and physical activity, claims that play may be the "magic bullet" experts have been searching for, saying in a British Medical Journal editorial, that "opportunities for spontaneous play may be the only requirement that young children need to increase their physical activity."

The physical benefits of outdoor play should come as no surprise. What's more remarkable is the growing evidence that children's mental health and emotional well-being is enhanced by contact with the outdoors, and that the restorative effect appears to be strongest in natural settings. Studies at the University of Illinois' Human-Environment Research Laboratory on children with Attention-Hyperactivity Deficit Disorder (ADHD) have shown that green outdoor spaces not only foster creative play and improve interactions with adults, they also relieve the symptoms of the disorder. Although research on the developmental significance of childhood engagement with nature is in its infancy, the researchers are convinced of the depth of the connection between children's well-being and the environment, claiming that "contact with nature may be as important to children as good nutrition and adequate sleep".

"The great thing about many natural places is that they are ideal environments for children to explore, giving them the chance to expand their horizons and build their confidence while learning about and managing the risks for themselves. These places are unpredictable, ever changing, and prone to the randomness of nature and the vagaries of the weather"....

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First 5 Yolo-It's All About The Kids

FIRST 5 YOLO MISSION

First 5 Yolo will assist our community to raise children who are healthy and ready to learn. We will assure that our resources are effectively used and all community voices heard.

WHO WE ARE

First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission previously known as Yolo County Children and Families Commission was created in 1998 with the passage of Proposition 10. The Prop 10 initiative added a 50-cent-per-pack tax on cigarette sales to fund programs promoting early childhood development for children ages 0-5 and their families. The Yolo County Children and Families commission was created to locally implement the goals of Prop 10. The goals of Proposition 10 include child care, school readiness, good health, parent support, accessible services and integrated social systems for children ages 0-5 and their families.

WHAT WE DO

First 5 Yolo invests millions of dollars in support of children, from the prenatal state through age 5 who live in our diverse communities.

More than 85 percent of Prop 10 funds are distributed to the community each year to support local agencies that offer services and early learning opportunities to nurture children's success at home, in school and throughout life.

Programs offered by First 5 Yolo include Access to Quality Health Care Initiative, Children's Health Initiative, Access to Early Child Care and Education, School Readiness Program, Universal Preschool, Community Engagement Project, and Parent Kits.

Beyond distributing funds, the Commission exists to identify and raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities facing this increasingly diverse community of children ages 0-5 and their families. Meeting those needs, by promoting the coordination and integration of services and programs to benefit that population, is at the heart of the Commission's work.

At First 5 Yolo, "It's all about the kids."



Children and Families Commission

Who are the Yolo County Commissioners and Staff?

Community Representatives

District 1 - West Sacramento

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More Alike Than Different

My name is Christine Romer. A few weeks ago, I attended a conference on inclusion by an after school program called, KIT, Kids Included Together based in San Diego. The conference was out of town and my child care for the second day fell through. Could my child attend the workshops that day? The coordinators made it work and I think it created a great experience for the group and for my son, aged 6 ½ yrs.

One of the keynote presentations was a group of children and adults from the Fresno area who performed in formations to music and gymnastic stunts. It was very energetic and quite thrilling. As it turned out some of the participants had Down Syndrome and one of the teenage girls was in a wheel chair. When they introduced themselves, each person mentioned something that could be considered a personal challenge, such as being a gossip or having a habit of interrupting. I think that the purpose of presenting themselves in this way was to encourage others to go beyond outward appearances.

Included in the conference was a session entitled, "Play For the Fun of It!" The leaders encouraged everyone present to participate in a cooperative rather than a competitive manner. Sharing play as a social interaction fosters positive group dynamics whether in a school, work or a family situation. Our group had a lot of fun even though most people didn't know each other and we had a wide range of ages and physical abilities. My son and I each came away feeling positive about the experience. I appreciated the group accepting my son "playing" at his ability level and in fact, I felt that his presence enhanced the group's ability to meet him at his verbal, physical and cognitive levels.

On the way home, we visited my parents. Wesley interviewed his grandpa as part of a class project to learn more about his life. My dad had an accident 11 years ago and became paralyzed; he has been in a wheelchair all of Wesley's life. I think that Wesley has always seen his grandpa as a person who uses a wheelchair and needs help getting dressed, going to and getting up from bed but also one who does work on the phone, types and interacts with family and friends. What he learned from interviewing his grandpa following the conference was the extent of other interests and experiences that he couldn't see and did not know. Along with being a military and civilian pilot, he studied music in college and followed that all his life. His interest in mining and identifying minerals had to shift to studying minerals as long as he could not actively pursue his mining activities. His work as a private investigator has continued through the use of computer technology. As a result of this conference and the interview process, Wesley sees his grandpa and himself as having abilities and disabilities.

My son and I will be presenting cooperative games at the conference, "Once Upon a Childhood" to be held on April 29, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Center. The session is called, "Playshop: Playing with our abilities and disabilities" will focus on active participation for people of all ages and abilities.



Christine Romer is a member of the Child Care Collaborative. The Child Care Collaborative is funded by First-5 Yolo and serves provides supportive services for children in child care or early learning settings. Christine is employed by the Yolo County Office of Education special education services and is co-located on-site with Child Care Services at 600 A Street in Davis. Christine partners with Diane Casey (from WarmLine Family Resource Center) to provide a full range of inclusion services for children throughout Yolo County who have special needs, as well as their families. If you are a parent of a child with special needs and would like some assistance in having your child accommodated in a child care or early learning setting or you would just like information on services for children with special needs that are available in Yolo County, please call our office and ask for Christine or Diane.

We are all more alike than we are different!

Especially for Parents

Yolo Family Service Agency

“Kids’ Turn”- A 6 week program serving parents and children experiencing divorce.

Kids’ Turn provides a safe place for all family members to learn skills that can improve communication between parents and children, help parents understand the experience of children during and after a separation and teach children how to cope more effectively. The program is offered for children ages 4 through 14 and their parents. Each child is placed in a group according to their age. Parents from the same family meet in separate groups. Both parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Group begins April 24, 2006 on Mondays from 6:00-7:30pm for 6 weeks at Davis High School.

For more information, contact Erin Brown, ASW at (530)662-2211, ext 34



YFSA Parenting Classes

Woodland, CA – Yolo Family Service Agency will offer a nine (9) week series on parenting skills. The series is open to anyone in the community. Sessions will be on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The series begins on Tuesday, May 9 at YFSA’s Woodland office, 455 1st Street at the corner of Lincoln Street. Parking is available.

Parenting Classes will focus on child growth and development. Parents will better understand issues of self esteem, child behaviors and appropriate interventions and guidance skills. \$50 will cover the full series. An adjusted payment schedule is available. Joanne Fuller, MFTI will facilitate the sessions. She can be reached at 530-662-2211, Ex. 37 for further information.

Foster & Kinship Care Education

FKCE Stands for Care...

The *Woodland Community College Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE)* program is a program that serves Yolo County foster parents, kinship/relative care providers, and individuals interested in becoming foster parents or in adopting a child. We provide FREE classes and workshops to individuals who are:

- Parenting a child placed in out-of-home care and you want to improve your parenting skills;
- Taking care of a relative's child;
- Need to complete the State mandated foster care education requirements;
- Interested in being a foster or adoptive parent.

FKCE offers a variety of parenting classes all through the months of May and June. Classes range from “Defensive and Respectful Parenting to “Living in A Diverse and Confusing World”. For specific class times and schedules, please go the Foster and Kinship Care Website at:

<http://www.yolofostercare.com/index.html>



Especially for Providers

Come to PLAY Day!

PLAY Day is a new program for family child care providers and informal child care providers and the children they care for. Informal Child Care Providers care for their own children and the children from **only one** other family. These providers are also called license exempt providers or baby-sitters. In these instances, they do not need a license.

PLAY Day is a short group session where informal child care providers take the children in their care to a preschool setting to participate in games & activities. Activities are geared towards children ages 0 to 5. PLAY Days will be held at different locations throughout the county. PLAY Day is **FREE** for all Yolo County informal child care providers. If you are baby-sitting for your family, friends or neighbors you are invited to participate in PLAY Day!

PLAY Day is brought to your communities in Clarksburg, Davis, West Sacramento & Woodland. **You must register to attend!** For more information and to participate please call Child Care Services at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-

Providers Together is a new advocacy group of and for licensed family childcare providers. We have productive and fun meetings on the last Tuesday of each month in Davis. All are welcome; membership for this group is free. Come join us! **Our next two meetings are on April 25th and May 30th from 7 - 9 pm.** "Our mission is to support and celebrate excellence in licensed family childcare."

This group is not operated by City of Davis Child Care Services. It is an independent group made up of Licensed Family Child Care Providers.

Please contact Colleen Connolly: 530-753-1138 falutn@sbcglobal.net for more information.

CITY	May	June
DAVIS	26	30
CLARKSBURG	23	27
KNIGHTS LANDING	18	29
WEST SACRAMENTO	16 & 23	20 & 27
WOODLAND	17 & 24	14 & 28

3001. Providers that attend will receive a free gift!



License Exempt Provider Training Dates:

Saturday, May 20th, 9:00-11:00AM

Tuesday, May 23rd, 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday, June 3rd, 9:00am-11:00am

**Location: 600 A Street, Suite C
Davis, CA**

Contact for sign up: Tamiko Eslick or Ing Chao at 757-5695 or 800-753-3001

Especially for Providers

PROVIDERS, ASSISTANTS AND ECE TEACHERS, ARE YOU LOSING OUT ON THE CHANCE FOR FREE MONEY?!

- Do you care for at least one child age 0-5 who is not your own child?
- Do you care for children at least 15 hours a week?
- Will you have cared for children at least 9 months this year from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006?

If you answer yes to all three of these questions you may qualify for a RIO/CARES Stipend this year. You need to get an application in right away and see if you qualify.

If you have received a RIO/CARES Stipend before...you can qualify for \$100 more than you received last year without any new coursework required. Only paperwork is required to receive your child development permit and your stipend this year.

If you have applied for your stipend and you need to complete your paperwork for a child development permit, get your application in right away so you can get your Permit Application Confirmation back by June 30th.

If you need help completing the paperwork or have questions, please come to one of the RIO/CARES Q&A Sessions:

- Monday, May 1
- Tuesday, May 9
- Thursday, May 18
- Monday, May 22
- Thursday, June 1

All Sessions take place from 6-7:30pm in the Yolo County Conference Room at 600 A Street in Davis.

Call Lynn Arner OR Ing Chao at (530)757-5695 for an appointment RIGHT AWAY!!

Applications are due June 30th!!!

Health & Safety Reimbursements

Once again, the health & safety reimbursement funds will be available to child care providers in Yolo County. Reimbursements of up to \$50 dollars will be issued to licensed family child care providers and center staff (2 staff members per program). To receive a reimbursement you must submit a Health & Safety Reimbursement form, copies of your valid health & safety certificates and receipts showing the amount paid to take the health & safety training. For an application or if you have any questions please call Rossana Vigil at Child Care Services, (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.



**Your Stipend could be between
\$200.00 and \$2100.00!!
*Don't delay!
Time is running out!***



Campus Talk: Events & Information from UCD

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT PROGRAM. Orientations are held the **2nd and 4th Thursday** of each month at Human Resources Administration Building, Room 182 from noon to 1pm. Call (530) 752-5415 for more information. For **NEW MOMS** interested in learning more about breast feeding.

The Medical Center now offers sessions on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month to be held in the Glassrock Building, 7th Floor, Conference Room. Call (916) 703-3360 for more information.

CAREER CATALYST BROWN BAG SERIES workshops held in the Founders Room, Alumni Center, sponsored by the Staff Development Professional Services.

May 4 – Overcoming Informational Interviewing Woes

May 18 – Don't Forget to Write

June 8 – Getting into Web Pages

For more information, call (530) 752-1766 or visit their website at <http://sdps.ucdavis.edu>

EXPECTANT AND BREASTFEEDING MOMS ON CAMPUS SERIES, (SUPPORT GROUP AND INFORMATION BROWN-BAG DISCUSSIONS) to be held **every third Tuesday of each month** from 12-1pm, Moss Room, MU. Lonna Hampton, Lactation Specialist, will give a presentation on the month's publicized topics as well as allow time to answer questions. Contact lonnahampton@sbcglobal.net, (530) 752-5412 for more information.

A discussion will follow for those who are able to stay longer. Babies are always welcome. Moms who have had a positive experience breastfeeding and pumping are encouraged to come share tips on what's helped them; moms who are struggling are encouraged to come ask questions and let us help them find a solution that will work for them and their babies. Come enjoy fellowship with more moms on campus.

May 16 – Mother-to-Mother Support: sharing our stories about breastfeeding and bonding

STAFF WORK/LIFE PROGRAM MONTHLY BROWN-BAG SERIES, 12:10-1PM, Silo/ Cabernet Room

May 25 – End of Life Healthcare Issues in Eldercare

June 25 – Multiple Intelligences in the Workplace

For more information, contact Paula D. Shimada, Work Life Coordinator, (530) 752-2280, swl@ucdavis.edu



WOMEN'S RESOURCES AND RESEARCH CENTER is now hiring internships for 2006-07.

Program Intern, Library Intern, Office & Resources Intern, Graphic Design Intern, Website Coordinator, Sexual Harassment Educational Intern and Campus Community Education Coordinator. For more information visit <http://wrrc.ucdavis.edu/interns> or visit WRRC at 113 North Hall.

UC DAVIS CAMPUS RECREATION is a terrific Summer Youth & Teen Programs catalog describing a summer of excitement with activities like swim lessons, hiking, crafting, horseback riding and bowling. For those needing extended care after camp, PM Potpourri includes a fun schedule of activities until 5:30pm.

Open house and registration party is planned for Saturday, April 29 at 10-1pm, at the Craft Center. Camp staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist with registration.

UC DAVIS HEALTH AWARENESS 2005-2006 – BROWN BAG SERIES, 12-1pm. The Health Awareness Program offers a variety of programs and information to encourage and assist UC Davis employees in understanding, adopting, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

May 11 – What's in Your Medicine Cabinet?

May 18 – Why "Live Vegetarian"?

June 1 – Self Defense and Personal Safety for Everyone

For further information contact UC Davis Staff Development & Professional Services, sdps@ucdavis.edu; (530) 752-1766

UC DAVIS TO HOST WEST COAST AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

The five-day event is scheduled for June 29-July 3 and the AAU officials have selected UC Davis and the surrounding area to host the first-ever West Coast AAU Junior Olympic Games because they wanted a community that would be safe for young people.

For the summer games, UC Davis is planning to create an "Athletes Village" on campus, where the young athletes will play games and have access to a climbing wall, DJ-led dances and outdoor movies. In addition, the athletes will be invited to live in on-campus student dormitories.

To view this story on the web visit:

http://www.news.ucdavis.edu/search/news_detail.lasso?id=7550

**Submitted by Barbara Ashby, Program Manager
UC Davis Child Care & Family Services, HR Administration Building (530)752-5415
www.hr.ucdavis.edu/childcare**

CHILD CARE SERVICES

Yolo County Child Care Planning Council will host two Public Forums on Proposition 82– scheduled for the June 2006 ballot

Wednesday, April 26, 2006
 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Yolo County Board of
 Supervisor's Chambers,
 Room 206
 625 Court St.,
 Woodland, CA

OR

Tuesday, May 2, 2006
 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Yolo County Office
 of Education
 Davis Room

1280 Santa Anita Ct., Ste. 100
 Woodland, CA



Children's story time activities
 provided (ages 3-5) by
 Woodland Public Library
 Literacy Service
 Pre-registration required
 Call 661-5987
 Only 15 openings



1. **What is the "Preschool For All" Initiative?**
 - » Provide high quality part day, voluntary preschool for all four year olds free of charge and includes public and private child care centers and family child care homes.
2. **Why should voters attend?**
 - » Learn about the Preschool for All Initiative– Proposition 82.
3. **Who Should Attend?**
 - » Parents, preschool providers, businesses, community leaders, K-12 teachers and administrators, elected officials, community colleges and 4 year institutions.

530-668-3773
For more details



Free Refreshments! ***Free Parking!***
Simultaneous translation in Spanish



April 18, 2006

AB172 (Chan) – Universal Preschool

Subject to funding from passage of the Preschool for All Initiative, this bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to report on the types of programs that receive state funding and to convene a committee to coordinate workforce education and state the intent of the Legislature to establish a voluntary preschool for all program. **Status: Senate Education**

AB633 (Benoit) – Child care facilities- licensing & notification

Requires providers to notify new and existing parents of any Type A violations, noncompliance conferences, and accusations leading to revocation for one year after incident. Changes current language of "Oliver's Law" required by R&R's to give to parents along with child care referrals. Amended language is more "parent-friendly." **Status: Senate Appropriations**

AB1095 (Mullin)- Child Care Center: Staff training days- (CCDAA sponsored)

Allows for one staff training day for contracted center-based child care programs with minimal inconvenience to families. **Status: Senate Appropriations**

AB1601 (Laird) – License-exempt providers/Trustline

Requires the trustline of aunts & uncles, shortens the time allowed for an exempt provider to complete the trustline process. Requires APP's to stop payment when a "hit" occurs on the provider's trustline clearance process and other technical issues. **Sponsored by SEIU & United Child Care Union (AFSCME). Status: Senate Human Services**

AB2881 (Mullin) – State Preschool Programs. R&R & Unexpended Funds-Urgency Clause- (CCDAA sponsored) Establishes full day state preschool programs and includes educational tasks and goals. **Additionally requires R&R programs to notify Family Child Care Home Education Networks of the termination of a provider's license.** It also requires the Department of Education to review unearned contract funds and recommend how to allocate them. **Status: Assembly Education 4/19**

SB1195 (Alquist) – RMR/ Child Care Subsidy Eligibility (SMI)

Requires that income eligibility for child care subsidies is updated according to changes in the Consumer Price Index during years when it is not updated by the State Median Income. Requires the State Department of Education to establish a method for determining the Regional Market Rate and the increases in years when a survey is not conducted is tied to the Consumer Price Index. **Status: Senate Appropriations 4/24**

AB507 (Daucher) – Health studio child care providers- criminal history checks

Requires Health Clubs to obtain criminal history information for employees or volunteers 18 or over who regularly provide care or supervise children. **Senate Public Safety**

AB368 (Evans) -_CaWORK's_– Child Care availability-

Provides for state conformance with federal welfare reauthorization. **Senate Human Services**

AB1144 (Harman) – Playground Safety Standards

Requires regulations for playground safety to be consistent with the current standards and amended when the standards are revised. Playgrounds that meet the current standards would not be required to meet new standards unless modifications are made. **Status: Senate Appropriations- Inactive**

Legislative Update

AB1246 (Wolk) – Preschool Curriculum Standards

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop preschool learning standards and curriculum guides in reading/language arts, math, history/social science and science. **Status: Senate Appropriations**

AB2196 (Spitzer) –Registered Sex Offenders Website

Requires child care centers to give parents/guardians information about the availability of Megan's law website. **Status: Assembly Appropriations**

AB2403 (DeVore) – Large Family Child Care Permits

Requires that any fee charged by local government for the application and review of a large family child care license not exceed the actual cost or \$500, whichever is less and requires that the permit be granted or denied within 45 days of receiving the application. Requires that local government provide a written fee verification, within 45 days of the applicant's request. **Amended to eliminate the fee cap and instead requires notification of permit fees and process time. Status: Assembly Local Government 4/26**

AB2596 (Runner) – Age of Kindergarten Admittance

Requires that a child must be 5 years old before September 1 of the school year in order to attend kindergarten. **Status: Assembly Education 4/26**

AB2611 (Spitzer)- Family Child Care Homes: Insurance

Subjects family child care homes that do not provide the Department of Social Services with proof of insurance or a bond or allow inspection of the required affidavits to a \$50 civil penalty. **Amended out all existing language and added language to declare the intent of the Legislature to implement recommendations from the audit of the Department of Social Services- Community Care Licensing conducted by the State Auditor. Status: Assembly Human Services 4/25**

SB539 (Ashburn)- CalWORK's child care program & Trustline processing

In specified counties with Live Scan and a special trustline application process (TARP) requires that payment to a child care provider; except grandparents, aunts or uncles shall not commence until the CDSS confirms that the provider is a registered (cleared) child care trustline provider or is exempt from trustline **Sponsored by the Kern County Office of Education. Status: Assembly Human Services**

SB638 (Torlakson) –After School Programs

Changes the funding to a direct grant instead of reimbursement based while increasing the maximum funding cap and decreasing the local match. Requires Department of Education to establish physical education and activity standards for after school programs. **Status: Assembly Education-**

SB1302 (Ashburn)- After School Programs

Requires ASES and 21st Century programs to stress academic improvement measured by the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program. **Status: Senate Education**

SB1421 (Margett)- Child Care- CalWORKs Fraud-Urgency Clause

Requires that the Department of Education set up a two-year pilot project in Los Angeles County to investigate potential incidents of child care/CalWORKs fraud in stages 2 & stages 3 child care.

Amended to require that the pilot project begin by October 1, 2007 to identify, investigate and seek the prosecution of potential incidents of fraud. Status: Passed Senate Human Services on 3/28, Senate Education on 4/26

Legislative Update

SB1600 (Kuehl)- (formerly SB908)-Child Care Needs- AFSCME sponsored bill.

Requires the Department of Education to collect information about the supply and demand in child care. Requires them to convene a task force to develop and implement a workforce development plan and sets up a registry of child care providers. Allows for collective bargaining for licensed family child care providers with 30% provide authorization (on the effective date of the bill upon passage and in 2012 for license-exempt providers). Provides for 20-year “catch-up” COLA for Title 5 programs recouped over a 5-year time period and sets up a “Partners in Quality Program” that sets a base reimbursement rate for providers with increased reimbursement based on specified quality achievement levels to be assessed and administered by a local or regional lead agency. **Status: Senate Education 4/26**

SB1764 (Runner)- Kindergarten/First Grade Admittance Age

Requires that a child must be 5 years old by September 1 and 6 years old by September 1 to enter kindergarten and first grade respectively. Redirects any savings to preschool programs for “at-risk” 4 year olds. **Status: Senate Education 4/26**

SCA12 (Torlakson)- Proposition 49 Implementation Delay

Upon approval of the voters, changes the provisions requiring the expenditure of \$550 million in After School Education and Safety Programs. It requires that education be fully funded at the Proposition 98 guaranteed level, including restoration of reduced funding levels from prior years, that the Budget Stabilization Account end the fiscal year with a balance of at least 3% of state revenues and that projected revenues are expected to exceed projected expenditures for the succeeding 2 fiscal years. **Status: Senate Education**

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