

Smalltalk

Serving Providers & Families in Yolo County

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From the Child Care Managers Desk

This year, we welcomed the new season with a wonderfully successful Child Development Conference on March 20th. We are especially thankful to our keynote, Dr. Robert MacKenzie, and presenters for bringing new and up to date child development information. We also would like to thank all of our conference participants. Their commitment to their professional growth as well as the children in Yolo County is invaluable.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month! The Yolo County Children’s Alliance kicked-off the event by hosting a Celebrity Fashion Show on March 31. This event will raise much needed funds to continue the important work of bringing awareness to child abuse and supporting various prevention programs county-wide. In this issue of Small Talk, you will find information and resources about caring for our children and protecting them from abuse and/or neglect.

On Friday, April 30 come out and Celebrate Week of the Young Child and Dia de los Niños at Fern Park in Woodland as we focus attention on the needs of young children and their families and honor and celebrate children, who represent the hopes and dreams of every community.

On May 7th, join Child Care Services in thanking all Child Care Professionals! It is National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. As many of you know, child care providers are essential to families and support both, parents and children alike. We thank all child care providers and would like them to know their work is appreciated! In this issue, we included a few suggestions of ways to show your provider how much you appreciate their services to you and your family.

Child Care Services would like to request your assistance in an evaluation of this publication. Give us your feedback by going to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/smalltalk> and evaluating Small Talk by June 1st, 2010. Please take the time to respond. We value your opinion and would like to know what you would like to see in the publication that would be most helpful to you. Also, as summertime nears, parents will need to make their summer camp or child care arrangements. Please call our office at (530) 757-5695 and ask for a child care referral to licensed programs or a listing of summer camps and recreation opportunities.

Over the past few months, the Child Care Services Resource and Referral program has undergone a change. Robbie Townsley, our Resource & Referral Supervisor, has

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decided to move on to other opportunities. Child Care Services would like to thank her for her years of service to the R&R program. During this time, she was instrumental in developing programs such as UP4WS, a free preschool program for 4-year olds in West Sacramento, and the Quality Enhancement Project, which provides technical assistance, support, grants and Play Van visits to licensed child care programs in Yolo County. We wish Robbie success in her future endeavors.

At this time, the Resource & Referral program will continue to be staffed by the dedicated and qualified staff Tamiko Kwak, Rossana Vigil, Ing Lindsey, Yin Myo-Flores and Solveig Seland. I will be supervising the program and welcome your comments and ideas on how to improve our services and serve Yolo County families. I have been managing Child Care Services for many years and look forward to working more closely with the Resource and Referral Programs. You can contact me at (530) 757-5695 or livans@cityofdavis.org

Don't forget to complete your Census, Yolo County needs and deserves its fair share of funding for all Programs.

**Warm regards,
Laura Ivans, Child Care Manager**

Meetings/Support Groups

FAMILY CHILD CARE LICENSING ORIENTATIONS

Tuesday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Child Care Services, Conference Room, 600 A Street, Davis. A \$25 fee will be charged by Community Care Licensing for attending the orientation. This fee must be received by Community Care Licensing prior to the orientation date. For more information call (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001. You may also contact Community Care Licensing at (916) 229-4530 or visit their website at <http://cclcd.ca.gov/>.

PARENTS TOGETHER

This group is for all parents and babies under 1 year. The group meets on **Tuesday** from 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m. on the following dates: 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1, 6/8 at Child Care Services, Conference Room, 600 A Street, Davis. For information call Child Care Services at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

FIRST 5 YOLO

Commission meetings, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 3:00p.m.-5:00 p.m. 403 Court Street, Woodland. For more information call (530) 669-2475. www.first5yolo.org

YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

If you need low-cost health insurance for your children please call 1-866-607-4030. The Children's Alliance Policy Council meets quarterly. Also coordinates Child Abuse Prevention for Yolo County for more information call Katie Villegas at (530) 757-5558.

YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

The Planning Council meets monthly to discuss child care topics. Meets at Yolo County Office of Education. For information call (530) 668-3021 or visit www.yolochildcareplanning.org

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 (530) 753-6934 or frwany@sbcglobal.net.

YOLO COUNTY GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRAND-CHILDREN ASSOCIATION

This group has occasional get-togethers. Contact Sandy Weiss at (530) 756-0183 for more information or weisssbk@comcast.net. For foster/grandparents call Leah Fein at (530)747-3541.

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. The group meets quarterly. For more information contact Erin Panelli (530) 219-0876 or visit www.babysignsbyerin.com.

The following support groups meet at Yolo Family Resource Center located at 828 Court Street in Woodland. For more information call (530) 406-7221.

Women's Support Group in Spanish

Parent led support group in Spanish for women interested in sharing experiences, ideas, and looking for solutions to family problems. 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 Josie Enriquez at (530) 406-7221.

NAMI Support Group

This group meets Monthly on the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The group helps families and people with mental health needs.

Special Needs Support Group

This group meets on Tuesdays. Contact Julie Vought at (530) 867-2519 for more information.

Grupo de Padres (Fathers' Support Group-Spanish)

Grupo abierto para todos los papás que deseen asistir. Hablaremos de temas que ayudan a mejorar las relaciones entre parejas, padres e hijos y métodos de comunicación efectiva. El grupo se reúne los miércoles de 6-7 p.m.

FREE childcare is provided for these groups.

ASPERGER'S SYNDROME PARENT SUPPORT

This is a support for parents, caregivers, and professionals working with individuals diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. The group meets 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis. For information contact Dede Douglass (530) 759-8817 or dededouglass@yahoo.com.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

The League supports 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.

WOODLAND MOMS GROUP

The MOMS Club (Moms Offering Moms Support) is an International nonprofit support group for stay-at-home moms. Local MOMS club chapters have park days, playgroups, MOMS night out as well as perform service projects to help needy children in our community. If you are interested in joining the Woodland chapter please email woodlandmomsclub@yahoo.com or visit the Mom's Club website at www.momsclub.org.

Community News & Events

Calendar

April

- 5-9 **Native American Culture Days (UCD)**
- 11-17 **Week of the Young Child**
- 17 **Picnic Day (UCD)**
- 19-23 **Asian Pacific Culture Week (UCD)**
- 26– May 1 **La Raza Cultural Days (UCD)**
- 30 **Week of the Young Child and Día de los Niños Celebration**

May

- 7 **Provider Appreciation Day**
- 7-9 **Whole Earth Festival (UCD)**
- 9 **Mother's Day**
- 17-22 **Black Family Week (UCD)**
- 26 **Memorial Day (Holiday)**

June

- 20 **Father's Day**

July

- 4 **Independence Day (Holiday)**

For more information about events listed in the calendar, check out the rest of *Small Talk*!

Celebrate National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day!



Do you consider your child care provider a partner in raising your child? Does your provider deserve kudos for a job well done? National Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and educators of young children everywhere. This year, the National Provider Appreciation Day will be on Friday, May 7. Please take the time to show your appreciation to the child care provider in your life. Flowers, a card, a gift certificate, dinners and volunteering to facilitate an activity during child care hours are some of the ways you can show your appreciation! For more ideas visit www.providerappreciationday.org.

A Successful Annual Yolo County Child Development Conference

On Saturday, March 20, almost 300 early care & education professionals, parents, grandparents, presenters and exhibitors participated in the 2010 Yolo County Child Development Conference. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Robert MacKenzie. His presentation was "Setting Limits with Your Strong Willed Child", the presentation provided research-based and practical methods of child guidance and discipline. Participants learned how to set clear, firm and respectful limits while building positive relationships with children.

The conference offered many wonderful workshops throughout the day! Some of the topics included were Brain Development, Talking to Parents When There Are Concerns About a Child's Development, Sensory Processing Disorder, Music, Language & Literacy, and many more. There were also workshops in Spanish and Russian. We would like to extend a great big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's conference a success! It was great to spend the day with you, expanding our knowledge to enrich the lives of children!

A special thanks goes to the Local Planning Council (LPC) for their support. The LPC funded three workshops focusing on the topic of special needs! Providers were able to gain knowledge on how to address developmental concerns with parents. In addition, the LPC provided over 81 scholarships to ECE professionals who would otherwise not have been able to attend the conference. Child Care Services appreciates all their collaboration and support to Yolo County's ECE workforce!

Please save the date for the 2011 Yolo County Child Development Conference to be held on March 26, 2011! Our Keynote will be Jose Luis Orozco, Bilingual Educator and Children's Author. If you are interested in participating in the 2011 conference as a presenter or exhibitor or have any suggestions on how to make it even better, please call (530) 757-5695 and ask for Tamiko Kwak.



Community News & Events

Our Community Needs You: Make Yourself Count!

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. Unfortunately, not all the people are counted because the Census forms are not returned. The community receives funding per person counted. If the person is not counted, funding will not reach our community. Please help Yolo County get its fair share of funding by filling out the Census form and mailing it on a timely manner. You can find more information on the United States Census 2010 website at <http://2010.census.gov>

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats our state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

We can't move forward until you mail it back.

In March of 2010, census forms were delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive it, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a [census taker](#), who will ask you the [questions from the form](#).

The majority of the country will receive English-only materials. Households in areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking residents may receive a bilingual (English/Spanish) form.

Any personal data you provide is [protected under federal law](#).



You've Been Working Hard– Get the Tax Credits You Deserve!



Whether or not you owe income tax, you could get thousands of dollars in tax credits. You could qualify for:

- Up to **\$2,100** from the federal Child and Dependent Care Tax.
- Credit and up to **\$1,050** from the California Tax Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses.
- Up to **\$5,657** from the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Up to **\$1,000** per child from the federal Child Tax Credit.
- Up to **\$800** from the new Making Work Pay Credit, if you haven't already received it in your take-home pay.

More families than ever are eligible for these credits this year. To get these credits, you must file a tax return.

Find out where you can get FREE help with your taxes by calling the IRS toll-free at (800) TAX-1040 or (800) 829-1040. Or go to www.irs.gov/individuals/topic. You can also contact Child Care Connection toll-free at (800) KIDS-793 or (800) 543-7793.

This information compiled by National Women's Law Center in partnership with California Child Care Resource and Referral Network. For more information on both of these organizations, visit www.nwlc.org and www.rrnetwork.org.

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Plan to Celebrate

Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 90,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we--as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation--will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

This year's week of the Young Child will be April 11-17. The Yolo County Child Care Planning Council plans to celebrate the Week of the Young child in collaboration with the Día de los Niños celebration in Woodland:

Ferns Park (Woodland)

Friday, April 30th

3:00pm – 6:00pm

**Featured Entertainer: John Carter, Children's Recording Artist
Literacy through Puppets, Stories and Music**



Check the Yolo County Child Care Planning Council website for more information:
www.yolochildcareplanning.com/events.htm

Early Years Are Learning Years®

City of Davis Community Services Programs

These programs are offered through the City of Davis-Community Services Department. To enroll in any of these programs or for more information, please call (530) 757-5626 or visit the website at www.cityofdavis.org/cs

Musical Munchkins

This class is a fun musical playtime for children, ages 20 months – 3 years, and their parents. Children will be exposed to a variety of music and musical instruments while enjoying a relaxing open playtime. Other fun activities, such as playing with sound, musical crafts and circle time with singing and movement will be included. Jeanne Lupien is the instructor for this class. Parent participation is required. All siblings must be registered to participate in this class.

Arts and Tots

Developed by popular Creative Playtime instructor Jeanne Lupien, this is an art class for children and their parents. Spend time with your child as they explore clay, paints, collage, crayons and more! For children 20 months – 3 years, siblings must also be registered in the class



Gymnastics

The City of Davis offers a variety of gymnastics classes for boys and girls, 20 months to 18 years. Classes offered include Movement Education, Tiny Tots, Cheerleading, and beginning through advanced gymnastics. Participants in our classes will get the opportunity to meet new friends, increase confidence, and improve self-esteem. In addition to classes, the gymnastics program sponsors several special events .



Spring Swim Lessons

Throughout all levels of swim lessons, children are taught basic aquatic safety, survival, and swimming skills, all while increasing their comfort level in and around the water. Skills are always age-appropriate, helping children achieve success on a regular basis, and enjoy social interaction with other children. As children rise in the levels of swim instruction, they refine their skills and build endurance.

Children's Dance Classes

The City of Davis offers various types of beginning dance class for children 4 to 12 years. The classes give boys and girls the opportunity to experience dance in a fun learning environment. Whether your child is interested in creative dance, ballet, tap, jazz, or hip hop, we have a class to fit his or her interest!

Gift Certificates Available

Do you have a friend or family member who is hard to shop for? Give the gift of Community Services! Beginning September 1, gift certificates will be on sale and can be used toward any recreation program, facility or field rental, or purchase offered through the Community Services Department. The certificates can be used any time for every occasion! Call for details.

Class Registration

For information and to register to any of these programs or find out about other programs call (530) 757-5626 or visit www.cityofdavis.org/cs

For more information on recreational programs in your area please call:

West Sacramento (916) 617-4620

Winters (530) 795-4233

Woodland (530) 661-5880

Health & Safety News

April in National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. *The following article, courtesy of the California Child Care Health Program, highlights the long lasting effects of abuse and neglect in children.*

The behavioral, emotional and health consequences of child abuse

Nearly a million children a year are victims of child abuse or neglect in the United States. In 2007, 1,760 children died from abuse or neglect and three quarters of them were under the age of four.

There are four kinds of child abuse:

- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse

While deaths and injuries are obvious outcomes of child abuse, there are also other serious long term effects, especially if a child is not evaluated and treated by a mental health professional at the time that the abuse occurs. These emotional, behavioral and health effects can last a lifetime and can even be passed from one generation to the next. While we can separate these effects conceptually, in reality they are difficult to separate and many abused children grow up to experience them all.

Health effects of child abuse:

The long-term impact of child abuse and neglect on physical health is just beginning to be explored. Abuse can cause important regions of the brain to fail to form or grow properly, resulting in impaired development with long-term consequences for cognitive, language, and academic abilities. These changes in the brain also make victims of abuse more likely to develop chronic pain in adulthood from such conditions as irritable bowel syndrome, chronic fatigue syndrome and arthritis. They are also more likely to suffer from allergies, asthma, bronchitis, cancer, high blood pressure, migraine headaches, neurological problems, and ulcers. Victims of childhood abuse may be at greater risk for some of these poor health outcomes because they are more likely to engage in problematic health behaviors such as smoking and consuming alcohol. Adults who were abused also respond differently to stress.

Behavioral effects

Children who experience abuse and neglect are more likely to experience aggression, substance abuse, criminal behavior, delinquency, teen pregnancy, low academic achievement, sexual risk-taking, smoking and abusive behavior toward their own children.

Emotional effects

Children who experience abuse and neglect are more likely to experience low self-esteem, depression, relationship difficulties, and borderline personality disorders.

The role of ECE providers in preventing child abuse and its outcomes:

ECE can be an important strategy for supporting and strengthening families if it is recognized and built into laws and policies that govern ECE licensing, training, professional development, reimbursement and strategic planning. ECE programs provide opportunities for trained caregivers to interact daily with families and provide not only support for parents, but also information about early learning and development and children's emotional needs. These interactions occur in a setting that does not stigmatize parents the way social welfare services might.

Quality early care and education programs can help to prevent child abuse and neglect by:

- Building supportive relationships with families
- Observing children carefully
- Responding to early warning signs of abuse and neglect
- Promoting children's social and emotional development
- Educating parents about the normal range of behaviors in infants and children
- Providing anticipatory guidance
- Recognizing parental stress
- Providing resources when behaviors become unmanageable for parents
- Referring parents who you feel are experiencing spousal abuse, depression or drug abuse, all risk factors for child abuse

References and resources

Christian, S. and Poope, J. 2007 Protecting the Youngest: The Role of ECE in preventing and responding to child abuse. National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org/print/cyf/protectingyoung.pdf

Child abuse and adult medical outcomes, **Psychosomatic Medicine 71:805–812 (2009).**

Source: California Childcare Health Program: Child Abuse Prevention, Identification and Reporting. For more information visit www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org.

To make a report of child abuse or neglect please call the Yolo County The child abuse hotline number at 530-669-2345 or toll free 1-888-400-0022.

Especially for Parents

Child Care Services would like to highlight a few programs and/or agencies that provide services to parents and children. Children do not come with instructions. As parents, we have a strong desire to protect our children and support them in every aspect of their development. However, due to a multitude of reasons, we may find ourselves in situations where we may need a little more support. The following agencies and/or programs are

Yolo Family Service Agency Programs

This Agency provides professional psychotherapy for individuals, couples, and families available in English and Spanish. Services are available in Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento, Esparto, and Knights Landing. Fees are based on a sliding scale depending on income and family size. YFSA accepts many public and private insurance plans.

Additional services include:

- Employee Assistance Program
- Family Maintenance & Reunification
- Victims of Crime
- Families Living with Developmental Disabilities

For more information on any of these services call Yolo Family Service Agency at (530) 662-2211.

City of Davis Child Care Services

Serving all of Yolo County, City of Davis Child Care Services offers a variety of resources to support families in Yolo County. From free child care referrals to assistance paying for child care through the Subsidy program, families are able to receive information and support. Two of our many programs are Parents Together and The Toy & Resource Library.

Parents Together

If you are parent with an infant under the age of one year, you are welcome to join this support group. The group is facilitated by Child Development Specialist Kathleen Grey. Do you have questions, concerns or issues that you would like to share and discuss with other parents of young children? Would you just like to meet other parents who have common interests? Join "Parents Together", it is free and meets twice a month. Babies, parents and significant others are welcomed. For meeting dates call (530) 757-5695.



Toy & Resource Library

The Toy & Resource Library located at 600 A Street in Davis is a good way for parents to borrow toys instead of buying them. The Resource Library has an extensive selection of both, child development books and videos. Parents can borrow items for 2 weeks at a time and return them to borrow more. In Addition, the new West Sacramento Public library houses a satellite toy library. There is a minimal annual fee for membership. For more information call Child Care Services at (530) 757-5695.

Yolo County Children's Alliance

The Yolo County Children's Alliance is an organization whose mission is to assess, coordinate and act to strengthen and support the continuum of prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation services and resources for children, youth and their families. They also have a children's health insurance enrollment program and have recently added a new parent support program called Step by Step or Paso a Paso.

Step by Step/Paso a Paso is an intensive home visiting program for first time parents who are facing challenges or who are overburdened in some way. The program provides emotional and practical support to pregnant women and to families of newborns via a home visiting program. The Mission of the Step by Step/Paso a Paso Program is to improve the infant-parent relationship by enhancing skills, by promoting healthy child development and by promoting bonding in a safe home environment. Their team consists of experienced paraprofessional Family Support Workers, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Family Assessment Social Worker and a Resource Specialist. For more information about the Yolo County Children's Alliance please call (530) 757-5558 or visit www.yolokids.org

Yolo Foster & Kinship Care Education

The Woodland Community College Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) program serves Yolo County foster parents, kinship/relative care providers, and individuals interested in becoming foster parents or in adopting a child. They 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
- Completing the State mandated foster care education requirements
- Interested in being a foster or adoptive parent

For more information on classes or becoming a foster parent please visit www.yolofostercare.com or call (530) 661-5772.

Yolo Family Resource Center

The YFRC operates on the belief that every community has assets and resources, and when they are strategically used they can lead to effective and appropriate services to individuals, families, and the community. The YFRC provides a comprehensive array of free services such as support groups, health insurance enrollment, financial literacy and family economics training, homeless prevention, and youth development and engagement among others. For more information visit www.yolofrc.org or call (530) 406-7221.

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Grupo de Padres (Father's Group-Spanish)

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Especially for Providers

Community Care Licensing News

Inspection Authority - Unannounced Site Visits

The following excerpt is taken from Title 22 regarding Community Care Licensing's inspection of child care facilities. It summarizes the guidelines for when unannounced visits occur as well as the licensee's responsibility in allowing licensing inspections to their facilities. If you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact River City Child Care at (916) 229-4530 or visit their website to access the entire Title 22 manual at <http://www.dss.cahw.net.gov/ord/entres/getinfo/pdf/fccman.pdf>.

Article 4. ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS 102391 INSPECTION AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT 102391

(a) Any duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the Department shall, upon presentation of proper identification, enter and inspect any place providing personal care, supervision, and services at any time, with or without advance notice, to secure compliance with, or to prevent a violation of, the regulations adopted by the Department governing family child care homes (or centers), and in accordance with Section 102396.

(b) The licensee shall permit the Department to inspect the family child care home (or center), and to privately interview children or staff, to determine compliance with or to prevent violations of family child care laws or regulations. The Department shall exercise this authority as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1596.8535 (a).

HANDBOOK BEGINS HERE

(1) Health and Safety Code Section 1596.8535(a) provides:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall conduct any authorized inspection, announced site visit, or unannounced site visit of any child daycare facility only during the period beginning one hour before and ending one hour after the facility's normal business hours or at any time childcare services are being provided. This subdivision shall not apply to the investigation of any complaint received by the department if the department determines that an inspection or site visit outside the time period beginning one hour before, and ending one hour after, the facility's normal operating hours is necessary to protect the health or safety of any child in the facility."

We encourage you to review these regulations to learn what to expect during a site visit.

New Child Care Advocate

There is a new Child Care Advocate serving Yolo County. Scott Herring is the Northern Child Care Advocate and covers those counties within the jurisdiction of the Chico, Rohnert Park, River City, Fresno, Bay Area, Peninsula, and San Jose Child Care Regional Offices. Scott can be reached at (661) 316-8088 or scott.herring@dss.ca.gov.

What is the Advocate Program?

The Child Care Advocate Program (CCAP) promotes the delivery of quality child care in California. In 1984, the State Legislature created CCAP to provide a link between child care licensing and the community.

The CCAP tailors its activities to fit the needs of the local community. A Child Care Advocate provides information to parents, child care providers, employers, educators, and community groups.

The Child Care Advocate participates in many community activities and special projects in order to:

- Disseminate information on the State's licensing role.
- Provide information to the public and parents on child care licensing.
- Act as a liaison to child care Resource and Referral agencies.
- Serve as liaison to businesses, education groups, child care provider organizations, Resource and Referral Agencies, and other child care programs.
- Assist county government and community agencies in capacity building and quality improvement efforts to ensure the availability of quality child care.
- Assist in the coordination of complaints and concerns on behalf of children in child care.
- Currently there are two Child Care Advocates in the State.

If you would like to discuss any concerns with the Child Care Advocate, feel free to contact Scott Herring at (661) 316-8088 or scott.herring@dss.ca.gov.

Especially for Providers

Come to PLAY Day in Davis!

PLAY Day is a playgroup session where informal child care providers* and family child care providers bring the children in their care to a early preschool experience to participate in games and activities with other children. Activities are geared towards children ages 0 to 5. PLAY Days are held in Davis and they are **FREE** for all Yolo County child care providers. For more information call (530) 757-5695 and ask for the Family Child Care Specialist.

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.*

Reporting Child Abuse: Your Role as a Child Care Provider

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The following information was supplied by the California Child Care Health Program. Child care providers play an important role in protecting children from abuse or neglect. Let's play our part in keeping Children safe and supporting families as they raise their children. In Yolo County, The child abuse hotline number is 530-669-2345 or toll free 1-888-400-0022.

Steps to Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

1. If you have a reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect, you must report it. It is your legal responsibility.
2. Report suspicion of child abuse or neglect to Child Protective Services and the police.
3. Telephone immediately or as soon as possible
4. Write a report within 36 hours (your duty to report is not complete until the written report is submitted).
5. The report will be assessed to see if immediate action is needed.

The action taken will result in one or more of the following:

- Case officially opened.
- Services offered, but family refuses.
- Regular in-home supervision is conducted.
- Child is taken into protective custody.
- Criminal charges are filed for prosecution.
- Case dismissed as unfounded or inconclusive.

Source: California Childcare Health Program: Child Abuse Prevention, Identification and Reporting. For more information visit www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/Curricula/CCHA/12_CCHA_ChildAbuse_0406_FNL.pdf

Yolo County Director's Association

The Yolo County Director's Association welcomes new members! Are you interested in meeting other early care professionals? Would you like to learn how other programs are dealing with the economic times? Would you like to share your successes in working with children and their parents? If so, join the Yolo County Director's Association! This is a group of professionals who meet monthly and discuss topics pertaining to child care, health and safety, professional growth and other opportunities. For more information please e-mail the association at:



Yolocountydirectorsassociation@gmail.com

Yolo County Inclusion Team

The Yolo County Inclusion Team is a group composed of early care and education professionals, agencies and community members who are interested in looking at addressing the needs of children with special needs in the county and by preparing ECE staff with trainings that focus on inclusion. Anyone interested in joining is welcomed. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 20 from 1-2:30 p.m. Please contact Rebecca Foster at Rebecca.foster@ycoe.org for information or visit:

<http://www.yolochildcareplanning.org/Yolo/CountyInclusionTeam.htm>

\$50 for Health & Safety Reimbursements

Have you renewed your health & safety certification? Are you a newly licensed provider? If so, you may qualify for the Health & Safety Reimbursement issued to child care providers for maintaining their health & safety certifications. The health & safety reimbursement funds will be available to child care providers in Yolo County on a first come, first serve basis. Funding is limited. Reimbursements of **up to \$50 dollars** will be issued to licensed family child care providers and center staff for as long as funds are available. Applications were mailed in December. You can also download the form at:

<http://cityofdavis.org/cs/childcare/pdfs/yolo-hs-reimbursement.pdf>

If you have any questions please call Rossana Vigil at Child Care Services at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

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From the Desk of First 5 Yolo

Understanding Autism

First 5 Yolo's Tips for Parents and Caregivers on Identifying Early Warning Signs

Julie Gallelo, Executive Director, First 5 Yolo

First 5 Yolo encourages parents and caregivers to be aware of the early signs of autism. Through education and awareness, parents and caregivers can respond more quickly to determine an action plan.

Currently, one in 110 children in the United States has autism according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Autism is a developmental disability that occurs when the brain has trouble functioning properly. It affects a child's ability to speak, learn and communicate with others. "At this time, there is no cure for autism," said Julie Gallelo, executive director of First 5 Yolo. "But kids who are screened and diagnosed at a young age and who visit a doctor regularly for treatment show significant improvement in learning and communication skills."

First 5 Yolo offers the following early signs of autism to help families identify a need for early intervention and treatment.

Early Warning Signs – Not all children develop at the same rate, so some may need further evaluation and special services to help them grow up healthy. Autism, in particular, can be difficult to diagnose because it affects each child differently; however, parents can watch for the following signs and see a health care provider for further screenings:

- Does not coo or smile by 6 months old
- Has trouble sitting, standing up or reaching for objects by 1 year old
- Does not say simple words like "mama" or "dada" by 1 year old
- Does not turn his or her head to follow sounds or voices
- Does not point at objects to show interest such as an airplane flying overhead or does not look at objects when another person points at them
- Does not react to loud noises
- Repeats certain behaviors or actions over and over, including some that are harmful like banging his or her head



- Repeats or echoes words or phrases said to him or her or repeats words or phrases in place of normal language (echolalia)
- Makes little or no eye contact and wants to be alone or appears to be unaware when other people talk to him or her yet responds to other sounds
- Has trouble relating to others or is not interested in other people at all
- Has trouble expressing his or her needs using typical words or motions
- Has trouble understanding other people's feelings or talking about his or her own feelings
- Prefers not to be held or cuddled or cuddles only when he or she wants to
- Has trouble adapting to changes in routine
- Has unusual reactions to the way things smell, taste, look, feel or sound
- Does not play games like peek-a-boo or "pretend" such as pretending to feed a doll
- Exhibits any loss of skills he or she once had such as speech or social skills

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From the Desk of First 5 Yolo

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Early Intervention and Treatment – By getting help at an early age when the brain is still developing—from birth to age 3—parents can help children reduce the effects of autism by the time they start kindergarten. Some of the most common treatment options include speech therapy, diet and therapies focused on improving relationships.

To learn more about autism and First 5 Yolo's programs, services and resources, including health care tips for children, please visit their website at www.first5yolo.org or www.first5california.com/parents. The following resources also are available:

California Department of Developmental Services. For children under age 3, call 1-800-515-BABY (2229) and select the "early start program" extension. For children ages 3 to 5, call First 5 California at 1-800-KIDS-025 for screening services and information on whether your child can receive free special needs assessments.

The Autism Society of America (ASA).
www.autism-society.org.

Local Programs:

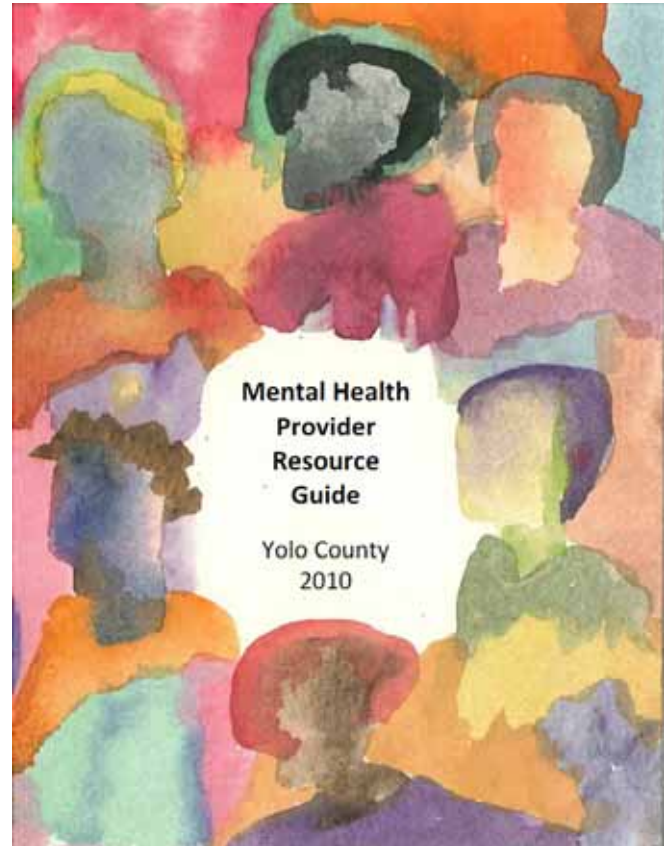
Yolo County Family Resource Center: 530-406-7221 or www.yoloofrc.org

UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute: (916)703-0280 or www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/MINDInstitute

Kit for New Parents. This free kit, a \$75 value, includes educational DVDs, guidebooks and brochures with parenting information, advice and useful tips, including developmental milestones from ages 0 to 5 and warning signs that your child might need to be tested. To order a kit, call First 5 Yolo at (530)669-2475.

First 5 Yolo encourages all parents and caregivers to read with their children. All of our County libraries have designated story time just for young ones. For more information on local story times, early literacy classes or other First 5 Yolo programs, please call (530) 669-2475 or visit www.first5yolo.org.

First 5 Yolo Introduces The Mental Health Provider Resource Guide!



A new Mental Health Provider Resource guide is now available thanks to First 5 Yolo funding. The guide is geared towards provider use. Special thanks go to Davis Hayes for donating the artwork for the front cover and to Teena Hosey, LCSW and Jackie Hausman, MPH, MPP for compiling the information. You may access the guide by visiting: <http://first5yolo.org/pdfs/MHGuide.pdf>



Agency Spotlight

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. In this issue of Small Talk, we want to highlight one of many agencies in our community whose work exemplifies commitment to children and families in Yolo County: The Yolo Crisis Nursery.

According to recent data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau: Everyday, nearly four children die because of abuse and neglect. 1,371 deaths occurred in 2005. Children younger than one year accounted for 41.9% of these fatalities and 76.6% of the children who died were younger than 4 years of age.

The Center for Social Services Research, University of California at Berkeley indicated that in 2006, there were 14,856 residents in Yolo County under the age of five.

- 820 of these children were referred to Child Welfare Services for suspected child abuse
- 260 of these cases were substantiated as child abuse
- 143 children entered the foster care system

The Yolo Crisis Nursery, a program of EMQ/FamiliesFirst, Inc., was created to provide support for Yolo County families with young children. The goal of the program is to prevent child abuse. The Yolo Crisis Nursery is a safe and healthy place where parents may voluntarily place their children in times of turmoil – since instances of child abuse or neglect significantly increase when caregivers experience high levels of stress without resources, support or relief.

The Yolo Crisis Nursery is a four bed facility that provides 24-hour care for children who range in age from birth to six. Services are free of charge to parents who place their children in the nursery on a voluntary basis. Children can stay overnight at the Nursery for as little as 24-hours and as long as 30 days at a time. A few examples as to why a family may wish to utilize these services include, but are not limited to: poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse, or psychiatric/medical hospitalizations.

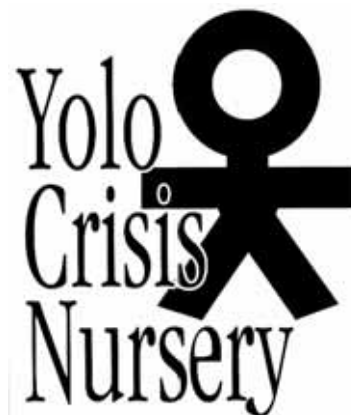
Emergency day respite services are also available to families that need assistance but do not require overnight care for their children. Situations in which families utilize these services may include legal appointments, job training, job interviews, drug treatment, emergency medical appointments, and more.

Parents, with assistance from the Crisis Nursery social worker, are required to develop a Case Plan, which focuses on both the child's immediate needs as well as the parent/guardian's needs. The program relies on connecting parents/guardians with other community resources and works in collaboration with resources for parents/guardians that will outlast their child's stay in the nursery.



Other Yolo Crisis Nursery Services available include the following: assessment referrals for the children, parenting assistance, nutritional advice, problem-solving assistance, support networks, care packages, and referrals to community resources. If you have any questions regarding the Yolo Crisis Nursery or need respite while facing a crisis, please call day or night at 530-758-6680, or call toll free 1-877-KIDSPLACE (1-877-543-7752).

The Nursery is licensed by the State of California's Community Care Licensing Division. The overnight (group home) license number is # 577001738. The day respite services operate under two child care licenses for infant and toddler care, license # 573609767, and a preschool program, license # 573609766.



Campus Talk: Events & Information from UCD

Submitted by Barbara Ashby, Manager
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Youth Programs Summer Registration Kick-Off!!!

Be One of the First to Sign-up for One of Campus Rec's Many New Camps

Davis, CA- Campus Recreation's Youth Programs begins their summer camps with familiar favorites and introduces a variety of new camps. Youth Programs invites parents and their kids to join Campus Rec for another fun and active summer. Registration opened 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 20 for all Youth Programs. On that day, parents/guardians registered their children in person between 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Rec Pool Lodge. Campus Recreation staff were also available to answer questions. Placement in camps will begin on March 20 at 10:00 a.m. Registration will continue until a camp is full; after a camp fills a waiting list will be created and parents will be notified. Phone-in registration began on Monday, March 22 at 8:00 a.m. The number is 530.754.4304 to register.

To make registration more convenient for busy parents, Youth Programs is also accepting mail or faxed registrations so parents and guardians don't have to wait in line on the first day of registration. The address for registration forms is on the Campus Recreation website.

Camps are held on the UC Davis campus and feature diverse activities from arts and crafts, dance, exercise, horseback riding, sports, outdoor adventures, swimming, and more. The four new camps are Theater Camp, on the fundamentals of acting such as improvisation and theater, Cooking Camp, Leaders in Training to teach teenagers leadership skills, and Band Camp. Summer camp programs for both children and teenagers begin on June 21 and run through August 20.

For more information visit:

<http://campusrecreation.ucdavis.edu/cms/internal.aspx?uid=caee1f14-811a-42e5-b3ad-dbd8ee9f386b>

Breastfeeding Support Program

UC Davis has a Breastfeeding Support Program. The program is open to all campus affiliates and their spouses/domestic partners. All moms are encouraged to ask questions and share their stories of breastfeeding and mothering. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Please call (530) 752-5415 for additional information.



Individual and small group consultations are also available with Campus Lactation Consultant Lonna Hampton, IBCLC. E-mail her at lmhampton@ucdavis.edu to make an appointment and for more information. Babies and partners are welcome!

UC Davis Culture Days Program

The UC Davis Culture Days programs build an inclusive and welcoming campus community through development of collaborative efforts across campus. A wide range of programs raise awareness and celebrate cultural diversity. Culture Days serve diverse communities and support the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body by providing students with opportunities for cultural exploration and leadership development.

With over 40 plus years of vibrant history at UC Davis, the Culture Days programs was initially started by students and student organizations who came together to celebrate their culture and provide a platform for education for the campus community. These programs provide an opportunity for celebration, education, and awareness while contributing to a campus climate that is welcoming, inclusive and safe for all members of the campus community. The following is a listing of cultural events. For more information visit: <http://ccc.ucdavis.edu/about.html>.

Native American Culture Days

April 5-9, 2010

Asian Pacific Culture Week

April 19-23, 2010

Raza Culture Week

April 26-May 1, 2010

Mixed Heritage Week

May 3-7, 2010

Black Family Week

May 17-22, 2010

Legislative Update



This legislative summary was prepared by Donita Stromgren, Public Policy Manager, California Child Care Resource & Referral Network.

March 19, 2010

Child Care Resource & Referral:

AB 2463 (Brownley) – Child Care Resource & Referral

The intent of this legislation is to provide clarifying language in the education code related to child care resource & referral services. This bill would require a child care resource and referral program to provide training and workshops relating to child care services, community resource assistance, and to collaborate with and assist other community agencies in planning, coordinating, and improving child care. The bill would require a resource and referral program to provide basic child care referrals, as defined, at no cost. The bill clarifies the Child Care Initiative Project- Quality Plan and State Plan and would establish the Growing, Learning, Caring Project to foster and improve the quality of child care in all settings, including child care settings that are exempt from licensing requirements. It requires local child care R&R programs to provide data on child care supply and demand to the State Network for statewide data compilation. The bill would require resource and referral programs to review and process Trustline applications for in-home or license-exempt home-based child care providers who are being paid through state-funded child care subsidies. The bill would delete provisions authorizing a resource and referral program to provide short-term respite care. **Status: Assembly Human Services. Network position- Sponsor**

Child Care Subsidy:

AB 315 (DeLeon)- Child Care Provider Payment Schedule (Sponsored by the United Child Care Union)

Requires the SDE to consider developing guidelines for Alternative Payment Programs on specific matters. In developing regulations, they shall consider, timeliness of payments, due process and complaint process, completion of attendance records, manner of issuing payments, timeliness of notification when a child is no longer eligible to receive subsidies and administrative recourse and penalties for late payments to providers. If a penalty is assessed against an AP, it can only use administrative and support service funds. **Status: Senate. Network position- Monitor**

SB 244 (Wright)- Child Care and Development: High Risk Children Priority

Amended to give first priority for enrollment in subsidized child care programs to specified high-risk children 0 – 5 years of age in addition to those in child protective services. Requires that they use licensed child care programs to receive the subsidy. Eliminates the language requiring that the CDE to study (by December 31, 2010) the feasibility of providing priority enrollment in high quality child care programs for children 0-5 who are in foster care; were formerly in foster care; at risk of being neglected, abused or exploited, homeless, or have a parent who is in a correctional or residential treatment facility. **Status: Assembly Appropriations. Network Position: Monitor and work with sponsors and other statewide organizations.**

SB 1099 (Correa)- Foster Care: Child Care Funding

Allows counties to use child care and development funds received from CDE as a match for foster care funds used to provide subsidized child care for children receiving protective services, foster children, or children at risk for abuse and neglect. **Status: Senate Human Services**

SB 1225 (Yee) - San Francisco individualized county child care subsidy plan

Extends the operation of San Francisco's individualized child care subsidy plan until June 30, 2016, and would require the city and county to phase out the plan by January 1, 2018. Requires the city and county to demonstrate an increase in earned child days of enrollment by the end of the first fiscal year of operation. Their plan must be submitted to and approved by the Child Development Division of the Department of Education. The bill would require the city and county, on or before December 31, 2016, to submit a final report to the Legislature that summarizes the impact of the plan. **Status: Education 4/14**

Community Care Licensing:

AB 1979 (Adams) - Child day care centers: Inspections

Requires the Department of Social Services- Community Care Licensing to make annual unannounced visits of all licensed child day care centers. **Status: Assembly Human Services 3/23**

AB 2084 (Brownley) - Child day care facilities: Nutrition

Requires a licensed child day care facility to follow specified guidelines relating to the provision of beverages (milk, juice & water). **Status: Assembly Human Services**

Legislative Update

SB 892 (Alquist)- Community Care Facilities- Spot Bill

Makes technical, non-substantive change to the California Community Care Facilities Act. **Status: Introduced**

SB 1116 (Huff)- Heritage Schools

Defines heritage schools as programs that serve school age children that attend a full-day public or private school and educates children to speak a foreign language and learn about a foreign culture and customs. Heritage schools would be required to comply with fingerprinting and criminal record checks applicable to private schools and to file an affidavit with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. **Status: Senate Education (3/24) & Public Safety**

SB 1159 (Maldonado) - Community care facilities – Spot Bill

Makes non-substantive, technical changes to Community Care Licensing. **Status: Introduced**

Preschool, Kindergarten & Early Learning:

***AB 1683 (Torres) – Preschool Priority**

Gives priority for state preschool to children who have a parent under the jurisdiction or who were under the jurisdiction of the dependency or delinquency court within the last six months. **Status: Assembly Education 4/7**

AB 1967 (Mendoza)- Pupil admission: kindergarten and first grade

Changes the required birthday for kindergarten and first grade admission to November 2 for the 2012-13 school year, October 2 for the 2013-14 school year, and September 2 for the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter. To compensate school districts for the loss in average daily attendance resulting from this change, the bill would increase funding to the schools. **Status: Assembly Education**

AB 2252 (Torrice)- Universal Preschool- Spot Bill

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to provide universal preschool to all 3 and 4-year old children in California funded through an inheritance tax. **Status: Introduced**

AB 2553 (Brownley) - Child development services: school readiness Requires CDE to collect data that will assess the school readiness of children entering kindergarten and that reflect all of the major domains of child development. **Status: Assembly Education**

AB 2592 (Buchanan) - Early Learning Quality Improvement System-Spot Bill

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the Early Learning Quality Improvement System. **Status: Introduced**

SB 1381 (Simitian) - Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program

Extends the operative date of the Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program to the January 1, 2015. **Status: Senate Education 4/14**

School-Age Child Care:

AB 434 (Block)- After School Program: Matching Funds

Reduces the amount of cash or in-kind local funds required by each ASES program for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years to 15% including the local match that can be fulfilled in part by providing facilities space. Authorizes the cost of a program site supervisor selected under the ASES Program Act of 2002 to be included as direct services, provided that at least 85% of the site supervisor's time is spent at the program site. **Status: Senate Appropriations. Network position- Monitor**

AB 1831 (Solorio) After School: English Learners

Amends the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) Act of 2002 to allocate 24% or \$132 million (whichever is greater) every year for after school programs for English language learners to assist with academic tutoring and to improve English language skills. **Status: Assembly Education**

AB 1876 (Torlakson) - Education: After school Education and Safety Program: volunteers

Provides, under the After School Education and Safety Program, that volunteers may be used to conduct non-supervisory duties in these after school programs. **Status: Assembly Education**

AB 2178 (Torlakson) - After School Education and Safety Program

To the extent consistent with federal and state privacy laws, would allow school districts to provide After School Education and Safety Programs with specified data. **Status: Assembly Education**

SB 798 (DeSaulnier)- 21st Century Learning Centers

Revises the criteria and priorities for allocating funds as of January 1, 2010. Revises the percentage of funds required to be allocated and establishes per-day rates for the operation of year-round programs, school-year programs and summer or intersession programs. Requires the department to periodically review the appropriateness of percentages for allocation of funds and authorize them to adjust the percentages after consulting the Advisory Committee on Before and After School Programs. **Status: Assembly Education. Network position- Monitor**

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SB 898 (Ashburn)- After School: Minimum Grant

Establishes a minimum grant of \$30,000 for after school programs at schools with a regular enrollment of less than 30 pupils and a minimum grant of \$50,000 for schools with a regular enrollment of 30 – 74 pupils and a \$16,5000 minimum grant to schools for before school programs with a regular enrollment of less than 30 pupils. **Status: Senate Education 3/24**

Other Bills:

AB 2323 (Torlakson) - Child development contracts

Authorizes a contractor to carry forward certain reimbursable expenses (not to exceed 10% of MRA) and unearned funds (up to 20%) to a subsequent contract issued by the department to continue the same program or services, subject to specified requirements. (Sponsored by CCDAA) **Status: Assembly Education**

SB 1109 (Cox)- First 5 Abolishment-Urgency bill

Subject to the approval of voters, this bill would abolish the state and county First 5 Commissions. It would redirect the allocation of any further revenues for the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs. Additionally, it would allocate any unencumbered funds from county commissions to county offices of education (50%) and the county (50%). Any unencumbered funds from the state commission would be redirected to the state general fund. **Status: Senate Health 4/14**

SB 1126 (Liu)- Early childhood education course requirements

Requires the Trustees of the California State University, and request the Regents of the University of California, in conjunction with the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, to develop articulation and transfer program agreements for early childhood education and related majors. Requires those agreements to include a waiver of course requirements for those majors for completion of similar courses at a community college and to count those courses toward the completion of minimum upper division requirements for those majors. **Status: Senate Education 3/24**

SCR 44 (Corbett)- Regional Market Rate Structure (RMR)

Requests the legislature hold one or more joint hearings on the RMR with the participation of CDE by April 10, 2010 to review the methodology and implementation of the RMR. Requests Stakeholder involvement. **Status: Assembly Education**

SCR 47 (De Saulnier)- Child Care Funding: Workforce

States the intent of the Legislature to increase funding for child development centers and preschools to provide staff with adequate salaries and benefits and provide adequate resources to support program quality. **Status: Assembly Education**

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- ◇ Parents Together, a support group for parents of infants
- ◇ Trustline, a background check registry for legally license exempt child care providers
- ◇ Parenting Classes
- ◇ Free publication: Small Talk
- ◇ Toy & Resource Library
- ◇ Child Development Conference

For Early Care & Education Professionals

- ◇ Free referral listing for licensed facilities
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- ◇ Play Day
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