

# Smalltalk

Serving Providers & Families in Yolo County

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**Dear Friends:**

Spring is in the air and the trees are starting to form tiny green buds. March and April promise to be two of the busiest months of the year for the Resource and Referral office at Child Care Services.

In March we start the last of our parenting series. Dr. Robert Mackenzie and his wife Teri Drake have signed on to develop and co-teach a brand new class for us. "Divorce, Step Parenting and Blended Families" will begin on Monday, March 11. We are very excited about this innovative addition to our class offerings. Dr. MacKenzie and his wife are not only well respected professionals in the counseling field, but they also pull from their own experience of creating a blended family. For more information or to register for this class, please call our office.

April brings us the Week of the Young Child. This celebration of young children occurs April 7-13. Child Care Services is sponsoring a full day Child Development Conference in honor of the Week of the Young Child. Our conference is on Saturday, April 13 in Davis. The conference will have many aspects that should be of interest to child care providers, early childhood professionals and parents. Our keynote presenter will be Music Matt. The focus of his presentation will be introducing music to children. Music Matt currently teaches music to pre-school children at schools in: Davis, Sacramento, Woodland and Elk Grove. Along with our keynote presentation, we will also offer workshops throughout the day in English, Spanish and Russian languages. The topics will range from "Hands On Art For Preschoolers" to "I Want It My Way! Helping Children Solve Their Social Conflicts". We will also have many exhibitors at the conference. Teacher's Pride, Red Cross, Discovery Toys as well as many other groups will have display booths. We will have mini chair massages available as well as some wonderful gift certificates to local merchants to give away for door prizes. All registrants will receive a Child Care Services canvas bag filled with some terrific items. The first twenty five registrants to arrive will also receive a free gift. If you are interested in attending, please call our office and ask for Tamiko or Rossana.

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Last but certainly not least, we have been very busy expanding Morning Out and Parents Together to Woodland and West Sacramento. For more information on this, please check our Community News section.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to call me at any time.

Regards,

**Robbie Townsley**  
Child Care Supervisor

# Meetings/Support Groups

## FAMILY CHILD CARE LICENSING ORIENTATIONS

Tues., Mar. 19 & April 16, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
VMC Game Room, 203 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Davis  
For information call (530) 757-5691 or (800) 378-5044.

## WOODLAND PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, City Hall, Woodland  
Public welcome. Youth and children's issues discussed.

## YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

March 12 & April 9, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
Yolo County Office of Education, 1240 Harter Avenue,  
Woodland. Call (530) 668-3773 for information.

## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
Davis Senior Center Genealogy Library, 646 A Street  
Call (530) 757-5696 for information.

## LA LECHE LEAGUE

2nd Thursday of month, 10:00 a.m., 345 L Street, Davis;  
For location, phone support/meeting topics call: Christina  
(530) 758-8270, Mary (530) 753-2932, Lonna at (530) 756-  
3551 or Angela (530) 757-7105.

## PARENTS TOGETHER

This group is for all parents and babies under 1 year. The  
group meets in Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento.  
For information call Carrie Shepard at (530) 753-8602.

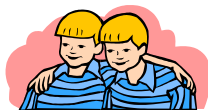
Davis: Thursdays 1:00-2:30 p.m.; VMC Game Room.

Woodland: Wednesdays, March 13 & 27 10:30-12:00 p.m.  
at Greengate School located at 285 W. Beamer room A

West Sacramento: Tuesdays, March 26 and April 9 & 23,  
1:00-2:30 p.m. at Bryte Elementary, 637 Todhunter Ave.

## GROUP FOR TWINS & PARENTS

A non hosted playgroup for twins.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. 10:00 a.m.-12:00  
p.m. at Sycamore Park in Davis.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat in Central Park near Merry Go Round, 10  
a.m. -12 p.m., family playgroup, no host. Support meeting  
for parents only every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from 4-6  
p.m. at the Blanchard Community Room, Davis Public  
Library. New Moms group starting check the web site  
[www.dcn.davis.ca.us/~ypotc](http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/~ypotc) for more info. or call Christine  
Deamer, 757-2728 or Jeanine Hill at 756-9698.



## WEST SACRAMENTO SIBLING GROUP (ages 6 to 12)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
at Bryte School, room 17 in West Sacramento.  
For more information call Jan at (530) 758-5888.

## BRIDGES

Support for parents of children in K-12 special education.  
Learning Center, Davis High School  
Call Suzanne at (530) 756-5411 for information.

## YOLO COUNTY PARENTS ANONYMOUS®

A support group for parents. Family Resource Center, 409  
Lincoln Ave. Woodland, Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. free  
child care provided on site. For further information call  
Kathy Dreyer at (530) 662-9463.

## PARENT SUPPORT

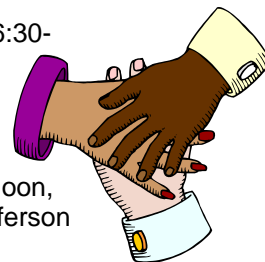
For parents and caregivers of emotionally disturbed  
children. For information on any of the meetings call Joan  
McChesney, Family Partnership Program Coordinator,  
(530) 666-8632 ext. 9183

Woodland: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month, 6:30-  
8:00 p.m., Horizon School, 16 N.  
Cottonwood St. Supervised play  
for children at this meeting only.

West Sacramento:

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month, 10:30 a.m.-noon,  
County Services Center, 500-B Jefferson  
Blvd., Ste 150

Davis: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Mental Health Offices, 600 A Street.



**PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YOUTH INVOLVED WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM**, groups forming now. For more information call (530) 666-8632.

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

Group meetings held 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month  
6:30-8:00 p.m., 600 A St., Davis  
For more information call Joan, (530) 666-8632, ext. 9183.

## WOODLAND SPECIAL EDUCATION LINKS

Support for parents of children in K-12 special ed.  
Woodland Joint Unified School District  
626 Cottonwood Street, Woodland  
For meeting dates and more information call Sue Owens  
at (530) 666-0246.

## YOLO CO. CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
403 Court Street in Woodland  
For more information call (530) 669-2475.

VMC = Veterans' Memorial Center  
203 E. 14th Street, (14th & B), Davis  
YCSS = Yolo County Social Services  
120 West Main Street, Woodland

# Community News

## Calendar

<b>March</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Dr. Seuss' Birthday</b>
	<b>11</b>	Divorce Step-Parenting & Blended Families begins*
	<b>19</b>	Family Child Care Licensing Orientation
	<b>23</b>	Breakfast with the Bunny
	<b>29</b>	Mother & Son Stampede
<b>April</b>	<b>8 – 13</b>	Week of the Young Child
	<b>13</b>	<b>2002 Yolo County Child Development Conference</b>
	<b>15</b>	Deadline to file your taxes
	<b>16</b>	Family Child Care Licensing Orientation
	<b>20</b>	UC Davis Picnic Day
	<b>22</b>	Earth Day
	<b>27</b>	Family Fun Day & Human Race
<b>May</b>	<b>10</b>	Provider Recognition Dinner
	<b>12</b>	Mother's Day

\*See Workshops and Classes for more information  
For more information about events listed in the calendar, check out the rest of Small Talk!

## Parents Together Expands to West Sacramento and Woodland

Parents Together, a support group for parents of infants one year and under, will expand to West Sacramento and Woodland. We are very excited to make this marvelous program more easily accessible to the rest of Yolo County. For more information about groups and meeting locations, please call group facilitator Carrie Shepard at (530) 753-8602 or Child Care Services at (530) 757-5691 or (800) 378-5044.

### ***In West Sacramento:***

Bryte Elementary, 637 Todhunter Avenue  
Tuesdays: 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
March 26  
April 9 & 23

### ***Woodland:***

Greengate School, 285 W. Beamer, Room A  
Wednesdays: 10 am to 12:30 p.m.  
March 13 & 20

## Human Race

The Volunteer Connection will once again host the Human Race on April 27. This 5K fun run/walk fundraiser is open to all local businesses, community organizations, churches and non-profit agencies who want to raise money for their favorite causes. Registration is encouraged. Contact Tania at the Volunteer Connection (530) 661-6636 for more information.



## 2002 Yolo County Child Development Conference

Child Care Services is sponsoring the 2002 Yolo County Child Development Conference on April 13. The conference is geared towards center staff, family child care providers, parents, students, and anyone interested in child development!

The conference will include workshops covering topics such as infant/toddler care, parenting, creative activities, nutrition, science, early literacy and many other topics. Some of the workshops will be available in Spanish and Russian as well. There will also be ½ unit college credit available through Sacramento City College, **FREE** gifts to the first 25 people who arrive and some great door prizes given away. All registrants will receive a nice canvas bag filled with all sorts of wonderful presents.

**WHERE:** Veteran's Memorial Building  
203 East Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup> & B Street)  
Davis CA 95616

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 13  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**COST:** Please see enclosed registration form at the end of Small Talk.  
**(EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION AVAILABLE)**

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# Community News

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## New Budget Proposal for Child Care from Governor Davis

The Governor's proposed budget provides a total of \$3.2 billion for child care. The new legislative proposal lists four policy goals which are to:

- Increase access to child care subsidies for the states' neediest families.
- Ensure more equitable access to subsidize child care.
- Promote greater self-sufficiency among families receiving child care assistance.
- Ensure greater efficiency in the distribution of child care subsidies.

The following will assist you in understanding the changes that could take effect **July 1, 2002** if the legislation passes.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Income eligibility levels for subsidies for child care will be reduced from the 75<sup>th</sup> % of the State Median Income (SMI) to the 60<sup>th</sup> %. This means a family of four with an income of 60% of the SMI (approximately 31,000.00 per year) would no longer qualify for any child care subsidy.
- Subsidies would be for children through age 12. However, children with special needs would be eligible to receive services for a longer period.

### FAMILY FEES

- Currently, Families with a higher income pay a "family fee". Under the new legislation, **all** families would pay a fee. The fee structure would change from a fee per family to a fee per child.
- Provider reimbursement received from subsidy programs will be adjusted to account for the total fee a family is required to pay and providers will also have the responsibility of collecting those fees.

### REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR LICENSED PROVIDERS

- Revise reimbursement rates from the 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Regional Market Rate for licensed care. This would mean lower reimbursement for some providers who care for subsidized children. License exempt providers would be reimbursed at 90% of the revised licensed family child care rate.

### ELIGIBILITY LIST

- Alternative Payment Programs will be required to advise CalWORKs families to get on a waiting list as soon as they leave cash aid in order to get a slot in the larger system. Families would be able to receive up to

24 months of transitional child care; however, they would move to the larger subsidy system as soon as slots become available.

- CPS families would continue to be given first priority for child care. Second priority would be given to families in the lowest income tier who have at least one child under five and are working or participating in a vocational training program, both requiring a commitment of 32 hours per week or more.
- Phase out Stage 3 set aside by July 1, 2003.

### OTHER POLICY RECOMENDATIONS

- Increase funding for Before and After School Programs by \$75 million, an 85 % increase over current levels.
- The LatchKey program will sunset on June 30, 2005. Programs that choose to continue as of July 1, 2005 will have priority funding that has been transferred to the Before and After School Program.

*For more information on this or any other legislation visit the California Legislation website at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)*

### Your local representatives:

Senator Maurice Johannessen (District 4)  
Office: 410 Hemsted Drive, Suite 200  
Redding, CA 96002  
(530) 224-4706  
Capitol Office: State Capitol Room 5061  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 445-3353

Assembly Member Helen Thomson (District 8)  
Office: 555 Mason Street, Suite 275  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
Capitol Office: State Capitol Room 6005  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 319-2008

**Remember to vote on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Mary Sheedy Kurcina Will Present in Davis

Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, author of *Raising Your Spirited Child*, will speak at the Veterans Memorial Center Theater in Davis on September 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

How do you live with a child who can feel the seams in socks and refuses to wear them or screams for 45 minutes because you cut his toast in triangles when he was expecting rectangles? How do you discipline a child who refuses to take "no" for an answer and seems to know the perfect trigger to "push your button"? Is there a way to survive and even learn to enjoy life with a spirited child?

The latest research on temperament demonstrates that every child is born with a preferred style of interacting with the world around him or her. Some children by their very nature are more -- more intense, persistent, sensitive, perceptive and energetic. We can find valuable traits in their lives that help these children learn to maximize their strengths and minimize their weaknesses.

This workshop will focus on:

- Understanding individual differences
- Learning effective discipline techniques that prevent the hassles and maximize the joys
- Identifying "triggers" for you and your kids
- Using words and creating visions that focus on strengths
- Strengthening adult-child relationships
- Learning about yourself as you learn about your children.

The workshop is fun, experiential and thought provoking.

Tickets are \$10 per person if postmarked by April 15, \$15 per person if postmarked after April 15. Mail check payable to Mindful Education, 1301 Arena Drive, Davis, CA 95616. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ms. Sheedy Kurcinka is the author of the best seller, *Raising Your Spirited Child*, *A Guide for Parents Whose Child is More: Intense, Sensitive, Perceptive, Persistent and Energetic*, winner of the 1998 Parents' Choice Award, *Raising Your Spirited Child Workbook*, 1998 and *Kids, Parents and Power Struggles: Winning for a Lifetime*, 2000.

## CHADD moving support meetings to Davis

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) will be relocating their support group meetings to the Davis Branch of the Yolo County Library located at 315 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information on CHADD and the dates and times of their upcoming meetings please call (530) 750-2929.

## UC Davis Picnic Day

UC Davis will host its annual Picnic Day on April 20. This all day event will have activities, exhibits and presentations for the entire family. Unitrans will facilitate transportation to the university from various sites in the city for the cost of \$1. Bring your family out to enjoy the petting zoo, dog shows & races, children's activities, dancing, food and fun at the various university departments. For more information visit the university website at:

[www.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ucdavis.edu).

## Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday!



### Ask the Cat

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 1<sup>st</sup> by introducing children to some of his books. Dr. Seuss books are considered by many to be classic additions that are a prerequisite for a child's book shelf. Who can forget such classics as "Green Eggs and Ham", "To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street" or "Horton Hears a Who"? Visit your local library for many of these popular titles or visit the Dr Seuss web sit at <http://www.randomhouse.com/seussville/>.

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## Community Resources

### FEDERAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Eligibility is based on income.

Last Wednesday of the month, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis, 757-5696

Last Friday of month:

Winters Community Center, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.

Yolo Housing Community Center, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Call (530) 758-6821 for information.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Immunizations given by Yolo County Health Dept.

**Winters**, Public Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

**Woodland**, 10 Cottonwood, Mondays, 2:00-4:00 p.m. &

Fridays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**West Sacramento**, 500 B Jefferson Blvd., Ste. 170

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Call (530) 666-8645 (Woodland, Winters) or

(916) 375-6380 (West Sacramento) for information.

### WELL AND SICK CARE CLINICS

For Women's Health Care & general medical information call:

**Davis Community Clinic**, 2040 Sutter Place,

Call (530) 758-2060.

**Peterson Clinic**, 8 N. Cottonwood, Woodland,

Call (530) 666-8960.

**Salud Clinic**, 500B Jefferson Blvd. #180, West

Sacramento, call (916) 375-6400.

### YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN'S

#### MEDICAL SERVICES

#### Child Health & Disability Prevention Program

Free health check-ups for children through 20 years of age on MediCal and for low-to-medium income children through 18 years of age and children enrolled in Head Start or state preschool regardless of income. Call 666-8249 for appointment.

#### California Children's Services (530) 402-2800

Case management and financial assistance for children through 20 years of age with serious or chronic medical conditions.

### YOLO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM

Nutrition program for women, infants & children.

Clinics in Davis, West Sacramento, Winters &

Woodland. Phone hours 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,

M-F: (530) 666-8445 (Woodland),

(916) 375-6390 (West Sacramento)

## Third Annual Mother and Son Stampede

West Sacramento Parks and Community Services will sponsor this mother and son event on Friday, March 29 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Moms and sons can enjoy a western-theme event complete with a catered BBQ dinner, games, country music and line/square dancing. The cost for the event is \$35 per couple and \$16 for each additional child. You must register by calling the West Sacramento Parks and Community Services at (916) 373-5860.

## Breakfast with the Bunny

Breakfast with the Bunny will be held at the Davis Senior Center, Saturday, March 23. Enjoy complimentary pictures with the bunny, a delicious continental breakfast and a passport to the Eggstravaganza. Tickets are available by advance purchase only and cost \$7. Sales begin February 13 at the City of Davis Parks and Community Services Department. For more information, please call (530) 757-5626.



## Spring Parade and Eggstravaganza

This year's Spring Parade and Eggstravaganza will take place on Saturday, March 23. The parade line up begins at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Davis Senior Center. Kids of all ages are invited to dress up in costumes, decorate their bikes or wagons and march through the streets of Davis. At the end of the route is our Eggstravaganza: a festival of fun with activities such as cookie decorating, face painting, egg decorating games, and more. Passports to the eggstravaganza are \$6 each and are available at the event, located at the E Street Plaza.

## Foster Care Homes Needed

Yolo County needs more foster care parents. The Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services is looking for foster care parents. You can make a difference in a child's life! For more information on becoming a foster parent contact Janet Perez at (530) 668-8471. (See Small Talk's Classes and Workshop section for information on the Foster Care Pre-Service Education Program).

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## Kindergarten Enrollment

The time to enroll your child in kindergarten for the 2002-2003 school year has arrived. Elementary schools in Yolo County will start enrolling children as early as the month of March. Many schools will host a Parent Information Night or Open House to give you and your child an opportunity to visit the school and meet the teachers. In order to enroll your child in school, you will need the following:

- Birth Certificate
- Verification of Residence (i.e. lease/rental agreement, utility bill)
- Proof of Immunization (Remember the new California requirement for Chicken Pox vaccine.)
- Health Exam
- Registration Form

For your convenience, we have included the phone numbers of all the Yolo County school districts, which can provide you with more specific information.

**Davis:** (530) 757-5300

**Esparto:** (530) 787-3446

**West Sacramento:** (916) 375-7600

**Winters:** (530) 795-6114

**Woodland:** (530) 662-0201

## Family Fun Day in Woodland

You are invited to join the Annual Family Fun Day Celebration. This event is fun for the whole family. Local child care providers and community based organizations will offer free activities for children of all ages. This is a great way to shop for summer childcare and/or recreational activities and camps. This year's event will be Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Freeman Park from 10-3 p.m. Local public agencies will also be present with lots of valuable information. There will be activities for kids, entertainment, raffles and lots of fun. For more information or if you would like to set up a booth, contact Yvette with the City of Woodland Parks and Recreation Department at (530) 661-5880.

## Family Child Care Licensing Orientations

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a family child care provider? Would they like to take part in helping children develop appropriately? If so, let them know that one of the first steps to become a licensed child care provider is to attend the Family Child Care Licensing Orientation held by Community Care Licensing. The next orientations will be on Tuesdays, March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30a.m to 12:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Center Game Room, 203 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Davis. For information on becoming a family child care provider and how to provide quality child care call Child Care Services at (530)757-5691 or (800) 378-5044.

## See Your Child's Art Published!

We would love to print your child's artwork in Small Talk. Original line drawings done in ink or markers on paper not larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches reproduce the best. Please send a copy of any drawing along with the child's name, age,

and your name, address and phone number to Child Care Services, Attention Small Talk, 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA 95616. You will receive a copy of Small Talk when the artwork is published.



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# Agency Spotlight

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## Featuring Yolo Family Service Agency

Yolo Family Service Agency's mission is "to alleviate stress and strengthen family life in Yolo County through counseling, educational, and supportive services". In 1959, a group of concerned citizens, led by Dr. Herbert Bauer, came together to organize Yolo Family Service Agency in order for Yolo County families to have an affordable resources for professional mental health services.

YFSA's program includes professional counseling and psychotherapy for Yolo County families, couples, children and individuals coping with such issues as marital conflict, depression, parent/child conflict, grief and loss, custody and divorce. YFSA programs are focused on prevention – helping families to find the emotional strength and develop the skills they need to solve their problems without violence. The goal of the agency is to make mental health services affordable and accessible to every person in Yolo County.

The services YFSA provides fill a critical community need between the crisis intervention and treatment services provided to the seriously mentally ill by Yolo County Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health Services and counseling provided by private practitioners to clients who can afford it. Since YFSA fees are determined on an adjusted schedule, its services are available to families and individuals with limited incomes. Ninety-five percent of the families who participate in YFSA programs have low or very low – incomes based on Federal guidelines. YFSA is the only agency providing mental health care to this segment in the community.

Providing mental health care for children is of particular concern to the agency. Three programs which focus on prevention and early interventions are Allied Services for Kids (ASK), Kids' Turn © and Answers Benefiting Children (ABC).

### ASK

ASK, a collaboration between Yolo Family Service Agency and Suicide Prevention & Crisis Services of Yolo County provides crisis intervention and counseling for high-risk Yolo County youth (12 – 18) and their families. Counseling, both individual and group, is available on-site at middle and secondary schools in Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento. A crisis line is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The ASK program involves families through counseling and educational classes for parents of teens.

### Kids Turn ©

By offering Kids' Turn ©, YFSA has taken a major step in expanding its services to divorcing families who need help in restructuring their new lives in a way that is healthy for the whole family. The program is a six-week psycho-educational workshop for children and their families who are experiencing divorce or separation. Kids' Turn © offers a safe place for children to express their emotional distress with the change in their family structure. The group setting helps children realize that they are not alone in their feelings. Peer support gives children the strength and motivation to express themselves to their parents. In an effort to complete the continuum of services for families rebuilding their lives after divorce, Kids' Turn © includes a component for stepparents. The failure rate of second marriages where kids are involved is much higher than that of first marriages. This new component will help stepparents clarify their role in the lives of their stepchildren.

### ABC

YFSA, in partnership with multiple community-based organizations, participates in a project called Answers Benefiting Children (ABC). ABC is designed to prevent child abuse within the Latino community by providing in-home services for families with children at risk of child abuse. YFSA's role in the ABC project is to provide treatment for those children who have already experienced physical and/or emotional abuse and neglect. Such Treatment is imperative if these children are to develop the resiliency and coping skills they need to recover and shield themselves from further abuse.

For more information on any of the programs Yolo Family Service Agency offers call (530) 662-2111 in Woodland, (530) 753-8674 in Davis and (916) 375-1254 in West Sacramento.

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# Health and Safety News

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## Accessing Emergency Services

The best time to prepare for an emergency is before it happens. Make sure your family knows emergency phone numbers - and make sure your kids know how to place a call for help.

### Emergency numbers

Having emergency numbers on hand is an essential part of being prepared. During an emergency, it's easy to become disoriented or upset, so you need to have all important phone numbers readily available ahead of time.

Print out a copy of the emergency phone numbers form and fill it in carefully. Write each entry clearly so that it will be easy for kids to read. Use a pen with dark-colored ink, since pencil or light-colored ink can be harder to read when you're in a hurry or if lights are dim. If you choose to create your own list, make sure your list includes the following numbers:

- Emergency medical services -- In most places this is 911, but your community may have its own number; check your telephone book.
- Poison control center
- Hospital emergency room
- Fire department
- Police department
- Pediatrician
- Parent(s) at work
- Neighbor/relative
- Create your own list of emergency phone numbers

Since accidents can happen in any part of the home, make copies of the completed list and post one near every telephone in the house. In addition, make sure that adults who come to the house to watch your children (baby-sitters or relatives, for example) familiarize themselves with the list.

### Teach your kids how to call for help

Kids age four and over should be taught how to place an emergency call for help.

Explain to your child that she might need to make an important call someday to get help for someone. Teach her what she'll need to know to place the call and talk to the operator:

- How to dial 911 or the emergency number in your community
- The child's full name
- The child's full address
- A short description of the emergency

### Practice making an emergency call

Ask your child to tell you the emergency number, followed by her full name and address.

Next, let her practice by speaking into an unplugged telephone. Suggest a situation, such as "Mommy's fallen down the stairs and can't get to the phone. Now what?" After she dials the number, prompt her with questions that an emergency operator would ask, such as "What is your name?" "Where are you calling from?" and "What is the emergency?" Stress that her description should be short ("Mommy fell down the stairs.") and that she should try to stay calm. Let her practice until she feels comfortable.

Make sure your child understands that this number should only be dialed in an emergency, never for fun or play.

*Courtesy of the American Medical Association*



## Pregnancy, Iron and Zinc Study

USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Center and the UC Davis Department of Nutrition seek volunteers to participate in a Pregnancy Study. This study investigates iron and zinc nutrition during pregnancy and breastfeeding. Healthy women, ages 20-40, planning to breastfeed, and less than 10 weeks pregnant, are needed for immediate participation. There are 2 study groups. Upon completion of the study, volunteers in non-resident group receive \$505 and in the 5-day resident group receive \$1,200.

For more information, call (530) 752-5177 and press #7 - English or #8 - Spanish, or send Email to [hns45@whnrc.usda.gov](mailto:hns45@whnrc.usda.gov). Also, visit our website: <http://www.whnrc.usda.gov>.

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# Especially for Providers

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## Morning Out Now In Woodland & West Sacramento

A dream has finally come true for the Resource and Referral staff at Child Care Services. On Wednesday, February 20, we offered the first ever **Morning Out** in Woodland. A number of family child care providers from Woodland attended with their children. We will begin offering *Morning Out* in West Sacramento on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The program offers family child care providers a "Morning Out" with the children in their care. Providers and children get to experience new and different games, arts/crafts, toys and materials with our Child Development Specialists Tamiko Eslick and Renuka Mannapperuma. It is a great way to get new ideas and activities, network with other providers, have access to a preschool environment, and it is a fun adventure for the children. Here is what some providers are saying about **Morning Out**. *"Morning out has been so much fun for the babies and me. There are so many different activities to choose from. They also love interacting with other children as well. It has always been a positive experience for us. It is something that we all look forward to."* ~Lisa Felix. *"It is a support group for me and offers the children some variety in our schedule, they love it and look forward to going!"* ~ Gina Williams.

To reserve your space to participate in Morning Out please call Tamiko Eslick at (530) 757-5691 or (800) 378-5044.

**In Woodland:**  
March 6 & 20  
April 17

**In West Sacramento:**  
March 19  
April 16 & 30

## Provider Recognition Dinner

This year's Provider Recognition Dinner will take place on Friday, May 10. Child Care Services hosts this annual event to appreciate and honor our Family Child Care Providers. We invite all Family Child Care Providers to come to this event for an opportunity to meet other providers, network, and receive tokens of appreciation for the valuable work that you do. We will mail invitations in April. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Child Care Services at (530) 757-5691 or (800) 378-5044.

## A Special Thank You

Once again Child Care Services would like to express our thanks to Meredith Coghlan of "Coghlan and Associates". Meredith offered her time and expertise to conduct a "Tax Preparation Workshop". Child Care Services would also like to thank those providers who attended and called us with positive feedback on the workshop. If you have specific questions on the workshop, you may contact Meredith Coghlan at (530) 527-0470.



## Davis Provider Association Meeting

The Davis Provider Association will meet in late March. Please contact David Bakay at (530) 758-3097 for more information.

## Lo Mejor en Cuidado Infantil Hogareño

La serie de clases "Lo Mejor en Cuidado Infantil Hogareño" será nuevamente patrocinada por Child Care Services. Las clases ofrecen sugerencias prácticas para ayudar a las proveedoras a reducir conflictos y promover comportamiento apropiado en los niños. Las clases también le darán la oportunidad de conocer a otras proveedoras y compartir sus experiencias. Todas las clases serán en la biblioteca pública de Woodland localizada en el 250 First Street Para más información llame a Rossana al (530) 757-5691.

**Dando a los Niños un Comiezo Saludable**  
Sábado, Marzo 16, 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

**Estableciendo Límites con Amor**  
Sábado, Abril 6, 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

**Manejando un Comportamiento Difícil**  
Sábado, Abril 27, 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

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# Especially for Providers

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## Child Development Training Consortium

*What is the Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC)?*

The CDTC is a statewide program funded by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division (CDE/CDD) with federal Child Care and Development Quality Improvement Funds. The program was created to address the critical shortage of qualified child care professionals in the state of California.

*What does the CDTC provide?*

### 1. Community College Program

This program is available to fund specific educational costs at 94 community colleges across California. Access to this program is available through the CDTC Campus Coordinator designated at each of the colleges. Call (209) 572-6080 for a list of member campuses and Campus Coordinators.

### 2. Career Incentive Grants to Help Cover the Cost of Education

Grants are given to eligible applicants in the priority order:

1. Employees of CDE/CDD funded programs who are:
  - a. Recipients of permit waivers issued by CDE/CDD (\$800 maximum/year/student)
  - b. Students attending non-CDTC community colleges (\$300 maximum/year/student)
  - c. Students attending 4-year colleges or universities (\$800 maximum/year/student)
2. Employees working in a child care development program that is NOT funded by CDE/CDD who are:
  - a. Attending non-CDTC community colleges (\$300 maximum/year/student)
  - b. Attending 4-year colleges or universities (\$800 maximum/year/student)  
(Call: (209) 572-6086)

### 3. Administrator Institutes

The CDTC sponsors a series of two and three-day Institutes throughout the state that support the professional growth and development of program directors and site supervisors. Institute topics include the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, the 4 Roles of Leadership and other leadership development topics of interest. Call (209) 572-6086 for more information on the 2001-2002 Institute schedule.

### 4. Child Development Permit Stipend

The CDTC will pay the application and fingerprint processing fees to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the following first-time Child Development Permits: Assistant, Associate Teacher and Teacher. In addition to first-time permits, funds are available to renew Assistant and Associate Teacher permits and to upgrade to Associate Teacher and Teacher permits. If funds begin to run low, priority will be given to first-time permits. For a Child Development Permit application packet, call (209) 572-6080.

### 5. Professional Growth Advisor Project

Through 16 Regional Facilitators, the CDTC provides training and support to new and previously trained professional growth advisors. A registry of trained advisors is also maintained and disseminated and is available on the CDTC web site @ [www.childdevelopment.org](http://www.childdevelopment.org). Call: (209) 34-1662

Web Site: [www.childdevelopment.org](http://www.childdevelopment.org)

## California Association for Family Child Care Conference

The California Association of Family Child Care will hold its 2002 Annual State Conference in Los Angeles. The Conference will be April 26 to 28 at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel. The theme this year will be "Bridging the Gap to Promote Diversity and Inclusion".

This conference will present workshops in English, Spanish and Mandarin, covering leadership, technology, early learning, the business of child care and more. For more information call (510) 536-9273.

## Health and Safety Reimbursement Still Available

Health and Safety Reimbursements are still available. You may be reimbursed for up to \$50 for taking your required CPR, First Aid and the California required Preventive Health and Safety training. Family child care providers and center staff can apply for this reimbursement. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis and some limitations apply. For more information and/or an application contact Rossana at Child Care Service (530) 757-5691 or (800) 378-5044.

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# Campus talk

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Submitted by Barbara Ashby, Manager  
Child Care & Family Services  
TB 122, 752-5415, [www.childcare.ucdavis.edu](http://www.childcare.ucdavis.edu)

## Breastfeeding Support Program Honored for Innovation and Collaboration

The UC Davis Breastfeeding Support Program received the 2002 AWLP Innovative Excellence Award at the recent conference of the Alliance of Work/Life Professionals. The award "honors programs that have looked beyond their organizational and cultural boundaries to achieve outstanding results in addressing both business and individual work/life needs. The AWLP seeks to recognize distinct programs or initiatives that have raised the bar of excellence through their groundbreaking, inventive, or novel approach, which can be shared with the work/life field. The Awards Committee "celebrates UC Davis' commitment to educating and supporting positive parenting and the development of healthy children, and thanks them for their willingness to share the details, successes, and challenges of their program with other organizations nationwide."

## Brown Bag Presentations

### **Caregiver Support Group**

Wednesdays March 6—April 24, noon-1:00pm  
Deborah Adiego Cagnon, MSW & Nina Unger, RN will create a supportive and compassionate space for caregivers of dependent adults to talk openly about their struggles, learn various coping strategies, share resources, and explore ways to alleviate stress. Take care of yourself so you can effectively care for others. *Please call ASAP at 752-2727 to schedule a screening appointment for group*

### **Surviving & Thriving While Parenting Your Teen Brown Bag Lunch**

Tuesday, April 23, noon-1:00pm, East Conference Room/MU. Presented by Kelly Nelson, LMFT & Rose Torres Turner, LMFT

The teen years can be challenging; they can also be wonderful. This talk will focus on making your relationship with your teen the best it can be.

## Campus Centers Join Orfalea Family Foundation Network

The LaRue and Russell Park Child Development Centers have been invited to join the network of early care and education programs sponsored by the Orfalea Family Foundation. Established by Paul Orfalea, Chairman Emeritus of Kinko's Inc., the Foundation supports various philanthropic efforts, with an emphasis on early child care and education centers and work/life benefits for employees and students. As "network" centers, of which there are currently 15 across the United States, LaRue and Russell CDCs will be treated to an outing to the zoo, ready-for-school backpacks for all graduating preschoolers and a "\$mart Savers" banking program gift for graduating preschoolers. Directors Tara Stapleton and Fran Corry will attend the annual Directors Retreat. The invitation to join the Orfalea Foundation network acknowledges the quality programming resulting from the public-private partnership of UC Davis, Hillis Campus Child Care Inc., and Tandem Properties. Child Care & Family Services congratulates the centers on a job well done!

## Parenting in the Academy: A Series of Roundtable Discussions

Coordinated by doctoral student Bibit Traut, discussions are designed to bring together graduate students, professors and resource specialists to offer insights into and share experiences on balancing family and academia. For information email [bhtraut@ucdavis.edu](mailto:bhtraut@ucdavis.edu)

### **Pregnancy and Productivity**

Wednesday, March 13, 5:30-7:00pm DeCarli Room/MU  
What are realistic expectations during this physically and emotionally intense time? Topics will cover nutrition, time management, planning for the child, and maternity leave.

### **Parenting and Professorship**

Wednesday, April 10, 5:30-7:00pm DeCarli Room/MU  
Are you on the "family track"? Panelists will include the Women's Resource & Research Center, the Academic and Staff Assistance Program, and Campus Counsel.

## Miscellaneous

\*Child Care and Family Services has a new web address. [www.hr.ucdavis.edu/childcare](http://www.hr.ucdavis.edu/childcare)

\*MU Summer Youth program schedule will be available the week of March 11. Enrollment will be by lottery.

\*Aggie Kids Camp will offer a Counselor-in-Training program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. For more information contact Tamara at (530) 753-8716.

# Especially for Parents

## Through the Looking Glass Seeks Input from Parents with Disabilities

Through the Looking Glass is conducting a nationwide project to learn more about families in which a parent with a disability is raising a teen (11-17 years old). This project is funded by the National Institute on Disability Research and Rehabilitation, part of the Department of Education.

What do we mean by disability? Disability can involve physical, visual, systemic, hearing, cognitive, learning, developmental and mental health issues.

Why are we conducting this research? Although there are over 10 million families in which one or both parents have a disability, relatively little is known about the experiences of these families.

Who can participate: Parents with disabilities and deaf parents who have teenagers (children 11-17 years of age). The parent and the teenager are both welcome to participate.

Ways to get involved:

- Participate in a national survey of parents with disabilities who are raising teens 11-17. Your teen can also fill out a survey and receive a \$5 return.
- Surveys are available in a various formats: in Spanish, over the phone and in a version specific to deaf parents
- Local families (San Francisco Bay area) can participate in 12 weeks of solution-focused family therapy in their own home.
- Deaf parents can participate in a face-to-face interview in American Sign Language if you live in or near one of the following cities: San Francisco, Seattle, Santa Fe, New York, Kansas City, or Washington, DC.
- Teens of parents with disabilities can participate in our hosted and confidential Teen Bulletin Board ([www.lookingglass.org](http://www.lookingglass.org))
- How to contact Through the Looking Glass  
Call Nancy Freed at (510) 848-1112 ext. 174, Toll Free, (800) 644-2666, TTY (800) 804-1616 or request a survey by email, [tlg@lookingglass.org](mailto:tlg@lookingglass.org)

Through the Looking Glass, The National Resource Center for Parents with Disabilities, is a nonprofit organization in Berkeley, CA that serves families in which a parent or child has a disability. Current projects include The National Parent to Parent Network for Parents

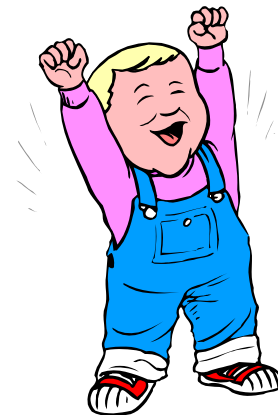
## Reframing Negative Labels

Words can help children feel good about themselves, but they can also be discouraging. Overtime, children tend to live up to their labels. Below are some suggestions you can use to eliminate negative terms when talking to children or about them.

### Use...

<b>ENERGETIC</b>	vs.	<i>Hyperactive or wild.</i>
<b>ENTHUSIASTIC</b>	vs.	<i>Loud</i>
<b>SPONTANEOUS</b>	vs.	<i>Impulsive</i>
<b>IMAGINATIVE</b>	vs.	<i>Daydreamer</i>
<b>FLEXIBLE</b>	vs.	<i>Unpredictable</i>
<b>INDEPENDENT</b>	vs.	<i>Argumentative</i>
<b>SENSITIVE</b>	vs.	<i>Irritable</i>
<b>ASSERTIVE</b>	vs.	<i>Aggressive</i>
<b>UNIQUE</b>	vs.	<i>Disordered</i>
<b>COMPELLING</b>	vs.	<i>Impatient</i>
<b>DRAMATIC</b>	vs.	<i>Explosive</i>
<b>CREATIVE/PERCEPTIVE</b>	vs.	<i>Distractible</i>
<b>COMMITTED/ PERSISTENT</b>	vs.	<i>Stubborn</i>

*Courtesy of Contra Costa Child Care Council*



**Help your child succeed!**

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# Creative Corner

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## Springtime Activities

Now that the weather is changing and children are able to enjoy outdoor activities more often, why not take them for an outing... maybe a Springtime picnic will provide children with lots of fun as well as learning experiences. Here are some ideas that you can use.

### Planning

Planning a picnic should not only be your job. Children like to feel helpful, and allowing them to help you plan the picnic will be a blast for them. Try asking questions such as:

*Where do you want to go for the picnic?*

*What do you want to take to the picnic?*

Find out what a picnic means to them. Let them know you value their opinion and that the success of the picnic will depend on group effort.

### Food

Ask children what they would like to eat and try to include them in the preparation/cooking process. Sandwiches are easy for children to help with. Peanut butter and jelly, cheese, or cold cuts are some variations that the children may like. "Ants on a log" can be something they can prepare while on the picnic.

#### **Ants on a Log**

What you will need:

- Celery sticks
- Peanut butter or cream cheese
- Raisins



Place peanut butter or cream cheese along the length of the celery sticks. Sprinkle raisins along the celery stick and it's ready to eat! This is something children can do on their own with guidance and supervision.

### Activities

Help children decide what activities they would like to do and encourage them to think about the things they would need to bring. Do they want to play ball? They will need to bring one. How about taking a kite to the picnic? They can help make a kite.



You will be amazed at how proud the children become when they take part in the planning process!

### **Easy Spring Flowers**

These flowers are quick and easy to make. What you will need:

- Markers
- Newspaper
- Coffee filters
- Pipe cleaners

Process:

- \* Ask the children to help cover the creative area with newspaper or do the project outside.
- \* Have the children decorate the filters with the markers.
- \* Fold the filters in half and wrap the pipe cleaner around the middle.
- \* The children can spray the flowers with a mist from a spray bottle to help the colors blend.

For more springtime ideas check out these web sites:  
<http://kidsdomain.com/holiday/spring/index.html>

[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/lesson105.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson105.shtml)  
<http://daycare.about.com/cs/springtime/>  
[www.childfun.com/themes/spring.shtml](http://www.childfun.com/themes/spring.shtml)

[www.epa.gov/superfund/students/class\\_act/spring/polsol.htm](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/students/class_act/spring/polsol.htm)  
[www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net)

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# Classes, Workshops & Conferences

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## Parenting Classes in Yolo County

### Sponsored by Yolo Connections

Yolo Connections will sponsor the following parenting classes. All classes are open to Yolo County residents and are free of charge. You must register to attend. To register for the class and more information, contact Jada at Yolo Connections at (530) 669-3285.

#### In Esparto:

##### Parent to Parent

March 4 to April 20  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

##### Parent to Parent (SPANISH)

Marzo 7 a Mayo 2  
6:30 a 8:30 p.m.

#### In Knights Landing:

##### Active Parenting (English and Spanish)

April 18 to June 13  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

#### In West Sacramento:

##### Active Parenting

April 15 to June 10  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

##### Parent to Parent

April 17 to June 12  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

#### In Woodland:

##### Active Parenting

March 27 to May 29  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

##### Parent to Parent

March 28 to May 30  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

##### Bonding and Rebuilding

April 15 to June 10  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Sponsored by the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program

These classes are sponsored by Woodland Community College, Foster and Kinship Care Education Program. For more information on any of these classes please contact the Foster and Kinship Education Program at (530) 661-5700.

### Love and Logic Parenting

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Leadership & Parenting Training

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 12, 13 & 14

### Foster Care Pre-Service Education Program

18 hours of Pre-service for anyone interested in becoming a foster care parent.

Mondays, April, 8 & 15, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, April, 10 & 17, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 20, 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### Defensive Parenting Class

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## ***Divorce, Step Parenting and Blended Families***

**Mondays, 7:00-9:00 PM**

**March 11, 18 and 25**

**Veterans Memorial Center**

**Multi Purpose Room**

Child Care Services will sponsor this new class for Yolo County Residents. The class will be taught by Dr. Robert MacKenzie and Teri Drake. Dr. MacKenzie and Ms. Drake have the unique perspective of being professionals in the field of family counseling and also being active participants in their own successful blended family. They will discuss topics such as step parenting, co-parenting, families surviving divorce, setting up successful communication systems, ground rules and helping your children stay well adjusted during adversity. You must register for this class. The cost will be based on a sliding fee scale and a limited number of scholarships will be available. To register for the class or for more information call Child Care Services and speak to Letti at (530) 757-5691 or (800) 378-5044.

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# Legislative Update

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## Legislative Update

The following are excerpts from *On The Capitol Doorstep*, a monthly report on public policy issues affecting California's young children. For more information on legislative updates call (916) 442-5431.

## NEW LEGISLATION

### ABXXX 1 Oropeza Current Year Budget Reductions

This bill would amend the 2001-2002 Budget Act to implement reductions of \$2.5 billion the Governor proposed in November. It proposes delaying programs for reductions of: \$29.7 million for expansion of Before and After School programs; \$54.3 million for the Healthy Families parent expansion; and \$197 million for the High Priority Schools Grant Program (providing additional funding and accountability to schools performing in the lowest 20%). It proposes eliminating: \$250 million of energy relief for schools (includes funding for child care programs associated with local education agencies); \$67.8 million for the K-12 Per Pupil Block Grant for categorical programs; \$50 million for the Certificated Staff Performance Awards Program; and \$40 million to equalize funding for school districts. Introduced: 1/18/02 Consultant: Chris Woods (916) 319-2099. Hearing: Assembly Budget 1/28

## ACTIVE LEGISLATION

### AB 47 Cardenas Schoolsite Parent Centers

This bill would establish the Schoolsite Parent Centers Program to provide centers to encourage parental involvement in their children's learning and provide information to parents about school efforts to improve academic achievement. It would allow centers to assist parents of preschool children. Contingent upon securing funding in the state budget, the bill would require the Department of Education to award grants of up to \$50,000 for schools to implement the program – with priority for schools performing in the lowest 10% on a statewide basis. It contains no appropriation. Last amended: 5/31/01 Consultant: Leonor Ehling (916) 319-2079. Status: Senate Education.

### AB 182 Vargas Hepatitis A Vaccinations

This bill would require a child to be immunized against Hepatitis A prior to attending kindergarten at a public or private elementary school. It would exempt child care facilities that do not care for specific children on a regular basis from the requirement to keep immunization records for each child. Sponsor: American Liver Foundation (415) 248-1060. Last amended: 6/12/01 Consultant: Jim Anderson (916) 319-2079. Status: Senate Health & Human Services Hearing Date: 3/6/02

### AB 634 Wesson Mandatory Kindergarten

This bill would lower the age of compulsory school attendance from 6 to 5 years, beginning July 1, 2003, requiring children to attend kindergarten. The bill would require a waiver to be granted for a child between ages 5 and 6 at the request of a parent. Sponsor: Department of Education (916) 657-2280. Last amended: 7/19/01 Consultant: Greg Campbell (916) 319-2047 Status: Senate Appropriations Suspense

### AB 1358 Pescetti Child Care: Site Visits

This bill would require the Department of Social Services to remove inconclusive complaints against child care facilities (family child care homes and centers) from its public files after two years of receipt of the complaint. It would allow a child care facility to request at the next visit of a licensing analyst that a complaint found to be inconclusive be placed in confidential files of the department. The bill would require child care facilities to be inspected on a regular schedule during normal hours of operation. It would require child care facilities to be inspected upon reopening after an extended period of closure. Similar to AB 2508 (Washington) of last session.

Amended: 1/7, 1/22 & 1/24 of 2002.

These amendments would delete language regarding removal of complaints and instead require site visits and inspections to be conducted within an hour of normal hours of operations unless necessary to protect the health and safety of any child. It would prohibit site visits and inspections during any period of extended closure and would require the Department of Social Services to develop a procedure under which a facility could notify the department of a closure. Consultant: Sara Shults (916) 319-2010 Status: Senate Health & Human Services Hearing Date: 3/13/02

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# Legislative Update

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## **SB 248 Ortiz School Readiness Program**

This bill would require the Department of Education to establish a qualification process and standards for school readiness programs by January 1, 2003, and to the extent possible, incorporate them into existing licensing procedures. The bill would give priority for the future funding to programs that can integrate new programs and services into existing programs in order to become qualified. It would require the department to estimate the cost of providing school readiness programs to all children 5 years old or younger within the attendance areas of schools scoring in the bottom 20% of the Academic Performance Index. Last amended: 7/17/01 Consultant: Andrea Nargolis (916) 445- 5965. Status: Assembly Appropriations Suspense

## **SB 390 Escutia Child Care and Development Master Plan**

This bill would require the Department of Education to develop a California Child Care and Development Master Plan by January 1, 2003. It would require the development of the master plan to include a public input process. The bill would require the plan to be updated at least once every 5 years. It would state the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$140,000 in 2001-2002 for the development of the master plan contingent on a nonstate match of \$360,000. Sponsors: California Child Care Resource and Referral Network (415) 882-0234, Child Care Law Center (415) 495-5498. Last amended: 7/16/01. Consultant: Carrie Krueger (916) 327-8315. Status: Assembly Appropriations.

## **SB 541 Scott Child Care Family Support and Accountability Act**

This bill would require contracts with alternative payment programs to specify how effectiveness of the programs will be evaluated and what the responsibilities of providers are to detect and prevent fraud. Urgency measure. Sponsors: California Alternative Payment Program Association (916) 483-8775. Amended 1/15/01: this amendment would require services provided by alternative payment programs to include family support services and detection and prevention of fraud. It would require a study of misappropriation of funds and fraud within alternative payment system in child care programs and the CalWORKs program. The amendment would appropriate \$100,000 from the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant for the study. It would remove the urgency clause. Consultant: Arwen Chenery (916) 445-5976. Status: Senate Rules

## **SB 993 Figueroa Early Care and Education Act**

This bill would, contingent on securing funding in the state budget, provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on January 1, 2002 for state-subsidized child care centers to counteract the effects of reduced COLAs over the previous 20-year period. It would increase the eligibility for state preschool from 60% of the state median income to 75% of the state median. The bill would allow school-age programs to receive adjustments to their reimbursement rates for children with special needs that are the same as other state-subsidized programs. It would require child care center programs to provide age-appropriate educational curricula, in preparation for school or supporting school success. The bill would allow children with special needs and those at risk of abuse and neglect to receive preschool services without regard to income. It contains no appropriation. Sponsor: California Child Development Administrators Association (626) 967-7848 Last amended: 6/4/01 Consultant: Meredith Borak (916) 445-6671. Status: Assembly Human Services

## **SB 1095 Escutia Criminal Background Clearances**

This bill would require the Department of Social Services to disapprove a criminal background check of a person whose license or certificate was revoked within the last 5 years rather than the last 2. It would allow the department to suspend a license or certificate of a person who refused to cooperate with an audit, inspection, or complaint investigation. The bill would reorganize the criminal background check requirements for all community care facilities (including child care and foster care) are located in the same section of code and are more uniform. Amended 1/7 & 1/23, 2002: These amendments would require the Department of Social Services to disapprove a criminal background check of a person whose license or certificate was revoked within the last 2 years. It would require the criminal record of a nonrelative extended family member to be considered when determining the appropriate placements of a foster child. Consultant: Gloria Megino-Ochoa (916) 445-5987 Hearing: Senate Appropriations 1/28.