

# Smalltalk

Serving Providers & Families in Yolo County

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Dear Friends,

Fall is here and the Child Care Services office is a very busy place! The Resource and Referral just finished dispensing approximately \$221,064.00 in CARES (Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards) stipends to private providers and Head Start employees in Yolo County. This was our most successful year yet! We came in just under our limit of \$222,000.00. We will be surveying the group of providers who received these incentives to ask them many important questions regarding their goals for the Early Childhood Field and their long term education plans. We will be issuing a report at the end of the calendar year summarizing our findings.

CARES stipends are provided through generous support from Yolo and California First Five Commissions. This program is aimed at retaining private providers in the workforce. CARES is designed to encourage providers to offer continuity of care for young children. CARES also encourages providers to pursue additional early childhood education. CARES is available in a majority of California counties and is administered by a broad variety of agencies, many of them Resource and Referrals. There is a smaller version of this program in each county that is *restricted* to employees of state funded preschools and child development centers. That program is called AB212 and is often administered by the Local Child Care Planning Council. Between these two programs, virtually every early childhood educator who works at least 15 hours per week in a child care or preschool setting (and works at the same site for 9 consecutive months out of the previous 12) could possibly qualify for a stipend!

In other news, we are sad to say goodbye to Anna Lynn Dayton, Resource and Referral staff person for child care services for the last 10 years. Anna Lynn is retiring and going off to pursue a new career; she will be setting up and guiding tours to the southern part of India! Wow, what a brave adventure to go on! We really appreciated Anna Lynn's calm and patient style in the front office. We will miss her very much. Anna Lynn's position has been taken over by Patrice Terry. Please read about Patrice on the lower right side of this page.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

**Robbie Townsley**  
Resource & Referral Supervisor

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### Meet Our New Staff Patrice Terry!!!

Hello I am Patrice Terry and I am originally from Sacramento, California. I have been in the early childhood education field for eleven years total. I worked as a Head Teacher in a Child Care Center for 5 years. In addition, I've worked 6 years in the Resource and Referral Department at Child Action in Sacramento and the Family Resource and Referral in San Joaquin County combined. I am currently a student at Humphrey College in pursuit of my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education. My passion is working with the community and assisting parents, children, and providers with resources that will help them in the journey of quality child care. It's my hope to share my knowledge and expertise to the community of Yolo County and to enhance my knowledge of the needs of the community.

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# Meetings/Support Groups

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## **FAMILY CHILD CARE LICENSING ORIENTATIONS**

Tuesday, November 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Care Services Conference Room, 600 A Street in Davis. A \$25 fee will be charged by Community Care Licensing for attending licensing orientation. This fee must be received by their office 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 [www.cclcd.gov](http://www.cclcd.gov).

**PARENTS TOGETHER** - Child Care Services sponsors this group. The group is for all parents and babies under 1 year. The group meets every **Tuesday** from 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m. in Davis at the Conference Room at 600 A Street (next to the Child Care Services office). **The group will not meet Nov. 28, Dec.26 nor Jan. 2, 2007.** For information call Child Care Services at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

**FIRST 5 YOLO COUNTY** - (formerly Yolo Co. Children & Families Commission) 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 403 Court Street in Woodland. For more information call (530) 669-2475. [www.yolochildren.org](http://www.yolochildren.org)

**YOLO CO. CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE** - The Children's Alliance Policy Council meets quarterly, For more information call Katie Villegas at (530) 757-5558.

**YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL** - Meets every other month to discuss child care topics. Meets at Yolo County Office of Education. Call (530) 668-3773 for information.

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

**SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN** - Time limited support groups are available for caregivers of children with emotional disturbances. For information call Joan Beesley at (530) 666-8632.

**WOODLAND PARKS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES, & URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION-** 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, Woodland. Public welcome. Youth and children's issues are discussed. (530) 661-5880.

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

**YOLO COUNTY GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRAND-CHILDREN-** We plan monthly events for grandparent families and evening events for grandparents. Special activities: annual camping trip, holiday celebrations, and unusual festivities. Contact Sandy Weiss at (530) 756-0183 for more information.

## **YOLO FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER MEETINGS**

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

**Women's Support Group in Spanish\*** This is a parent led support group in Spanish for all 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 Matina Kaufman at (530) 406-7221.

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

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

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

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

**PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH (16-25) WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES** - Group meetings held 4th Tuesday of every month 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the YCCC Conference Room, 1950 5th St. in Davis. For more information call (530) 666-8632—Ask to speak with Joan Beesley.

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

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

**BABY SIGNS® PLAY GROUP** - Join other parents for a free, informal, FUN time with a certified Baby Signs® Instructor. Meet other families who are interested in signing with their children. *For more information contact Erin Panelli (530) 219-0876.*

# Community News & Events

## Calendar

October	7	Family Child Care Training Span.
	16	CARES Q&A Session
	21	Family Child Care Training Span.
November	4	Family Child Care Training Span.
	10	<b>Veteran's Day Observance</b> (City Offices Closed)
	15	CARES Q&A Session
	21	Licensing Orientation
	23-24	<b>Thanksgiving</b> (City Offices Closed)
December	2	Family Child Care Training Eng.
	4	CARES Q&A Session
	25-29	<b>Winter Holidays Observed</b> (City Offices Closed)
January	1	<b>New Year's Day</b> (City Offices Closed)

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

## Calling for Presenters for the Yolo County Child Development Conference

Would you like to be a presenter at the 2007 Yolo County Child Development Conference? Please save the date, **April 21, 2007!** We are currently accepting conference workshop proposals. We are particularly interested in topics addressing the following:

- ◇ Challenging Behaviors
- ◇ Child Development/ECE
- ◇ Children With Disabilities
- ◇ Cultural Diversity
- ◇ Health & Safety
- ◇ Infants & Toddlers
- ◇ Curriculum/School Readiness
- ◇ Assessments/Portfolios/Observations
- ◇ Play & Learning Activities

If you would like to be a presenter, please contact Tamiko Eslick at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.



## YCEL Simplifies Search for Affordable Child Care!

***Low-Income Families Benefit from Single Application for County-Wide Child Care Assistance*** - Yolo County child care programs have developed an easier way for families to apply for assistance paying for child care. It's called YCEL, Yolo County Centralized Eligibility List.

Until now, families had to apply at each program and be placed on individual waiting lists. With the new County-Wide Eligibility List, families will be able to complete one application that will qualify them for all State funded full and part-time child care programs.

To apply, contact Robert Wallis at Child Care Services, 600 A Street in Davis or by calling (530) 755-5695 or from West Sacramento at (800) 723-3001.

## Save the Date for the Yolo County Child Development Conference!!!

Parents, teachers, child care professionals and others who are interested in child development are invited to attend a day long child development conference on **Saturday, April 21, 2007 with Bev Bos as Keynote.** The conference will be held at the Veterans Memorial Center, 203 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Davis. The conference will offer many exciting and fun workshops as well as exhibitors.

The cost for attending the conference is **\$25.00** for pre-registration **before April 1st** or **\$30.00** after April 1st & for onsite registration. A limited number of spaces will be available at the door, pre-registration is strongly recommended. For more information, or to register, contact Child Care Services Resource & Referral by calling (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001 (from West Sacramento or rural Yolo County).

# Community News & Events

## November is National Adoption Month!

November is National Adoption Month! The purpose of National Adoption Month is to raise awareness about the 119,000 children in foster care nationwide waiting for permanent families. Recruitment efforts are highlighted throughout the National Adoption Month website to encourage America's families to "answer the call" to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of our children. National Adoption Month roots can be traced back more than 25 years. In 1976, the governor of Massachusetts first proclaimed Adoption Week and, later that year, President Gerald Ford made it official nationally. The number of States proclaiming the observance of Adoption Week in November grew, and in 1990, National Adoption Week became National Adoption Month. Today, National Adoption Month is celebrated throughout the United States during the month of November.



For more information about adoption, please visit the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse website at <http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm>.

## Change a Life: Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent!

Change a Life, foster and adoptive parents are needed in Yolo County. All children deserve and benefit from the love of a family. Nearly every community across the country is urgently seeking more foster parents to meet the needs of children and youth of all ages and nationalities. Foster and adoptive homes allow displaced youth to live together with their siblings, remain in their own neighborhoods, and stay in their same schools and community. You do not need to be married, in a partnership, own a home or have a child of your own. We are looking for stable, committed adults to care for children who have been hurt, neglected and/or abandoned. Please give some thought to opening your heart and home to a child in need ~ you will change a life. For more information please call Cherie at (530) 661-5772, email [yolofkce@onramp113](mailto:yolofkce@onramp113), or check out our website at [www.yolofostercare.com](http://www.yolofostercare.com) (Please see more information on page 10 of Small Talk.)

## STEAC's Holiday Program

Each year in December, the Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (STEAC) coordinates the Holiday Program for low income Davis families and individuals. Families, civic groups, businesses and UCD departments volunteer to adopt a family and provide food and gifts. Sponsors and families remain anonymous. To qualify for the program you must be a Davis resident at or below the poverty income level.



To become a recipient of the Holiday Program you will need to apply. For dates and information, please call (530) 758-5444.

For more information on similar programs in your area, please contact the following agencies:

### West Sacramento:

Department of Social Services  
(916) 765-6200

### Winters:

City of Winters  
(530) 795-4233

### Woodland:

The Wayfarer Center  
(530) 661-1218

## Join a Playgroup for Stay at Home Dads !

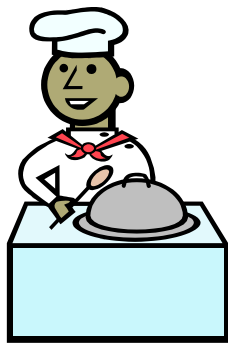
Are you a Stay at Home Dad? Do you know one? Are you planning on being one? Contact local stay at home dad, Bob Bain! He has organized a playgroup for stay at home dads for the last 2 years.

For more information contact Bob at (530) 750-3677 or by e-mail at: [californiazippy@yahoo.com](mailto:californiazippy@yahoo.com)



# City of Davis Parks & Community Services Programs

*These programs are offered through the City of Davis Parks and 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](http://www.cityofdavis.org)*



## Kids in the Kitchen

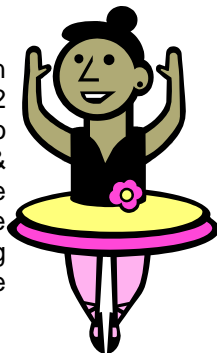
Children 7-12 years old are invited to participate in this “yummy” after school program. Participants will get to make delicious main courses, scrumptious desserts, and tasty snacks. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to learn some kitchen skills and some recipes to share with your family. For more information please call 757-5626.

## Kids at Community

Do you have free time when you get out of school early on Wednesday afternoons? Are you looking for something to do? The City of Davis has the answer! Every Wednesday in Community Park, we have a drop-in program geared for children in 1st through 6th grades. Recreation staff plan a monthly calendar of activities and special events. You can come every week or once a month. For more information on the program or to obtain a calendar of activities, please call 757-5626

## Dance Classes

The City of Davis offers a variety of fun dance classes for children ages 2-12 years old. Dance students can dance to their heart’s content in Flip, Flap, Tap & Tumble; Creative Dance; Tiny Tap/Dance Movement; Beginning Tap and Jazz; Me and My Shadow; Ballet; and Beginning Hip Hop. For more information on the classes offered, please call 757-5626.



## Movies in the Park

Starting in September, the City of Davis will be showing family friendly movies on a giant blimp screen in Central Park. Movies begin at 7:15 p.m., but come early to enjoy entertainment, food vendors, contests, games and more! The series kicks-off on September 16th with Ghostbusters, followed by Back to the Future (showing on September 30th), and The Sound of Music (showing on October 14th). Bring your blanket, your friends and family and enjoy movies in the park! For more information on the series, please call 757-5626

## Harvest Festival

We have just the event to bring the entire family together for some fun. Join the Parks and Community Services Department for the 9th Annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 22nd from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans’ Memorial Center. Tickets include a delicious spaghetti dinner and a passport for children to participate in carnival games, pumpkin decorating, costume parade and contest, hands-on craft activities, and much more! Tickets are \$8.50 per person, and children must be accompanied by a paid adult. Purchase tickets in advance at the Parks and Community Services office. A special thanks to Ikeda’s Market for their generous contribution of pumpkins for the event.



## Arts and Crafts Class

This class is available for children 6-10 years old looking to have fun with a variety of arts and crafts. Participants will be exposed to rubber stamp making, clay, piñatas, and so much more! In this after school class, children will explore their creativity while working on small and more complex projects. For more information on the class, please call 757-5626.

## Davis Children’s Nutcracker

The 30th annual Nutcracker production will be held December 13th – 19th. Share this Davis holiday tradition with your friends and family. Beginning December 6th, tickets will be available to the general public; a maximum of 6 tickets per sale. Tickets cost \$8.00 for each performance.



## 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](http://www.cityofdavis.org)*

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

<b>West Sacramento</b>	<b>(916) 617-4620</b>
<b>Winters</b>	<b>(530) 795-4233</b>
<b>Woodland</b>	<b>(530) 661-5880</b>

# From the Desk of First 5 Yolo

## Immunize On Time, Every Time

Immunizations are critical to keeping a young child healthy now and into the future. Vaccinations, following the recommended schedule, teach a child's immune system to recognize and fight off dangerous diseases. It is because of immunizations, that today we rarely hear about diseases such as polio, meningitis and measles. However, if we stop immunizing our children, some contagious diseases could return. First 5 Yolo reminds parents and caregivers that the start of the new school year is a great time to make sure you are staying on schedule when it comes to your child's vaccinations.



Just as babies rely on their parents for feeding, bathing and sleeping routines, health officials rely on parents to stick to an immunization schedule. This is important, since to be fully immunized a child must have the necessary series of vaccinations, including booster shots before entering kindergarten.





















First 5 Yolo and the Yolo County Health Department recommend beginning immunizations at birth according to the following schedule:

To ensure that your child receives the maximum benefit from immunizations, continue with boosters as recommended and be sure to:

- See that your child receives the right shots at the right time.
- Keep a record of your child's shots every time you visit your doctor or clinic.
- Ask your doctor when your child's next shots are due.
- Read the information you receive about the shots carefully, and observe your child for any signs he or she is not feeling well.
- Immunization schedules do change, so it is important to check with your doctor to be sure your child is receiving his or her shots on time.

Parents interested in immunizing their child should contact their pediatrician, health clinic or the Yolo County Yolo County Health Department at (530) 666-8645. Many health care providers and insurance programs offer immunizations at no or very low cost through the Vaccine for Children program. To find out more about what your children need as well as some helpful tips for parents on immunization, visit the County Health Department's Web site at:

[www.yolocounty.org/org/health/ph/immunizations/childim.asp](http://www.yolocounty.org/org/health/ph/immunizations/childim.asp)

At birth	 Hep-B 0-2 months <sup>(1)</sup>				
1-2 months	 Hep-B 1-4 months <sup>(1)</sup>				
2 months	 DTaP	 Hib	 Polio	 PCV7	
4 months	 DTaP	 Hib	 Polio	 PCV7	
6 months	 DTaP	 Hib <sup>(2)</sup>	 Polio 6-18 months <sup>(1)</sup>	 PCV7	 Hep-B 6-18 months <sup>(1)</sup>
12 months	 MMR 12-15 months <sup>(1)</sup>	 Hib 12-15 months <sup>(1)</sup>	 Chickenpox 12-18 months <sup>(1)</sup>	 PCV7 12-15 months <sup>(1)</sup>	
15 months	 DTaP 12-18 months <sup>(1,3)</sup>				

For more information about First 5 Yolo and its programs and services, visit [www.yolochildren.org](http://www.yolochildren.org).

*In November 1998, California voters passed a statewide ballot initiative to add a 50-cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes. The funds collected are utilized to fund education, health, and childcare programs that promote early childhood development from prenatal through age 5.*

# Health & Safety News

## CPR/First Aid Training in Yolo County

*Child Care providers are mandated to get trained in CPR/First Aid and Health & Safety training. However, as parents, we may often overlook this. You can never be too cautious or over-prepared for those unexpected emergencies. The following agencies in Yolo County provide CPR/First Aid Training:*

### Yolo County

**Woodland Healthcare**  
530-662-3961 ext. 5540

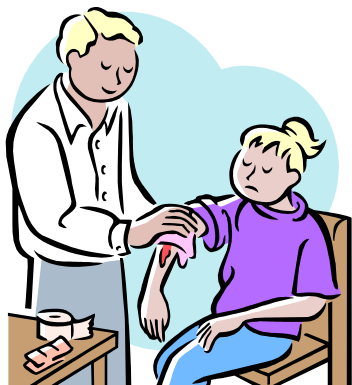
**Yolo County American Red Cross**  
530-662-4669

**On Scene Safety** [www.onscenesafety.com](http://www.onscenesafety.com)  
877-4ONSCENE or 530-220-9901.  
Instruction in Spanish available.

### Sacramento County

**Sacramento Red Cross**  
916-368-3130

**Emergency Instruction Institutes:**  
Sheila Evans, Instructor/Trainer  
916-927-2233



## Community Resources

### **FEDERAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

Eligibility is based on income.

#### **Last Wednesday of the month:**

Davis Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Call (530) 757-5696 for information.

#### **Last Friday of month:**

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

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

Call (530) 758-6821 for information.

### **IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

#### **Davis**

*Davis Community Clinic*

Mondays 2:00-4:00 p.m. & Fridays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

2040 Sutter Place, (530) 758-2060

#### **West Sacramento**

*Salud Clinic*

500 B Jefferson Blvd., Ste. 170, (916) 375-6380

Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Yolo County Health*

500 B Jefferson Blvd. (916) 375-6380

Monday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

#### **Woodland**

*Yolo County Health Department*

Mondays 2:00-4:00 p.m.

10 Cottonwood, (530) 666-8645

*Peterson Clinic*

Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

8 N. Cottonwood, (530) 666-8960

### **WELL AND SICK CARE CLINICS**

For Women's Care & general medical information:

#### **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, W. Sacramento, call (916) 375-6400

### **YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES**

#### **Child Health & Disability Prevention Program**

Call for information on how to receive free health check-ups for children 0 to 20 years of age on MediCal and for low-to-medium income children through 19 years of age. You may also call for referrals to local physicians and dentists. To learn more about health coverage programs for children, call (530) 666-8249.

#### **California Children's Services**

Case management and financial assistance for children through 20 years of age with serious or chronic medical conditions. Call (530) 402-2800 for information.

### **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 in Woodland, or (916) 375-6390 in West Sacramento.

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# Especially for Parents

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## On Becoming A Foster Parent

By, *Hiedi Herzig Andersen (former Yolo County foster youth)*

Author Graham Green once wrote, "There is always a moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in." For more than 475 abused and neglected children in Yolo County each year, the future often comes in the form of a foster family or relative caregiver's home.

But how do foster and kinship providers know how to parent our most vulnerable children, those who have been traumatized, battered and, or neglected? There are offered specialized classes, along with a strong support network through the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program (FKCE) at Woodland Community College. Developed in collaboration with the Department of Child Protective Services and the State Foster Family Association, training has been offered to foster, adoptive and kinship parents in Yolo County for 20 years.

"Classes for those raising kids placed out-of-home, become a life preserver in the white-capped waves of day-to-day parenting," stated FKCE Director, Cherie Schroeder. "Parenting in and of itself isn't easy, even in the most ideal of situations. For foster, kinship and adoptive parents, they have normal development milestones to contend with, but also the grief, pain and trauma experienced by the children. Kids come with a history and typically a less than ideal prior lifestyle. For our parents, it's not if a child will have issues, it's what kind, and how do we address them?"

FKCE classes are free and open to the public. They target prospective and current foster parents, kinship providers, adoptive parents, teachers, therapists, caring professionals, and those who volunteer with children. Over 400 hours of classes are provided each year, with topics covering a myriad of parenting and child development issues, from methods to enhance self-esteem, temper tantrums and hoarding food, to the effects of alcohol and drugs on the brain.

"To obtain your license as a foster parent, you must go through a Pre-Service Orientation, consisting of 21 hours. Classes address how you can make a difference in a child's life, the importance of effective discipline and self-esteem, available community supports and services, general health and medical issues, understanding the court system, visitation and birth families, working with child protective services, and addressing realistic expectations, for the child, professionals, and most importantly, for the parent themselves, Schroeder said. "Existing foster parents are required to attend 12 hours of continuing education each year to maintain their license. This ensures that we have the most qualified adults taking care of our children, and it also gives us a chance to nurture positive relationships between the foster parents and kinship providers.

Many Yolo County foster and kinship parents credit the FKCE classes with giving them the skills and support necessary to parent the children who have come to live in their homes. With education and support to families, children as less likely to be moved. Oftentimes foster children have emotional or medical needs that make traditional parenting styles unsuccessful. "Surviving the abuse and neglect is only a first step for children," Schroeder said. "Our kids need to learn the basic rules of everyday family life and how to function in a calm and healthy environment. Definitely, it takes time, commitment, patience and an understanding of how traumatic and disruptive experiences impact the emotional and physical well being of a child."

If interested, you can get college credit for classes. Teachers, para-educators, childcare workers, therapists, nurses and other adults who work with children often attend FKCE classes for college or continuing education credits. "We strive to have diverse, time-sensitive classes that give application strategies for everyone who interacts with youth," Schroeder said. "Take our recent diversity and respect training. Although the State mandated such classes more than two years ago, Yolo County was one of only a handful of counties to provide the curriculum to its foster and kinship families. It was an amazing series that gave parents the comfort, language, knowledge, and tools necessary to address issues surrounding sexuality, diversity and discrimination."

To learn more about FKCE classes, Yolo County foster care, and/or adoption from the foster care system, please call Cherie Schroeder at (530) 661-5772. Foster & Kinship Care Education class calendars and additional information are also available on the website at: [www.yolofostercare.com](http://www.yolofostercare.com).

### FKCE Stands for Care...

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

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

**For information on local adoption & foster care services along with parenting classes, please contact the Foster & Kinship Care Education Program at (530) 661-5712 or visit their website at [www.yolofostercare.com](http://www.yolofostercare.com).**

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# Especially for Providers

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## News from the CARES Program

*We are excited to launch the CARES 2006-2007 Program. This year comes with a few changes in requirements guided by the CARES funding terms and conditions. We also have Ing Lindsey and Rossana Vigil overseeing the program. We look forward to providing incentives for Yolo County Child Care Providers. In September, we issued over \$200,000 in Stipends to providers. We hope this project year is one that rewards many Yolo County Providers for caring for children and continuing their education!*

## CARES Applications:

Applications will be mailed the first week of October to all previous CARES Participants. You can also call our office or visit our website at:

<http://www.cityofdavis.org/pcs/childcare/additional.cmf>

## New CARES Deadline:

The application deadline is **April 2, 2007**. This means that all documentation & requirements such as class grades, employment length, permit requirements, ECERS among others are **due on or before April 2**. Please refer to the 2006-2007 CARES Requirements.

We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. This will enable us to match you up to an advisor if you need one, provide you with technical assistance and/or mail pertinent information. Do keep in mind that supporting documentation must be submitted by the April 2, 2007 deadline.

## New CARES Requirements:

There are new CARES Requirements for 2006-2007. We will mail the 2006-2007 CARES Requirements along with the CARES Application the first week of October. Please review them carefully. Feel free to call either Ing Lindsey or Rossana Vigil if you have questions about CARES at (530) 757-5695.

## CARES Question & Answer Session

If you still have questions, such as:

- How do I determine which permit matrix level the provider qualifies for?
- How do I know which classes qualify?
- What steps do providers need to take to receive a stipend?

**Dates:** October 16  
November 15  
or December 4

**Time:** 6:30-8:30p.m.

**Place:** Yolo County Conference Room  
600 A Street, Davis  
Adjacent to Child Care Services Office

**You must register to attend by calling call Ing Lindsey or Rossana Vigil at (530) 757-5695.**

## Enroll in ECE Courses

Are you working in the child care field? Did you know that your career opportunities not only depend on your experience, but your training as well? Both, Sacramento City College and Woodland Community College have ECE classes ready for your career development. Also, when you continue with your training you may qualify for the CARES incentive program.

**Some of the ECE Classes include:**

- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Administration of Child Development Centers
- Health & Safety in the Child Care Setting
- Adult Supervision: Mentoring in a collaborative Learning Center

**To enroll please visit the websites for the community colleges.**

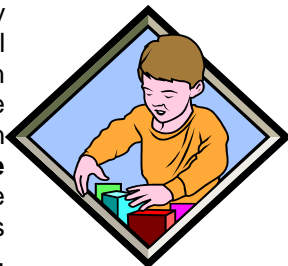
**Sacramento City College:**  
[www.scc.losrios.edu](http://www.scc.losrios.edu)

**Woodland Community College:**  
<http://woodland.yccd.edu/>

# Especially for Providers

## Come to PLAY Day in Davis!

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



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

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
13	17	15
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## Family Child Care Provider Training

### Family Child Care At Its Best Series

This series is designed for both, licensed family child care and licensed exempt providers. The classes are free and you must register to attend by calling Child Care Services at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001. All classes will be held at the County Conference Room, 600 A Street in Davis (adjacent to the Child Care Services office). Training in Russian will be available after January.

**ECE: CM– Social Emotional Development SPANISH**  
Saturday, October 21, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**ECE: MS– Math & Science for Young Children SPANISH**  
Saturday, November 4, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**ECE: CO– Child Observation ENGLISH**  
Saturday, December 2, 2006 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**ECE: MS– Math & Science ENGLISH**  
Saturday, January 20, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Yolo County Child Care Center Director's Association

The Director's Association was developed to support directors and emerging leaders to keep up to date on current events, trends, resources and community events related to the Early Care and Education profession. The group is funded



by First 5-Yolo to improve access to childcare and to enhance the quality of early care and education. Meetings are held on a monthly basis. For more information call Child Care Services Resource & Referral at (530) 757-5695 and ask for Tamiko Eslick.

## IRA Tax Credit Extended Beyond 2006

*From Redleaf Institute Newsletter September 2006*

On August 17, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which, among other things, permanently extends the Retirement Savings Tax Credit that can benefit many low-income family child care providers.

Providers qualify for this credit if their adjusted gross income is: \$50,000 or less (married filing jointly); \$37,500 or less (head of household); or \$25,000 or less (single or married filing separately). The tax credit is calculated based on contributions to any qualified IRA up to \$2,000 per person per year. This includes contributions to a regular IRA, Roth IRA, SIMPLE IRA, SEP, and 401(k) or 403(b) plans made by either the provider or her spouse. The amount of the tax credit is 10%, 20%, or 50% of the contribution based on the family's adjusted gross income.

Providers can claim this tax credit (up to a maximum of \$1,000 on a \$2,000 contribution) in addition to claiming the regular IRA tax deduction on eligible contributions. This is an unbeatable tax break! Providers who qualify should take advantage of the significant tax benefit of this credit.

Providers who made contributions to an IRA from 2003-2005 and were income eligible for this tax credit, but did not take advantage of the credit, can file an amended tax return to claim the credit. The credit is claimed on IRS Form 8880 Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions and carried forward to IRS Form 1040, line 51 (2005 version).

The Retirement Savings Tax Credit was set to expire at the end of 2006 before this new law was passed.

For more information contact your tax advisor.

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# *Especially for Providers*

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## **Childhood Lead Poisoning: A Resource for Child Care Providers**

### What is Lead Poisoning?

- Lead poisoning is a preventable disease caused by extreme exposure to environmental lead found in lead-based paint, dust, soil, and water and in some candies and canned foods from other countries.

- Lead can damage a child's brain and nervous system and delay cognitive and behavioral development, with irreversible effects. Irony: Nearly all of the lead in our environment, we put there!

### What Causes Childhood Lead Poisoning?

- Lead poisoning usually occurs when children ingest dust that contains lead. Children may also eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

- Lead-based paint was banned for use on housing in 1978. Therefore, homes built before that date may contain lead-based paint. Lead-based paint that is chipping and peeling can produce lead dust, which is very dangerous to children.

### Why Do I Need To Know About Lead Poisoning?

- You may have lead-based paint in your home or your center.

- You are in a position to improve the environment of children under your care and to advise their parents about the dangers of the exposure.

### Where Is Lead Found?

- Lead paint may be found on many surfaces, such as walls, doors, doorframes, windows (wells and sills), woodwork, railings, fences, porches, and stairs.

- Soil and dust can become contaminated with lead. Contaminated soil can be tracked indoors. Children should not play in bare-soil areas that may contain lead.

- Food that is grown in contaminated soil or near buildings painted with lead-based paint may contain lead. Food packaged in imported cans with lead solder seams may also contain lead. Some imported candies, especially Mexican candies, may contain lead.

- Water may become contaminated by lead in water pipes, plumbing fittings made of brass or bronze, or lead solder used to connect water pipes (banned in 1986).

- Some ethnic and home remedies and imported cosmetics may contain lead

### What Can I Do To Prevent Lead Poisoning Of Children In My Care?

- Childcare facilities (in the home and a center) must meet guidelines for lead-safe environments. **Wash and keep toys clean of dust and dirt. Do not allow children to play in dirt next to a house. Wipe down counters and play areas regularly.**

### How Does Nutrition Aid In Decreasing Lead Absorption?

- Lead fools the body into thinking it is iron, calcium, or zinc. This makes the body absorb more lead into the blood stream.

- Offer Children foods high in iron, calcium, and zinc.

- Offer children foods high in vitamin C because it helps the body absorb iron better.

- Offer children fewer high-fat foods. These may increase the absorption of lead.

- Lead is absorbed more quickly on an empty stomach.

### How Can I Advise Parents?

- Have children tested for lead poisoning at 1 and 2 years of age.

- Feed children foods high in calcium, iron, zinc, and vitamin C.

- Keep children away from potentially leaded environments-at home and at play.

### Who Can I Call?

**Yolo County Health Department  
(530) 666-8645  
California Regional Lead Contact  
(866) 372-9378**

# Campus Talk: Events & Information from UCD

Submitted by Ann Sandoval, Program Assistant  
UC Davis Child Care & Family Services, HR Administration  
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## **CAMPUS COMMUNITY BOOK PROJECT EVENT - October 18, 12 noon -1:30PM, East Conference Room MU.**

This talk is aimed at students, faculty, staff, and community members with children. Topics of interest include the impact of marketing on young children and families, including the financial and health implications of those marketing efforts. The primary interest is on food/food product marketing, but other topics are welcome. **Speaker:** Gary Ruskin is executive director and co-founder of Commercial Alert and is an expert on commercialism in schools, government and culture, and the effects of advertising on children and public health.

## **CAREER CATALYST BROWN BAG SERIES - Mee**

**Room, MU, 12-1p.m.** and sponsored by the Staff Development Professional Services. For more information, call (530) 752-1766 or visit their website at <http://sdps.ucdavis.edu>

**October 19** – Take Charge of your Career!

**November 2** – Calling All Baby Boomers

**FREE HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAM – BROWN BAG SERIES!! All programs 12-1pm, Cabernet Room, Silo.** For more information call Staff Development & Professional Services (530) 752-1766.

**October 12** - It Isn't Always Alzheimer's: What to do When Memory Fails

**November 16** – Wake Up! A Program for Fatigue Management

**December 14** – Open Salsa Dancing for Beginners

## **STUDY SHOWS HOW SECONDHAND SMOKE INJURES**

**BABIES' LUNGS**, August 15, 2006, UC Davis News & Information, Kent Pinkerton, UCD Professor of Pediatric Medicine. UC Davis researchers described how cigarette smoke damages lungs of unborn and newborn children. *"Smoke exposure causes significant damage and lasting consequences in newborns," Pinkerton said. "This research has a message for every parent: Do not smoke or breathe secondhand smoke while you are pregnant. Do not let your children breathe secondhand smoke after they are born."*

Dr. Kent Pinkerton, Center for Health and the Environment, (530) 752-8334, [kepinkerton@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kepinkerton@ucdavis.edu). For the complete article, visit: [www.news.ucdavis.edu/](http://www.news.ucdavis.edu/)

**FAMILY CONNECTION PROGRAM** - Enrollment in the Early Childhood Laboratory's daily program is not necessary for participation in the Family Connections Program, and enrollment procedures for both programs are separate. All families are welcome to participate, space permitting.

**Now enrolling for 8-week sessions.** A chance to learn about child development as your child explores an environment set up just for kids! A program designed for parents and caregivers of infants and toddlers that will stimulate your child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development.

- Enjoy connecting with other parents in a warm, supportive environment
- Practice providing your child with developmentally appropriate activities and get ideas for home
- Ask a child development expert questions about sleeping, eating, toileting, discipline, play, and more
- Learn how to use Baby Signs to communicate with your preverbal child

**Where?** UC Davis Center for Child and Family Studies

**When?** Meet once per week for 8 weeks. Each meeting is 1.5 hours. Sessions are now being scheduled for Friday and Saturday mornings.

**For more information or to have your name added to our mailing list**, call 530-754-9081 or e-mail [familyconnectionprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:familyconnectionprogram@yahoo.com).

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND STAFF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & DIVERSITY**

have moved to TB 115 (near the intersection of Shields and California). For assistance, call SHEP 752-9255 or SAAD 752-6030.

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

has moved to Tercero Trailer B (at southern edge of Parking Lot 41, near the intersection of Hutchison and LaRue). In late 2007, SD&PS will be moving to the Hog Barn, so this is a temporary move. For assistance, call 752-1766.

**STAFF WORK/LIFE BROWN BAG SERIES** workshops are held from **12-1pm, Silo/Cabernet Room**.

For more information call Staff Development & Professional Services, (530) 752-1766.

**October 26** – Unlocking the Secrets of MindBody Intelligence

**November 9**– What's Your Hospice IQ?

**November 30** – The Caregiver's Dilemma

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## **UC DAVIS OFFERS A BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT PROGRAM**

providing lactation sites, pumps, supplies, and education for its affiliates. Release time is appropriate in accordance with California law (Directive 02-060).



Registration and orientation sessions are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, 12-12:30pm, Human Resources Admin Bldg., (Orchard Road, Parking Lot #35). Following the orientation, there will be a Breastfeeding Q&A from 12:30-1:15pm. Lonna Hampton, MA is the campus Lactation Specialist and she can be reached at [LonnaHampton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LonnaHampton@sbcglobal.net) or (530) 752-5412.

Medical Center sessions are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from, 11-12pm, Glassrock Bldg., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room. Cheryl Burstiner, RN, CLE, is the UCDMC Lactation Specialist and she can be reached at [cheryl.burstiner@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:cheryl.burstiner@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu) or (916) 703-3360.

For more information, contact Child Care & Family Services, (530) 752-5415 or [amsandoval@ucdavis.edu](mailto:amsandoval@ucdavis.edu).

## **UC DAVIS BREASTFEEDING BROWN-BAG NOON SERIES**

for expectant and new mothers are held on campus the third Tuesday of each month from 12-1pm, and consultations from 1-2pm in the Moss Room, MU. These discussions are facilitated by Lonna Hampton, MA, Lactation Specialist. For more information, call (530) 752-5412.

**October 17** -- Putting it all together: work, school, family, breastfeeding

**November 14\*** -- The benefits of human milk \*November meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**December 12\***-- Keeping milk supply up and holiday stress down \*December meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**UC DAVIS BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP** meets in the Health Sciences Complex, MS1-C, Room 130 on the first Wednesday of every month, 12-1:30pm. These discussions are facilitated by Lonna Hampton, MA, Lactation Specialist. For more information, call (530) 752-5412.

## **WELLNESS FAIR - ARC**

The Campus Benefits Office, in partnership with the UCD Staff Assembly, will host the 2006 **Benefits & Wellness Fair** on Wednesday, **November 15, 2006 from 10-2pm**. Note that the location has changed this year to the ARC Ballroom. This annual event provides an opportunity for employees to learn more about improving or maintaining a healthy lifestyle, as well as learning about their health insurance plan benefits from the insurance carriers.

## **Calling for Presenters for the Yolo County Child Development Conference**

Would you like to be a presenter at the 2007 Yolo County Child Development Conference? Please save the date, **April 21, 2007!** We are currently accepting conference workshop proposals. We are particularly interested in topics addressing the following:

- ◇ Challenging Behaviors
- ◇ Child Development/ECE
- ◇ Children With Disabilities
- ◇ Cultural Diversity
- ◇ Health & Safety
- ◇ Infants & Toddlers
- ◇ Curriculum/School Readiness
- ◇ Assessments/Portfolios/Observations
- ◇ Play & Learning Activities

If you would like to be a presenter, please contact Tamiko Eslick at (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.

## **YCEL Simplifies Search for Affordable Child Care!**

**Low-Income Families Benefit from Single Application for County-Wide Child Care Assistance** - Yolo County child care programs have developed an easier way for families to apply for assistance paying for child care. It's called YCEL, Yolo County Centralized Eligibility List.

Until now, families had to apply at each program and be placed on individual waiting lists. With the new County-Wide Eligibility List, families will be able to complete one application that will qualify them for all State funded full and part-time child care programs.

To apply, contact Robert Wallis at Child Care Services, 600 A Street in Davis or by calling (530) 755-5695 or from West Sacramento at (800) 723-3001.

# Legislative Update



*This summary of active California legislation has been submitted by Donita Stromgren, Public Policy Coordinator with the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network. For more information you may contact her at by e-mail at [donita@davis.com](mailto:donita@davis.com) or visit the R&R Network at [www.rrnetwork.org](http://www.rrnetwork.org).*

## **NEW LAW- Effective January 2007**

### **AB2403 (DeVore) – Large Family Child Care Permits**

Requires that local government provide a written fee verification and process time line for a conditional use permit for large family child care home, within 45 days of the applicant's request. **Status: Chaptered Bill #105**

## **New Bill:**

**SB697 (Kuehl)- Collective Bargaining Rights for Family Child Care Providers** Allows family child care providers to be represented by a collective bargaining entity who would negotiate with the state on their behalf. Requires collection of union and administration fees by Alternative Payment Programs. Prohibits the calling of a strike

## **Active Legislation**

**AB107 (Benoit)- Community Care facilities- Urgency Clause (Amended)** Requires that 30% of community care licensed facilities be inspected annually through random/unannounced visits. Requires civil penalties for certain specified Type A violations that would be placed in a fund for technical assistance and outlines specific required action and timelines following substantiated complaints, TSO's, exclusions and revocations. **Status: Senate Floor**

### **AB172 (Chan) – Universal Preschool**

Subject to funding from passage of the State Budget, this bill requires a report on preschool programs by January 1, 2007 and a plan on the coordination of postsecondary education programs by January 1, 2008. **Status: Senate Floor**

**AB633 (Benoit) – Child care facilities- licensing & notification** Requires providers to notify new and existing parents of any Type A violations, noncompliance conferences, and accusations leading to revocation for one year after incident. Changes current language of "Oliver's Law" required by R&R's to give to parents along with child care referrals. Amended language is more "parent-friendly." **Status: Governor's Desk**

### **AB1282 (Mullin)- Employer Child Care Tax Credit**

Extends the employer's child care tax credit through 2011 allowing a deduction of up to 30% of start-up expenses for a child care center, contributions to resource & referral programs. Requires the Franchise Tax Board to do a report on the effectiveness of the program. **Status: Senate Floor**

### **AB1601 (Laird) – License-exempt providers/Trustline (Planned Amendments)**

Requires the trustline of aunts & uncles (pending available funding), shortens the time allowed for an exempt provider to complete the trustline process to 14 days. Requires APP's to stop payment when a "hit" occurs on the provider's trustline clearance process and requires that payment only begins upon clearance in any county (TARP & Non-TARP) where 75% of the license-exempt providers are registered with Trustline within 14 business days. Also provides for an informational brochure to inform child care providers of the details of the child care delivery system in California.

**Sponsored by SEIU & United Child Care Union (AFSCME). Status: Senate Floor**

**AB2865 (Torrico)- Child Care Center- Pest Management** Requires that state-funded child development programs notify parents of pesticide use and that private programs that own their site use the least toxic methods for pesticide application, maintain records on use and inform parents of pesticide use. Renters would be required to inform parents of pesticide use if notified by the property owner. Requires Department of Pesticide Management to develop integrated pest management education for child care programs. **Status: Senate Floor**

**AB2881 (Mullin) – State Preschool Programs. R&R & Unexpended Funds-Urgency Clause- (CCDAA sponsored)** Establishes full day state preschool programs and includes educational tasks and goals. **Additionally requires R&R programs to notify Family Child Care Home Education Networks of the suspension or termination of a provider's license. Status: Senate Floor**

### **SB1759 (Ashburn)- Criminal Background Checks**

Requires that all employees working in community care facilities complete the criminal background check process prior to commencing employment. This puts into statute the requirements already in regulation. Allows state departments to share information on administrative actions against applicants and licensees and requires DSS to maintain a centralized system for monitoring and tracking final administrative actions. **Status: Assembly Floor**

### **AB1144 (Harman) – Playground Safety Standards (Significant Amendments)**

Requires any new or modified playground meet standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the playground-related guidelines by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Older playgrounds will be required to meet current standards set no later than 15 years after they were installed. **Status: Assembly Concurrence**

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# Legislative Update

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**AB2196 (Spitzer) –Registered Sex Offenders Website**  
Requires child care facility to give parents/guardians information about the availability of Megan's law website. Also requires they provide a copy of the Parent's Rights brochure. **Status: Governor's Desk**

**AB2802 (Pavley)- Early Learning Credential (Significant Amendments)**  
Requires the development of an optional early learning credential for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade that includes 24 units of Early learning with 12 units possible through community colleges and 12 units in the credential program all incorporated into the existing multiple subject credential program. **Status: Senate Floor**

**SB638 (Torlakson) –After School Programs – Urgency clause added**  
Changes the funding to a direct grant instead of reimbursement based while increasing the maximum funding cap and decreasing the local match. Requires Department of Education to establish physical education and activity standards for after school programs. Requires: attendance reporting quarterly, breakfast service in before school programs, operation 15 hours per week minimum, establish outcome measures for 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs inc. high school exit exam success. Requires that 1.5% of the funds be spent on technical assistance, evaluation and training services. **Amended to require that CDE develop program improvement plans if attendance falls below 75% of proposed levels, fails to demonstrate measurable outcomes or to improve academic achievement of attending students. Status: Assembly Floor (Defer to School-age Consortium for position)**

## DEAD BILLS-

*August 18 was the last day for bills to pass out of the fiscal committee (Appropriations). Any bills that failed passage are considered Dead. Those bills include:*

**AB1095 (Mullin)- Child Care Center: Staff training days-(CCDAA sponsored)-Urgency bill**  
Allows for one staff training day for contracted center-based child care programs with minimal inconvenience to families. **Status: Dead**

**SB1750 (Vincent)- Contracted Child Care Centers-Funding & Audit- (CCDAA sponsored)**  
Allows agencies to augment funds through third party funding sources without having those funds considered in determining maximum expenditures by CDE. Requires CDE to develop and maintain a standardized system of auditing, which will be provided to contractors in writing, any standards, rules, and auditing protocols to use in those audits. Requires a plan for advancing child care funds to contracting agencies in a timely manner. **Status: Dead**

**AB1246 (Wolk) – Preschool Curriculum Standards**  
Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop preschool learning standards and curriculum guides in reading/language arts, math, history/social science and science. It requires review of the standards every 7 years and public hearings prior to adoption. Requires a separate curriculum strand with the instruction focus on the physical, social and emotional development of the child. **Status: Dead (Monitored by the Network)**

**SB1764 (Runner)- Kindergarten/First Grade Admittance Age**  
Phases in the starting age for kindergarten in 2009-10 through 2011-12 at which point it would be 5 years-old by September 1. Maintains the same funding for schools despite the lowered ADA and requires schools to provide school readiness programs to children no longer age eligible for kindergarten. Teachers in the school readiness program must have a teaching credential or a child development permit. **Status: Dead**

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**Child Care Services Resource & Referral provides free services to families and child care providers in Yolo County. Some of our services include:**

### **For Parents**

- ◇ *Free Child Care Referrals to licensed programs*
- ◇ *Parents Together, a support group for parents of infants*
- ◇ *Trustline, a registry for legally license exempt child care providers*
- ◇ *Playgroup Information*
- ◇ *Free publications: Small Talk & On the Go*
- ◇ *Toy & Resource Library*
- ◇ *Child Development Conference*

### **For Early Care & Education Professionals**

- ◇ *Referral Services for licensed facilities*
- ◇ *Trainings & Classes*
- ◇ *Support & Resources*
- ◇ *Play Day, a school readiness program*
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