



April News & Events!

The Mission of Child Care Links is to provide resources that strengthen and support children and their families.



A message from our CEO, Kelly O'Lague Dulka:

When I joined the staff at Child Care Links three months ago I knew Child Care Links was an incredible organization but I had no idea how much amazing work was being done here to strengthen and support families.

Here are a few ways we fulfill our mission:

- *We ensure that families have access to high-quality child care.* We provide Child Care Resource and Referral services.
- *We provide parents and care givers access to a variety of necessary resources.* These resources include tangible goods like diapers, literacy materials and car seats and intangible things like parent education and support.
- *We provide coaching, training and support for child care professionals.* In-home child care providers, licensed and exempt centers and caregivers who are family, friends and neighbors can all take advantage of the trainings we provide.
- *And, we serve as a resource to families who need financial assistance to be able to pay for child care.* We know that keeping parents in the workforce is one of the best ways to getting families out of poverty! Bottom line, we support and advocate for the most vulnerable families in our community!

We invite you to join us in strengthening and supporting families! Here are some ways you can get involved:

- *Volunteer to help with our Diaper Pantry.* Host a diaper drive, come help when the Pantry is open, donate a box of size 4, 5 or 6 diapers. It's fun to know that you're changing diapers and changing lives!
- *Donate your gently used clothing or kids' books.* Our goal is to get age-appropriate books into every home in Alameda County. A lofty goal for sure, but you can help! Donations can be dropped at our Oakland or Pleasanton offices during normal business hours or by special arrangement on weekends.
- *Mentor a parent.* Moms helping moms and dads helping dads - such a powerful way to change a family's life. Could you share your parenting "best practices" with another mom or dad?
- *Donate an auction item.* We are having an auction fundraiser to support our Diaper Pantry and other community programs during the month of May and could use any gift cards, gift certificates, sports or event tickets or just about anything that can be auctioned off!

If you'd like to learn more about the important work Child Care Links is doing in your community or if you'd like to volunteer, send me an email (kdulka@childcarelinks.org) I'd love to hear from you!

Thanks for your efforts to strengthen and support families. Together we can change lives!

Upcoming Events!



An Evening with Community Care Licensing

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

In an effort to bridge communication and improve community relations, the local Child Care Licensing Regional Offices are establishing stakeholder meetings.

The meetings will be an opportunity to build collaborative relationships with your local Licensing Regional Officer. Child Care Providers will learn about new initiatives from the Department, engage in discussions about challenges affecting child care at a local level, and network directly with Licensing Program Analysts and Licensing Program Managers.

Wednesday, May 16th
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Child Care Links Conference Room

RSVP to Barbara Brown, Regional Manager
Barbara.brown@dss.ca.gov or
510.622.2590

An additional meeting date will be released specifically for Child Care Centers

**Autism Spectrum Disorder:
Identifying Symptoms and
Understanding the Diagnostic Process**

Thursday, 5 April



6.30pm - 8.00pm
Register [HERE](#)



Seeing the Child Behind the Behavior

Wednesday, 11 April
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Register [HERE](#)



California Preschool Framework and Foundations - Health

**CCIP participants, license-exempt, potential and licensed Family Home Child Care Providers ONLY*

Thursday, 12 April
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Register [HERE](#)

ECE Competencies: Health, Safety, and Nutrition

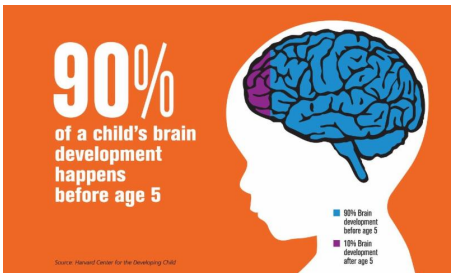


California Preschool Framework and Foundations - Physical Development

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Tuesday, 17 April
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Register [HERE](#)

ECE Competencies: Learning Environments and Curriculum



Brain Development

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Saturday, 21 April
9.00am - 12.30pm
Register [HERE](#)

ECE Competencies: Child Development and Learning

Social Emotional Tools

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Saturday, 21 April
12.30pm - 2.30pm
Register [HERE](#)

ECE Competencies: Relationships, Interactions
and Guidance



Understanding and Managing Behavior for Children with Special Needs

Thursday, 26 April
6.30pm - 8.00pm
Register [HERE](#)



No Child Left Inside

Saturday, 28 April
9.00am - 12.00pm
Register [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view May and June upcoming events!

Mandated Reporter Training



Beginning January 1st, 2018 Licensed Child Care Providers, applicants, Directors, and employees are required to complete training as specified on their mandated reporter duties and to renew their training every two years. Be sure to take the correct course for Child Care Providers, fulfilling AB 1207 requirements.

Don't forget!

- * Volunteers are encouraged, but not required
- * Existing licensees must meet requirements by March 30th, 2018

* New employees have 90 days from date of employment to complete training, as required

Click [HERE](#) to take the online required training.

Save the Dates!

INFO AND RESOURCE FAIR

Tri-Valley Community Health Fair
Saturday, May 5, 2018
Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton

Free services will include:

- 1) Health care evaluations
 - 2) Mental health counseling
 - 3) Housing information and career counseling
- Haircuts, family portraits, groceries, backpacks, a kids' zone and more will also be available.

Safe Kids Day 2018
Saturday, June 23rd
Oracle Arena, Oakland

Family entertainment, safety activities and resource information will be available!

This year, the Safe Kids Day will include a distribution of free bicycle helmets and booster seats!

Child Care Links is **HIRING!**

Working at Child Care Links is more than just a job. It's a place where employees come to work each day to make a difference in the lives of children and their families. We invite you to explore the possibility of making a positive impact at Child Care Links and in the communities we serve.

Child Care Links is currently hiring for a [Training and Outreach Coordinator](#).



We Love Our Diaper Darlings!

The following people and organizations have donated diapers in 2018:

Afsheen Afzal ~ Salvation Army ~ Julie Ashmore ~ Chaitali Bandyopadhyay ~ Denise Berkowitz ~ Julie Camberg ~ Amy Carr ~ Eric & Paulette Carr ~ Carrie Chambers ~ Kristen Charlson ~ Kate D'Or ~ Ian Davidson ~ Chuck Deckert ~ Delia & Charlie DeLaRosa ~ Nicole Denney ~ Camille Denzel ~ Shelley Despotakis ~ Annie Dulka ~ Kathy Dulka ~ Kelly O'Lague Dulka ~ Amanda and Victor Ferrer ~ Free to Be Me Child Care ~ Lisa Garcia ~ Lori and Paul Garcia ~ Marty Garcia-Cotter ~ Erin Green ~ Kristie Gross ~ Noelle Hannula ~ Hindu Community and Cultural Center ~ Jamie Hintzke ~ Angela & Garrett Holmes ~ Jennifer Hosterman ~ Amanda Houston ~ Karen Kallestad-Miller ~ Kimberly LaRosa ~ Sarah Mann ~ Ken Mano ~ Debbie Marshall ~ Michelle McDonald ~ Stephanie McGough ~ Kimberly McLellan ~ Tiana Megofna ~ Amy Miller ~ Mollie Molin ~ Alice Nakanishi ~ Dorian Nasby ~ Debbie Nemecek ~ Renee Palm ~ Woody Queen ~ Heather Rizzoli ~ Rotary Club of Pleasanton ~ Bonnie Russell ~ Gwen Salzborn ~ Susan Schall ~ Linda Smith ~ Jennifer Solari ~ Bob Tedrick ~ Stefanie Tomlinson ~ Arany Uthayakumar ~ Dawn Wilson ~ Carly Yamaichi ~ Lea Yancey ~ Kathy Young



If you would like to donate diapers,
please email us at diapers@childcarelinks.org!

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