

July 2017

News & Information



Greetings!

In the American holiday calendar no day is more significant than the Fourth of July, in which we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Child Care Links would like to wish **America a Happy Birthday**, the freest, most creative, productive, and richest nation in the history of mankind

In honor of this day Child Care Links will be **closed July 3rd and 4th**.

July's newsletter is filled with events, summer safety tips, results from the Kids Contest, and a chance to win a \$50 gift card.

Child Care Links is offering a [CPR/First Aid](#) training on **8 July** and we hope you will join us on **12 July** for a training on [Preventing Seasonal Illnesses](#) with **Dr. Dawnell Moody, Chief Medical Officer from Axis Community Health**. Discover what illnesses are more prominent during certain times of the year and contributing factors that can lead to prevention.

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

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In Gratitude

Child Care Links is thankful for the support from our sponsors; Resource & Referral Network, First 5 Alameda County, CCIP

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Child Care Links Trainings



Child Care Links will be **closed** on **July 3rd and 4th.**

Register now for upcoming trainings.

JULY

[Preventing Seasonal Illnesses: Best Practices For Staying Healthy All Year](#)

7/12/17, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Call to register, 925.417.8733

[CPR/First Aid](#)

7/8/17, 9:00am - 5:30pm

AUGUST

[Let's Cook With Kids](#)

[Vamos a Cocinar Con Los Ninos](#)

8/23/17, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Reminder:

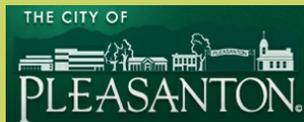
Effective July 1st, 2017, anyone (Child Care Providers, Parents, Trainers, Students, ect.) interested in attending trainings at Child Care Links must provide a Workforce Registry ID Number when registering to attend any professional development trainings, workshops or events. Visit www.caregistry.org to create your account today!

[Register Here](#)

Trainings at First 5

(Child Care Initiative Project), the City of Dublin, and the City of Pleasanton. Their faithful support and collaboration is instrumental in promoting Early Education, Quality Child Care, and Professional Development for families, and Child Care Professionals who serve them.

We are grateful to be building a stronger community together by providing valuable resources that strengthen families.



[World Trust: Cracking the Codes](#)

7/14/17, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Class fee: Free

CEU fee: \$15

[Dynamic Mindfulness Training for Stress Resilience](#)

7/21/17, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Class fee: \$30

CEU fee: \$30

Win a \$50 Gift Card



Child Care Links offers a variety of workshops for Parents, Caregivers and Early Childhood Educators. Your knowledge, experience, and interests are highly valued. Your voice will help tailor Professional Development trainings, and resources to enhance your work with children.

All surveys returned by 15 July will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a **\$50 Lakeshore Gift Card**. One entry per person. The drawing will take place on 17 July. You do not need to be present to win.

Take The Survey NOW!

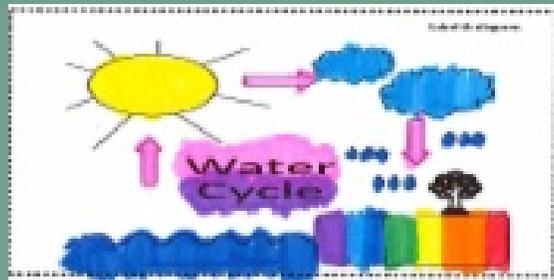
KIDS CONTEST

Congratulations!

Child Care Links would like to congratulate our young winners of the **Kids Water Bottle Contest**.

The winners will have their art work featured on Child Care Links promotional water bottles. They will also receive a free case of water featuring their masterpiece.

Annika Liang, age 6.



Aditi Chitta age 7.



Congratulations **Annika** and **Aditi**. Great job!

CHILD CARE LINKS IN THE COMMUNITY

Oakland Community Festival



Supervisor Nate Miley Meets Child Care Links Subsidy Staff!

On Saturday, 24 June Child Care Links had the pleasure of attending the **Oakland Community Festival** at the Verdese Carter park in East Oakland, hosted by the Public Defenders Office. Special guest **Supervisor Nate Miley** took the time to visit our information booth for a photo opportunity. Thank you **Phan Fong**, **Elisa Ramirez** and **Norma Bart-Williams** for taking the time to serve the East Oakland families who attended the event and connect with other community organizations.

Safe Kids Day



Safety First

Child Care Links attended **Safe Kids Day 2017** on 10 June. This family fun event was put on in partnership by Safe Kids and **County Supervisor Scott Haggerty**.

The event featured the distribution of 500 booster seats, 200 bicycle helmets and activities to promote injury prevention and safety education. Thank you **Angela Register**, **Alma Lindblom**

and **Charg Zeeb** (featured in photo) for connecting with local families, and making the Kids Water Bottle Contest fun.

CHILD CARE LINKS DIAPER PANTRY

Thank you!



Child Care Links would like to give **Valley Community Church** a heart-felt **Thank You** for hosting a very successful diaper drive last month. Their contributions totaled 5,153 diapers which is enough to provide 35 more babies with a month supply of diapers.

The Child Care Links Diaper Pantry has gone from distributing 4,500 diapers as a pilot program in January, to distributing 18,000 diapers in May. The support from community organizations like **Valley Community Church** is instrumental in order to meet the growing needs of low-income Tri-Valley families. We simply couldn't do it without the generous support from community partners.

Can you help? Here are ways to partner with us:

- Hold a **Diaper Drive**
- **Donate Online** [HERE](#) (please type "diapers" under special instructions)
- **Mail/drop off checks/cash or diapers** (sizes 4, 5 & 6 needed) to: Child Care Links Diaper Pantry, 6601 Owens Drive, Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588.
- Drop off diapers

For more information contact Child Care Links 925.417.8733.

Donate [HERE](#)

SUMMER SAFETY

How Can You Pool Safely?



Pool Safely Song

Who ever thought learning about pool safety could be so fun!

Laurie Berkner's Pool Safely song is a wonderful interactive video that gets you and your kids singing about four easy pool safely rules.

1. Learn to swim
2. Don't go climbing over the gate
3. When you see a drain, stay away
4. Ask a grown up

What a great way to educate your kids about being safe around water while having fun.

Could Heatstroke Happen to Your Child?

It's Hot Hot Hot!!

Did you know:

- A child's body heats up three to five times

faster than an adult's body.

- A child can die of heatstroke in 72 degree weather
- More than half of heatstroke deaths occurred when a distracted caregiver forgot a quiet child was in the vehicle.

Every 10 days, across the United States, a child dies while unattended in a hot car. It only takes a few minutes for a car to heat up and become deadly to a child inside. As summer temperatures rise, more kids are at risk.



Heatstroke: Could it Happen to Your Child?

We can all work together to keep kids safe from heatstroke by remembering to ACT:

A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.

C: Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car,

call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

Click here for [Heat Stroke Safety Tips](#) or visit [Safe Kids World Wide](#).

3 Ways to Keep Kids Safe Around Fireworks



More than 3,000 children under the age of 15 are sent to the emergency room each year in the United States because of fireworks. Sparklers, which are typically viewed by parents as relatively harmless fireworks for children, account for one-third of the injuries to children under five.

The best way to protect your family is to not use any fireworks at home. Instead, attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.

If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.

Tops Tips:

1. Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times.
2. Little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200 degrees. How about this? Let your young children use glow sticks instead. They can be just as fun but they don't burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass.
3. Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.

[Here](#) are a few more tips on how to stay safe around fireworks.

Source: [Safe Kids Worldwide](#)

On Site Workshop Opportunity

Greening Preschools



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot!

Greening Preschools: Alameda County ECE

Educating children and staff on proper waste, recycling and composting best practices can be fun. Save money on your waste bill while your students learn to care for the Earth.

For Your Site, Greening Preschools:

- Classroom lessons by Rocky the Recycling Raccoon and friends!
- Staff trainings
- Free recycling and compost bins
- Upcycle and recycle craft ideas

To bring a Greening Preschools training to your location, contact Alisa at alias.healy@acgov.org, 510.208.9653.