



November News!



Our hearts go out to the victims that have endured the devastation from the recent natural disasters, fires and shootings.

We are truly inspired by the many companies, organizations, and individuals who have given their time and resources to ensure nobody is left without food, clothing, a place to sleep, and hope.

Whether you are a victim of a tragedy, on the frontlines of offering relief, or a compassionate bystander, it is during these fragile moments when humility and humanity meet for all to see, that the true meaning of giving thanks is felt.

Child Care Links is grateful to be part of such a collaborative community that cares so deeply about the welfare of all.

This month Child Care Links is offering three trainings and opportunities to connect with some holiday giving programs. You will also meet the newest members of the Child Care Links family.

Child Care Links will be **closed on 23 and 24 November** for Thanksgiving. We hope you get the opportunity to enjoy the long holiday weekend with family and friends.

Cheers!

Celebrating A Beautiful Life

Last month, Child Care Links lost a long-time Child Care Provider and dear friend, Teri Wendt. Teri passed away on October 24, 2017.

Teri was one of the most dedicated, selfless, and compassionate human beings who was very near and dear to our hearts.

She provided Child Care for 29 years in the Tri-Valley and served as the current President of Valley Family Child Care Association (VFCCA). Teri was passionate about children and was without a doubt, Child Care Links #1 Fan.

Teri's commitment to the profession is to be commended. She was a regular attendee at Child Care Links Professional Development Trainings and in addition to lighting up the room with her positive energy and loving spirit, she always added value to the conversation with her vast knowledge and experience from the child care field. She had a unique ability to make everyone feel as though they were the only one that mattered

Teri was instrumental in facilitating on-going support and recognition for the Child Care Links Diaper Pantry, not only contributing her own financial resources but rallying others to contribute and encouraging groups to hold Diaper Drives on our behalf. This is a devastating loss to the Child Care Profession, the community, and our agency. Her presence and contribution will be sorely missed

For those who wish to make a contribution to honor and support Teri's family with final expenses, a [Go Fund Me account](#) has been set up.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Friday, 3 November. The family is asking everyone to **wear purple in honor of Teri.**

Celebration of Life

Friday, 3 November

10:30am

Cornerstone Fellowship

348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore

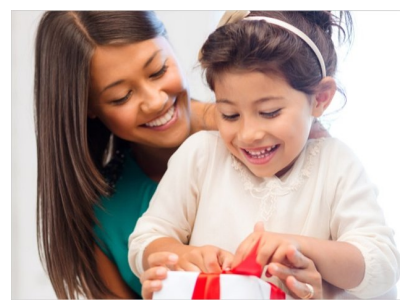
Reception to follow



Holiday Happenings in the Tri-Valley

Child Care Links Holiday Toy Drive

Each year **Child Care Links** helps hundreds of families secure affordable quality child care for their children, and provides free child care referrals, Early Education trainings and workshops, Car Seat Safety Checks, Diapers, and Health and Safety Programs to Alameda County families and Child Care Providers.



This year **Child Care Links** is collecting toys for our most vulnerable families and we need your help to ensure that their children, ages 2 - 7 years old, receive a gift this holiday season. Toys will be distributed at all 5 of our Alameda County locations during the month of December.

How to Participate:

Purchase toys listed at the [Roonga website](#)

Donate at www.childcarelinks.org

Deliver a new, unwrapped toy to one of our offices located at:

- 6601 Owens Dr., Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588
- 80 Swan Way, Ste. 130, Oakland, 94621

For more information contact **925.417.8733**.

Community Holiday Programs

For families needing a little extra help this holiday season, below are two opportunities being offered in the Tri-Valley to make sure everyone you love has something special under the tree.

1. Holiday Pop Up Shop

For families living in **Dublin** or **Pleasanton** [pre-register](#) by **1 November** to shop, grab a cup of cocoa, pick out the perfect presents for your loved ones, wrap them, and be on your merry way. "Walk-in" guests will not be able to be accommodated. For more information call 925.600.1110, or info@toyshop.team.



When Thursday 14, December, 7:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 16, December, 9:00am - 6:00pm

Location Workday Corporate Office, 140 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton

Register No later than 1 November [online here](#), or in person at Valley Community Church, 4455 del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Mon - Thurs 10:00am - 2:30pm.

2. Tri-Valley Haven's Holiday Program

Tri-Valley Haven will be accepting registration for their annual Holiday Program which provides gifts and food for low income Tri-Valley residents. You must pre-register and

live in Dublin, Pleasanton or Livermore. Registration packets are available at the **Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry, 418 Junction Ave., Livermore** For more information call **925.449.1664**.

Tri-Valley Haven's Holiday Program serves Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton and is not affiliated with any other programs.



Fall Back

Don't Forget...

To turn the clock back one hour at 2 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on **Sunday, 5 November**.



"Falling back" marks the end of the Daylight Saving time which started on March 12. The idea reportedly goes all the way back to the founding fathers when Benjamin Franklin wrote of the need to conserve energy and light throughout the year.

Upcoming Trainings at Child Care Links

Health & Safety

Saturday, 4 November
9:00am - 1:00pm

Stress Management & Self Care

This training is sold out

Meet Your Advocate

Wednesday, 15 November
6:45pm - 8:45pm

Preventative Health

Saturday, 18 November
9:00am - 5:30pm

Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scales (ECERS-R)

Saturday, 2 December
9:00am - 12:00pm

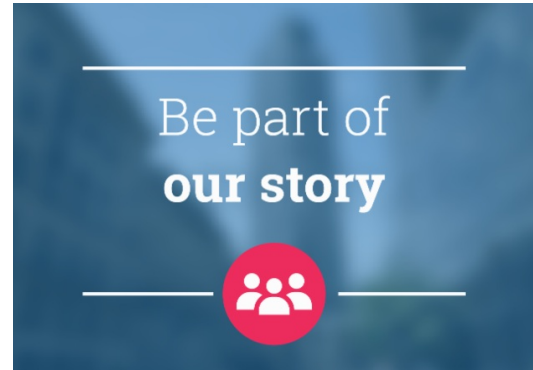
Job Opening at Child Care Links

Child Care Links is accepting applications for the **Executive Director** position until **Sunday, 5 November**.

Child Care Links is seeking an experienced nonprofit or public-sector leader and hands-on manager who will continue to inspire, guide and advocate on behalf of working families and their children.

Candidate should have a proven track record of attracting and sustaining public and private funding and partnerships as well as financial and political astuteness. The incoming Executive Director will bring strategic thinking, teamwork, and diplomacy to their work. Candidates should feel comfortable working in an organization that values integrity and collaborative solutions in a County with a diverse cultural and economic base of support.

The application deadline is **November 5, 2017** or until the position is filled. For the complete job description and details on how to apply please, click [HERE](#).



Child Care Providers Needed

More and more families are moving into the Tri-Valley area. There is a high demand for Licensed Child Care Providers who are able to provide before and after school transportation to the following Elementary Schools:

John Green Elementary School

3300 Antone Way, Dublin

Junction Avenue K-8

298 Junction Ave, Livermore

Marylin Avenue Elementary School

800 Marylin Ave., Livermore

Vineyard Elementary School

1401 Almond Ave., Livermore

Lawrence Elementary School

2451 Portola Ave. Livermore

If you currently offer transportation to any of the above mentioned schools, or are interested in providing transportation, please contact **Gayel Machado, Resource and Referral Specialist** for more details at **925.249.3906**, gayel@childcarelinks.org.

Child Care & Early Education Initiative - Update

The Alameda County Child Care and Early Education Initiative being driven by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors is tentatively slated for the June 2018 ballot. This initiative has the potential to bring in an estimated \$140 million a year in additional funding to expand access to quality child care and early learning opportunities for children and their families.



There are six upcoming family-friendly community input sessions being held in November and December throughout Alameda County. These sessions will provide key information about the:

- child care and early education crisis across our county and the ways it's impacting children, families, providers, and the broader community;
- work done to date and the draft program recommendations and cost allocation plan.

There will be opportunities to give feedback and participate in this important conversation. The dates, times, and locations are below.

Fremont: November 1st, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
39155 Liberty St., Fremont, CA 94538

Ashland/Unincorporated County: November 9th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Ashland Community Center
1530 167th Ave., San Leandro, CA 94578

Berkeley: November 15th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Malcom X Elementary School
1751 Prince St., Berkeley, CA 94703

Oakland: November 16th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
39155 Liberty St., Fremont, CA 94538

San Leandro: November 28th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577

Pleasanton: December 12th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Pleasanton Senior Center
5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566

For more information contact, Sonya Mehta, M.Ed. | Program Specialist, Alameda County Early Care and Education Program at 510-208-9698.

Governor Brown Approves Diaper Subsidy

Diaper Assistance for CalWORKs Families

Effective 1 April, 2018:

On 12 October 2017, Governor Brown approved a bill (**AB 480: welfare-to-work: necessary supportive services**) which will impact families effective **1 April, 2018**.

This bill will allow families participating in a welfare-to-work plan (CalWORKs) to become eligible for \$30 per month to assist with diaper costs for each child who is under 36 months of age. This subsidy will help cover a portion of the average cost of diapers for families, which is \$80 - \$100 a month.

Last month, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law about [100 bills related to education or children's issues and vetoed 26](#).

Welcome Little Ones

There are two new members of the Child Care Links Family!

Child Care Links staff member **Tami Ingram, Quality Control Specialist**, gave birth to a baby boy. **Ryan Alan** weighed in at 8lbs, 7oz and was 21" long. Ryan arrived on the morning of 17 October.



Staff member **Angela Register, Administrative and Operations Manager** welcomed a baby girl, **Aurora Monroe Taylor**, on 21 October. Aurora weighed 8lbs, 3oz and was 21" long.

Both moms and babies are all doing well. We can't wait to meet these precious angels.

Is Your Car Seat Installed Correctly?

Child Care Links is here to help!

Child Care Links is so devoted to ensuring your child is riding safely in your car that we provide free car seat safety checks as part of our services to the community.

The agency has a dedicated staff member who is a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST). If you would like to make sure your child's car seat is installed correctly, contact **Donnamarie Fuller** at **925.417.8733** or **dfuller@childcarelinks.org** for questions or to make an appointment.

Ever think your teen isn't listening? Check out what teens say about the role their parents' play in their behavior in cars.



Teens Share Why Parents are Key to Buckling Up

Child Care Links in the Community

SeeDubRun

Sunday, 8 October 2017
8:30am - 11:00am

Child Care Links was proud to participate in the 4th Annual 5K Color Run/Walk and 10K Run to support the Dublin Unified School District, in partnership with Dublin Integrity in Action that promotes and supports Wellness, Bullying Prevention and Character Education programs.



Our very own Helen Fulgado, Director of Finance, took 1st place in her division (featured above). Way to go Helen!

Child Care Links had a wide representation of twenty-four staff members and family who woke up at the wee hours of the morning to support this worthy cause. A great time was had by all; walking, running, skipping, riding in strollers, and being pulled in wagons. We even had one who participated in a wheelchair.



Oak Grove Outreach Event

Thursday, 19 October 2017
4:00pm - 6:00pm

A Big **Thank you** to Child Care Links employees **Stephanie McGough** and **Gayle Machado** for providing crafts, activities, and fun at the **Oak Grove Fall Outreach Event** last month.



Child Care Links enjoys engaging with community members where they live and work, to provide valuable resources that support children and their families. We are thankful to **Cindy Leung, District Community Liaison for Student Services** at the **Dublin Unified School District** for inviting us to participate in this wonderful event.

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