



September News!

Transitioning from the lazy days of summer to a new school routine can be exciting and stressful. Help calm children's fears (and your own) with these [tips](#).



September is **National Preparedness Month (NPM)**.

The Department of Homeland Security developed a 4-week campaign that focuses on planning, with an overarching theme, "[Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can.](#)" Visit the [Child Care Links Facebook Page](#) regularly to learn how you, and your loved ones, can prepare, practice, and [develop a plan](#) for yourself, family and friends.

Child Care Links is pleased to offer a three-part [Social Emotional Training Series](#) this month for Parents and Child Care Providers. Specific training details and registration options are featured below.

Carol Thompson

It is with great sadness that we announce that Child Care Links' long-time Executive Director, Carol Thompson, passed away on July 28, 2017. Carol's dedication to, and advocacy for, the children and families of Alameda County is well known and will be remembered by her colleagues, co-workers and the families she served.



Carol retired in December 2016 after over 35 years at Child Care Links. Below is a link to an article celebrating Carol's life's work that was published in the Pleasanton Weekly in December 2016. Click [here](#) to read the article.

In lieu of flowers, Carol's family asks that donations be made to Child Care Links.

Trainings at Child Care Links

Developing Healthy Relationships with Children Social Emotional Training Series

SESSION 1: [Building Social Emotional Skills](#)

Tuesday, 5 September
6:30pm - 8:30pm

SESSION 2: [The Spirited Child](#)

Tuesday, 12 September
6:30pm - 8:30pm

SESSION 3: [How to Talk so Kids Will Listen](#)

Tuesday, 19 September
6:30pm - 8:30pm

[Asthma in the Child Care Setting](#)

Wednesday, 4 October
6:30pm - 8:00pm

[Thinking Outside the Box with STEAM](#)

Wednesday, 11 October
6:30pm - 8:00pm

[Health & Safety](#)

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

[Stress Management & Self Care](#)

Tuesday, 14 November
6:30pm - 8:30pm

[Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scales \(ECERS-R\)](#)

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

Child Care Funding Update



CHILD CARE LAW CENTER®

The [Child Care Law Center](#) issued an [in-depth analysis](#) of child care funding in California's FY 2017-18 state budget.

Significant features in the final state budget for child care include:

- Total funding for child care and preschool is up \$320 million this year, bringing the total to \$3.9 billion.
- Hundreds of thousands of children will stay in quality child care because income eligibility guidelines have been increased and California adopted 12 months of continuous eligibility.
- In response to Governor Brown's proposal to exempt preschools run by school districts from health and safety regulations - a group of stakeholders will examine the regulations and recommend the appropriate action.

Read the full analysis [here](#).

Child Care Links in the Community

Children's Fair

Saturday, 9 September
10:00am - 4:00pm

Livermore Area Recreation & Park District is hosting a [Children's Fair](#)! Activities include a Petting Zoo & Pony Rides (fee); Live entertainment including Clown, Magician & more! FREE Make-It & Take-It Crafts; Youth sports in the gym, Information for Parents & Kids, and much, much more!



SeeDubRun

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

Dublin Unified School District, in partnership with Dublin Integrity In Action, presents its [4th Annual 5K Color Run/Walk and 10K Run](#). This fun, family and friends event promotes and supports Wellness, Bullying Prevention and Character Education programs. All funds raised from this event support the above programs at Dublin schools. Enjoy the Wellness Fair at the start and end of your Walk/Run!



Choosing Quality Child Care

What does quality child care mean to you?

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions families make, but all too often they must rely on word-of-mouth.

There are many features to consider when choosing a child care program for your family. Quality indicators include, but are not limited to:

- Location, cost, and hours of operation
- Low teacher to child ratios
- Age appropriate learning activities
- Engaging and safe learning environments
- Activities that support physical, social and emotional growth
- Qualified staff with professional development opportunities

Click [HERE](#) for a list of questions to help guide you through the choosing child care process.

For more information visit The Child Care Links [website](#).

Here's a video on what to look for when choosing child care.



Subsidized Child Care

What is Subsidized Child Care? It's another way of saying Child Care Assistance Program.

California's Subsidized Child Care Programs provide an invaluable service to many of the state's most-in-need families. They allow parents to provide for their family, while ensuring that their children receive appropriate care.



Ideally, this care is offered at no or little cost so that low-income working parents are able to pursue and achieve economic independence while their children are cared for in safe, stimulating, and nurturing environments.

For more information and rates, visit the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network's [Fact Sheets](#).

The Stork is Coming

Last month Child Care Links got to shower Angela Register, Administrative and Operations Manager with baby gifts.

Angela is expecting her first baby in October, and we wish her the very best with her expected new arrival.



Love Notes



Tools in Action!

It is always great to see how Child Care Providers are using the resources they receive from Child Care Links to expand their work with children. This is a recent note from a provider in the Tri-Valley.

"Good morning my friends at Child Care Links. Thank you for my CCIP ([Child Care Initiative Project](#)) program incentive.

Here is just a tiny sampling of the wonderful things I got at Lakeshore Learning for my Child Care Program. The kindness and care you have for Child Care Providers is so appreciated." - Teri Wendt

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