

February News & Events!



THANK YOU Rotary Club of Pleasanton!

The Child Care Links Diaper Pantry received a very generous grant award from the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Vanessa Dilks, Community Services Director, accepted the check on behalf of the agency. From left to right; Ryan Duncan Anderson (Child Care Links Board Member and



Pleasanton Rotarian), Todd Utikal (Pleasanton Rotary Foundation Board Secretary), Vanessa Dilks, and Brian Dunkel (Pleasanton Rotary Foundation Board President).

Child Care Links is thrilled to be recognized by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton for

the work we are doing through the diaper program to increase early literacy skills among low-income children.

Workday Diaper Drive



Go Workday!

Child Care Links is very excited to be partnering with <u>Workday Inc</u> who is hosting a Diaper Drive to benefit the **Child Care Links Diaper Pantry** from **2 February - 16 February.** They are also providing a team of volunteers to help unpack, sort, and prepare diapers for distribution.

Workday, Inc. is a provider of enterprise cloud-based applications for human capital management (HCM), payroll, financial management, time tracking, procurement and employee expense management

Workday Inc. offers many Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs for their employees to engage in causes they care about. Child Care Links is thankful for the opportunity to begin a strategic partnership with a company who invests in their employees and local communities.

If you, your school, organization, or business are interested in hosting a Diaper Drive, please contact Child Care Links at 925.417.8733 to receive a Diaper Drive Toolkit.

DONATE NOW

Upcoming Events

Child Care Links is **CLOSED** Monday, 19 February in observance of President's Day

CPR / First Aid

Saturday, 10 February 9:00am - 5:30pm Registration Fee: \$90 Call to register, 925.417.8733

ASQ:SE - 2 - Rescheduled from 1/27/18

Saturday, 17 February 9:00am - 12:30pm Child Care Links Conference Room

Directors of the Valley (DOV) Meeting

Tuesday, 20 February 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Contact **Laura Reno** at **Ireno@llesacc.org** for location and more information about becoming a member of the DOV group.

Ring in the Tax Year with Tom Copeland

Saturday, 24 February 8:30am - 10:30pm Child Care Links Conference Room

Creating a Policy Handbook

Saturday, 24 February 10:45am - 12:45pm Child Care Links Conference Room

Valley Family Child Care Association (VFCCA) Meeting

Tuesday, 27 February
6:45pm - 8:45pm
Child Care Links Conference Room
Contact **Deborah Barker** at **dbchildcare@hotmail.com** to learn more about becoming a member of the VFCCA.

DRDP Training Series

Session 1: Thursday, 8 March, 8:30am - 4:30pm Session 2: Thursday, 22 March, 8:30am - 4:30pm Session 3: Thursday, 12 April, 8:30am - 4:30pm * Must attend all 3 sessions Child Care Links Conference Room

Dads Dyad Differently

Thursday, 15 March 6:30pm - 8:30pm Child Care Links Conference Room

Family Friend & Neighbor Child Care Trainings

Do you provide child care for a family member, friend, or neighbor?

Child Care Links offers training opportunities for FFN (Family, Friend, and Neighbor) Child Care Providers on the second Wednesday of every month through May 2018 in our Oakland office.

Child Care Links Conference Room 80 Swan Way Oakland, CA 94621 11:30am - 1:00pm

February 14thPlanning for an Emergency **Register**

March 14th Cooking with Kids Register

April 11th
Diaper Time is Teaching Time
Register

May 9th Summer Adventures Register



Opportunities to Support the Child Care Links Diaper Program

Child Care Links is looking for community partners to support the agency's Diaper Program.

There are three easy ways you can support the **Child Care Links Diaper Program**:

1. Amazon Drop: The Child Care Links Diaper Program is in need of diapers, size 5 & 6. Select the Amazon links below to purchase size 5 or size 6 diapers. Ship to: Child Care Links, 6601 Owens Dr., Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588.



Click <u>HERE</u> to purchase size 5 diapers. Click <u>HERE</u> to purchase size 6 diapers.

- 2. **Donate:** Contribute funds directly to the Child Care Links Diaper Pantry <u>HERE</u>.
- 3. **Hold a Diaper Drive**: Contact Child Care Links at (925) 417-8733 to receive a free **Diaper Drive Tool Kit** with everything you need to hold a successful Diaper Drive.

Healthy Beverages in Child Care Study



The University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources is holding a study for both child care and family day care centers! The purpose of this study is to make child care and family day care centers healthier for children in California.

The study involves an online training on healthy beverages in child care,

developed to engage child care providers on the implementation of <u>AB 2084:</u> <u>Healthy Beverages in Child Care Act</u>.

The University is looking to recruit Child Care Providers who work at child care or family day care centers that provide care for children ages 2-5 years. If eligible and enrolled, Child Care Providers would participate in a year-long study about healthier child care programs. In order to be eligible to participate, providers will need to have access to the Internet from a computer, tablet or smart phone. In addition, their child care or family day care center must be in operation for more than one year, provide at least 1 meal, or 1 snack per day, and must not be a Head Start or State Preschool. If enrolled, Child Care Providers can receive up to \$100 for their participation. Attached are additional materials that describe this study, including a flier and a question and answer document.

Becoming a Licensed Family Child Care Provider



Have you considered becoming a Licensed Family Child Care Provider but don't know where to start?

You can turn that desire into a reality in 7 Easy Steps.

- 1. Attend a licensing orientation meeting.
- 2. Complete an application.

- 3. Complete 16 hours of Health and Safety Training.
- 4. Get Fingerprinted.
- 5. Conduct a safety check of your home.
- 6. Schedule a home visit with a Child Care Links staff member.
- 7. Schedule a pre-licensing visit with Community Care Licensing.

For more information contact Donnamarie Fuller, 925.249.3923, dfuller@childcarelinks.org.

Community Care Licensing Update



The Community Care Licensing Division's Child Care Program has released a new Provider Information Notice (PIN) regarding Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning.

This PIN outlines the importance of licensees maintaining detailed up-to-date emergency disaster plans, conducting regular emergency drills, and ensuring timely communication regarding

emergencies and disasters with their local Regional Office.

Please review <u>PIN 18-02-CCP</u> for more information and available resources to help in developing your disaster plans.

Child Care Assistance Programs

Child Care Links provides needed funds to families to pay for child care costs, through county, state and federal Subsidy and CalWORKs programs.

Funding for child care payments is available to eligible families, based on income, family size and need for



services. Subsidy and CalWORKs programs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) serve children, infant to thirteen years of age. Child Care Links is a parental choice program, and allows parents/guardians to select Child Care Providers who will best meet the needs of their child/children and family.

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