

## CALLING ALL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Help us make a difference in our community

 Building partnerships with individuals and organizations to help meet the child care needs of our communities

 Believing that all young children deserve the early care and education they need to be successful in school and life



We want to take a moment to let you know how thankful we are for your participation in the Lake County Child Care Planning Council. YOU make the council a vibrant resource for the children of Lake County.

### Two Hearts, One Beat....

"The Eskimo have fifty- two names for snow because it is important to them; there ought to be as many for love."

~ Margret Atwood



### LOVE IS EVERYTHING.

February, with Valentine's Day looming, gives me a perfect excuse to gush about my ECE peeps. Without a doubt, Lake County is filled with the most passionate early childhood educators and child advocates in the world, who serve the most adorable humans in the world.

YOU, all of you, have risen to the call of a county in need and have protected and nurtured our youngest students through what I hope will be the worst experience their lives will see. You did it with grace, patience and LOVE, even as many of you, too, experienced your own trauma. I cannot tell you how proud I am of our ECE educators and how inspired I am by your actions. We are on a long road to recovery and there are no other people I would want tending our children.

February is also the month when we begin the process of showering love on our Early Childhood Educators. Yes, it's time to begin nominations for the annual ECE Awards. Nomination forms are available in the LPC Office, please distribute the forms to your sites and get the word out. Save the date, our ECE Awards Dinner is May 6th at Twin Pines in Middletown - Masquerade Theme.



There are new and exciting changes coming to the LPC. We hired our Administrative Program Assistant, Audrey Patti on January 21st. Trust me, you will ADORE her. She is already digging in and refining her LPC knowledge. She will be joined by the new LPC/QRIS Coordinator in just a few short weeks. You are in great hands with your new staff and I am thrilled to continue advising your new team as we transition.

Moving forward in affection, Laurie

## QUALITY CARE COUNTS CONFERENCE Registration Now Open

Lake County  
**QUALITY CARE COUNTS**  
EARLY CARE & EDUCATION  
PROFESSIONALS' CONFERENCE  
Saturday, February 20, 2016  
8:00 am—5:00 pm  
Registration opens at 7:15 am  
Yuba College, Lake County Campus

**QUALITY**  
  
**EFFECTIVE**  
**TEACHING**

Session Highlights:  
Integrating Assessment Tools  
Creating Teamwork  
Social Emotional Development  
Managing Technology

For:  
Family Child Care Providers  
Preschool Staff  
Child Care Staff  
Head Start Staff  
Early Head Start Staff

**FOCUS ON THE CLASSROOM**  
Class Key Note Speakers: Sandra Lee and Stephanie Aguilar

Special Offering: CLASS Training .5 Unit Course by Dr. Laurie Daly, Ed.D.  
Professor of Early Childhood Education, Yuba College, Clearlake. This class focuses on the quality of interactions between teacher/child and provides a common lens and language to focus on what matters – classroom interactions that boost child learning.

**BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS:**  
Teacher Sensitivity Effect on Social Emotional Development  
Managing Technology – Taking Back Family Values  
Integrating Assessment Tools in Your Program  
Creating Teamwork in Your ECE Program

**Registration is FREE** For all child care professionals  
includes conference materials, continental breakfast and bag lunch.  
Register at [www.lakecountychildcareplanningcouncil.com](http://www.lakecountychildcareplanningcouncil.com)  
For more information call 707-262-4162

Quality Care Counts Conference is provided by grant funding from:  


[Register Here](#)

## LPC Website



### IT IS ALMOST HERE.....

We are loading the final photos and resources and the new website is almost complete and ready to launch. There are new features, including a map of our QRIS participant sites and links to our partner sites.

Watch your email for our launch!

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## Quality Rating and Improvement in Lake County



### Infant/Toddler Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Grant Program

Recently, the California State Department of Education (CDE), Early Education and Support Division (EESD) announced the availability of \$24.163 million in one-time funding for the Infant/Toddler (I/T) Quality Rating and Improvement (QRIS) Block Grant

through Jun 30, 2017. Funding is intended for QRIS consortia to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to help I/T child care providers meet a higher tier of quality as determined by their local QRIS rating matrix. This is an opportunity to ensure providers have what they need to give California's youngest learners high-quality early experiences and lifelong benefits. Lake County will be submitting an application for \$116,000 in funding for a 2-year period.

### F5IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) Grant

Phase 2 of the grant was submitted on January 26 requesting a total 5 year grant funding of over \$800,000.00. The grant is an innovative approach that forges partnerships between First 5 California and counties to achieve the goal of helping children ages 0 to 5 and their families thrive by increasing the number of high-quality early learning settings, including supporting and engaging families in the early learning process. Supporting more settings to achieve high-quality standards helps ensure more of California's children enter school with the skills, knowledge, and dispositions necessary to be successful. This provides families the information and support they need to promote and optimize their children's development and learning, both inside and outside the home.

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LPC Meeting Information

## Planning Council Meeting Updates

**Next Meeting:**  
**February 18, 2016**  
**3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Lakeport, Kesey Room**

**See the 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule Here:**  
[2015-2016](#)

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

*"Love is a symbol of eternity. It wipes out all sense of time, destroying all memory of a beginning and all fear of an end." -Author Unknown*



#### **Quality Care Counts Conference**

Saturday, February 20, 2016, YUBA College  
8:30am-5:00pm, registration begins at 7:45am

[Learn more and REGISTER here](#)

#### **PITC Training**

March 12, 2016 8:00AM - 2:00PM, LCOE Kesey Room

[Learn more and REGISTER here](#)

#### **CPIN Life Science**

March 24, 2016 8:00AM - 1:30PM, LCOE, Kesey Room

[Learn more and REGISTER here](#)

#### **ECE Nominations**

Deadline for all nominations and potential candidates  
due no later than March 30, 2016

[For more information please contact Audrey at LCOE](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**ECE Awards Night May 6, 2016**

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## Steps To Quality

Stay on track, plan ahead

#### **First Year Participants**

You should have finished your CLASS requirements and should be looking at *Kids and Smoke Don't Mix* online course. Continue working on your professional growth hours and any component requirements you have selected. Don't



forget to work on your advocacy hours.

### **Second Year Participants**

Your second year project is the Curriculum Fair at the Quality Care Counts Conference February 20, you should be finalizing your project. Continue with

the professional growth hours, component requirements and advocacy hours.

### **Legacy Participants**

Quality Care Counts is February 20, 2016 . You should be completing work on your presentation with your team. Continue with the professional growth hours, component requirements and advocacy hours.

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## **Hot Topics**

In the Local and State Early Childhood Education Community



California Department of  
**EDUCATION**

### **Update**

**Early Education and Support Division  
Management Bulletin 16-01**

#### **Digital Signatures**

**Authority:** California Education Code(EC), Section 8227.5; California Code of Regulations. Title 5 (5CCR), Section 18065; Government Code 16.5; and Title 2(2CCR) Sections 22000-2005

- This authorizes alternative payment program contractors and child care providers who contract with alternative payment program contractors to use digital signatures; and provides that the use of a digital signature has the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature

#### **Impact of amendment to Education Code Section 48000(c) on four-year-olds served by Child Development Programs**

**Authority:** The 2015 Educational Omnibus Trailer Bill (Assembly Bill 104)

- Amendment changed the age at which a child may be admitted to a TK program. The amendment added additional eligibility criteria where by public

school districts and charter schools may admit TK students who will turn five-years- old after December 2, but before the end of the school year(June 30) if they meet specific conditions.



While much of federal education policy in 2015 was focused on ESEA re-authorization, all 50 states were simultaneously enacting policies that had both positive and negative consequences for early care and education. Recently, the National Women's Law Center released an update highlighting important actions taken by the states in the last year in an effort to expand access to high-quality early care and education.

## Child Care

California, for example, passed a budget that includes an additional \$53 million to provide child care assistance to 6,800 additional children. The budget also includes \$45 million to increase reimbursement rates for licensed child care providers by 4.5 percent and \$18 million to increase reimbursement rates for license-exempt child care providers.

[Read more here](#)

## Resources

Links and Information to assist you

## Building Resilience through Relationships



We do as much as we can to protect our children from stressful situations, but as much as we try, there are daily stresses that children will encounter. As a parent or caregiver, developing a positive, healthy relationship with your child can help your little one bounce back from and cope with difficult circumstances, which is also known as resilience! [Here are some Helpful Tips](#)

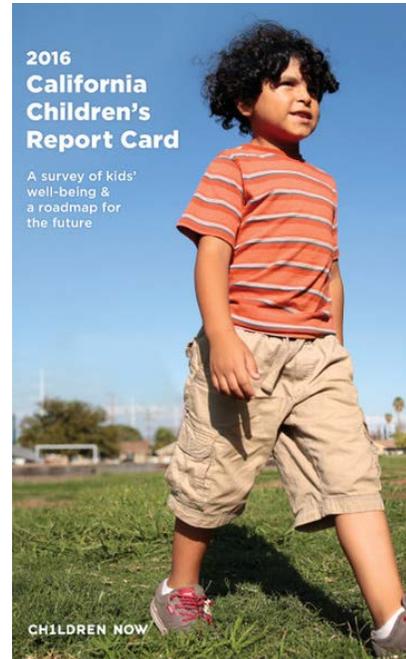
## 2016 CA Children's Report Card

### A survey of kids' well-being and a roadmap for the future

California is home to more than 9 million children. With 12 percent of the nation's children, the well-being of California kids has a big impact on the well-being of children nationally. Unfortunately, California recently ranked 38th out of 50 states in children's well-being.

Research has shown a strong connection between children's socioeconomic status and overall well-being. California ranks 49th on measures of kids' economic well-being, surpassing only Mississippi. While it is a prosperous state, around 1 in 4 California children lives in poverty.

California is also one of the most diverse states in the US. The state's children are racially, ethnically, linguistically and culturally diverse. Today, 1 in every 2 children are Latino, and 22 percent of students are English learners (EL) from at least 60 different language groups. Nearly half the state's children (4.4 million) live in immigrant families, and the majority of those (91%) are U.S. citizens.



[Read the report HERE](#)

### PBS Learning Lab

See what's new and available for preschools from PBS.

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