

Child Care

Increase, improve and enhance the availability, affordability, and quality of **Child Care** in Amador County for families with children 0-5.

- Increase the percentage of informal caregivers that participate in educational opportunities.
- Support and/or expand the existing child care system.
- Support for development and improvement of facilities and equipment exists.

▲ Child Care Providers increased their professional skill levels in numerous ways:

- 59% took the extra step and attended a college class outside of Amador County
- 41% were enrolled in at least 6 units or more
- 27% are working towards a BA Degree
- 12% were from Amador's high priority area
- 20% advanced on the permit matrix

◆ A pilot program has been launched that provides consultation services by an experienced behavioral specialist to assist child care programs caring for children with behavioral concerns.



Kids in Common

■ Last year 69 participants attended training regarding nutrition and physical activity in early care and education settings through Kids in Common.

Kids in Common (KIC) is a collaborative network of people involved in early childhood issues & education in Amador County. KIC events include presentations from experts in the field of linking preschool activities to kindergarten standards & improved communication, participation in task forces that focus on special projects (Mental Health Services Act), & the design of tools to be used countywide.

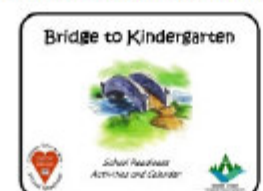


Community Education Scholarships

● Each year the Commission sets aside funds for community members to attend training and workshops that are in alignment with First 5's goals. This year scholarships were awarded for attendance at events such as the Infant-Parent & Child Mental Health Training Series, Tuolumne County's Bi-Annual Breastfeeding Coalition Conference, and the Mothers of Multiples Regional Conference.



An accomplishment of KIC is the "Bridge to Kindergarten" **School Readiness Activities Calendar** which provides "School Readiness Skills lists" with many examples of fun, easy activities that parents or providers can do to help children attain the desired school readiness skills prior to Kindergarten entry.



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