

## May 2018 Featured Agency of the Month

# Colusa County Office of Education



#### Who We Are

Colusa County Office of Education - Children's Services has a respected reputation for providing high quality early care and educational services for children, families, and childcare providers within the rural community of Colusa County. The vision of Children's Services is to promote quality School Readiness within the earliest years in collaboration with our community partners.

We like to say that Colusa County is unique. Colusa County is a small, rural, and remote community located 60 miles north of Sacramento, California. Colusa County has a rich agricultural heritage and serves many families who work in non-traditional hours in the farming industry.

### Our Child Care Resource & Referral and Alternative Payment Program

Colusa County Office of Education- Children's Services operates the Child Care Resource & Referral program that is a valuable resource for all families who are seeking childcare and development programs. Families receive referrals for many program options that includes licensed centers and childcare homes, and exempt centers, throughout Colusa County.



Our Resource & Referral staff are highly

knowledgeable and will help you become a family childcare provider, begin a new childcare center, and will provide assistance throughout the process. Innovative Professional development trainings and workshops are provided monthly and consist of topics that increase quality, nurturance, and traumainformed best care practices.

We understand the importance of affordable, high quality care and administer the Alternative Payment Program to provide subsidized programs for families who make a lower income.

The newest focus for our Resource and Referral department is the development of the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for foster children. Collaboration with our local department of health and human services allows our department to place foster children in programs that receive strategies and coaching from our highly trained team.

#### **Our Dedication to Children and Families**

Children Services enriches the entire Colusa community with providing high quality programs that develops lifelong success for every child. In addition to our Child Care Resource & Referral, Children's Services provides Early Head Start, Head Start, and State (including seasonal migrant), subsidized programs which allows us to support the unique needs of each family.

Colusa County Office of Education – Children's Services is committed to providing quality early care education and experiences for all children and has proven to be an agency dedicated to enriching our community.