



*Featured Agency of the Month!*

*Community Resources for Children*

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Community Resources for Children (CRC) is a nonprofit, community-based organization providing resources for the early care and education of children in Napa County. Established in 1978, CRC serves more than 4,300 people annually by supporting families in need of child care and by promoting quality early learning environments for children ages 0-5. In addition to the **Alternative Payment Program**, CRC administers the **Resource and Referral** program for Napa County and promotes quality early learning through the following:

**Toy Library and Early Learning Center (TLELC)** - Families and early education professionals can check out early learning toys, tools and materials organized by ASQ developmental domain. TLELC's bilingual staff models educational activities to implement at home. Serving 1,184 children ages 0-5 and 988 parents/caregivers last year, the TLELC supports children's education and development by implementing the following early learning programs and services:

- **Active Minds Mini Series** - a bilingual, interactive, play-based school readiness program for children ages 2 to 3 and their parents/primary caregivers, in a parent-led format with some sessions held at community locations to meet families where they are.
- **Ages & Stages Developmental Screenings** – the TLELC offers free developmental screenings (ASQ) to children ages 0-5.
- **Community Connections to Early Learning** - partnering with community volunteers who bring their talents to share with children in areas such as music, art, drama and more!
- **Family Events** – events such No Sweet Trick or Treat, A Day in the Park, Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Night and Family Meals are held throughout the year to encourage learning in a fun family setting.
- **Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) Caregiver Program** - partnering with community organizations to increase access to quality early learning materials and opportunities for family, friend and neighbor informal caregivers.

**Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)** - an intensive training series that focuses on child development and best practices in early childhood education for new and existing licensed child care providers. Last year CRC helped coach and train 74 child care professionals.

**Quality Counts** - enhances the quality of care and education that children receive at child care and/or preschool. In addition to hosting professional development workshops in areas such a child development and Kindergarten readiness, CRC provides 1:1 coaching for licensed child care providers and preschools. In 2016-2017 the program provided support and training to 25 child care professionals serving 153 children.