



August 2019 Featured Agency of the Month Community Resources for Children



[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 and care through the following:

- **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 as child development and Kindergarten readiness, CRC provides 1:1 coaching for licensed child care providers and preschools. Last year the program supported more than 93 child care professionals providing care for more than 500 children.
- **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 almost 500 children ages 0-5 and 400 parents/caregivers last year, the TLELC supports children's education and development by strengthening the adults in a child's life.
- **Active Minds School Readiness Program** - a bilingual, interactive, play-based school readiness program for children ages 2 to 4 and their parents/primary caregivers, in a parent-led format with some sessions held at community locations to meet families where they are.
- **Developmental Screenings using Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3)** - CRC offers free ASQ developmental screening to children ages 0-5. Families can check out a questionnaire or complete it together with an Early Education Specialist.
- **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. This year we will start offering business skills workshops in order to make sure that our child care providers thrive and remain profitable. Last year we helped 10 individuals open new child care businesses, creating more than 200 new child care slots.
- **Family Events** - events such as No Sweet Trick or Treat and Family Literacy Day provide engagement opportunities for families/caregivers and their children. Throughout the year we also provide vision screening days and Talk Read Sign days with the First 5 Express Bus.