



April 2019 Featured Agency of the Month

Glenn County Office of Education:

Child Care Resource Referral and Payment Program



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Program has been serving families in Glenn County since 1998. Located in the rural Sacramento Valley, Glenn County is home to approximately 30,000 people. With over 1,188 farms, agriculture is the primary source of Glenn County's economy; commodities include rice, almonds, milk products, prunes, and livestock. Understanding our community is key to successfully meeting the needs of families as they utilize largely varied and non-traditional employment and education schedules. Through Alternative Payment, CalWORKs (including Stage 1), and FCCHEN contracts we provide childcare subsidies to approximately 132 families and 255 children using care with 65 licensed and license-exempt child care providers. With Resource and Referral contracts that include CCIP, Foster Child Care Bridge, and Health and Safety grants we provide training and technical assistance to child care providers, a toy and book lending library available to the public, and enhanced child care referrals to assist parents seeking services.

Child Care Resource Referral and Payment Program is part of the larger Department of Child and Family Services under the umbrella of Glenn County Office of Education. Department of Child and Family Services additionally holds Head Start, Early Head Start, State Preschool, and General Childcare contracts to provide care and education services for the 0-5 population and pregnant women. Through nine centers and a home visiting program Department of Child and Family Services provides support to an additional 151 families and 182 children.

To meet the diverse educational needs and schedules of Glenn County children and families we are frequently evaluating our service options to provide relevant resources. We believe that each child grows and learns in his/her own special way and that parents are best able to evaluate and choose services to meet their children's needs. It is our mission to provide quality programs and service for lifelong learning through a wide and flexible array of service options to meet the needs of families in a holistic way.

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