

## The Corps AA Degree Program

### The Child Care Facilities Fund is now accepting applications for the Child Care Center Facility Grant Program

Safe, healthy, high-quality child care facilities are an essential component of overall program quality, however many child care providers find the cost associated with facility renovation and construction unmanageable.

In the past year, The Alameda County Child Care Facilities Fund (CCFF), supported through a contract with Every Child Counts, has helped 17 child care centers improve the quality of existing facilities, and construct new facilities through the Child Care Center Facility Grant program. Through this program, CCFF provides grants of up to \$50,000 to support projects related to planning, constructing and/or renovating child care center facilities in Alameda County.

Eligible providers must be non-profit child care centers located in Alameda County, and must be licensed, license exempt, or in the process of obtaining a license. Projects that will be considered for funding may include: architectural and feasibility studies for new facilities, costs related to new construction or renovation of existing facilities, purchase and installation of new playground structures and surfacing, facility costs related to addressing emergency health and safety issues, and/or costs associated with improving accessibility for persons with special needs.

Funding priority is given to programs serving infants, children with special needs, children from low income families, programs located in high-

need zip codes, and projects which address emergency health and safety needs. Family Child Care providers and private, for-profit child care centers are not eligible for this grant program. Funds may not be used for operating expenses, professional development, or repayment of loans or reimbursement of previously incurred expenses.

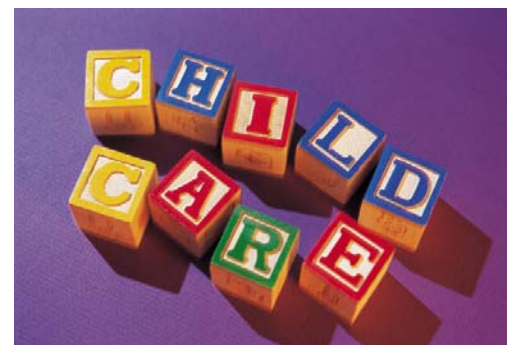
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through June 1, 2007, and CCFF staff are available to help eligible providers identify eligible projects and complete viable applications. For more information, or to receive a copy of the Grant program application and guidelines, please contact Erin Coppin, CCFF Program Officer, at (415) 489-6124 or [ecoppin@liifund.org](mailto:ecoppin@liifund.org).



### Just a Reminder

Child Care Links no longer participates in the Food Program.

If you are interested in joining the Food Program, contact your local Resource and Referral Agency for further information.



### Are you considering expanding to a Large Family Child Care?

The cities of Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton require a conditional use permit (CUP) be obtained through your city Planning Department. There are fees and an approval process associated with this permit. For more information, technical assistance and guidance through the application process, please contact Rupe Singh at (925) 249-3921.





## January Calendar

**1/02 Pre licensing Orientation**, Pleasanton conference room from 9:30 am to noon. \$25 registration fee, no pre-registration required. For more information contact Sara Gonzalez.

**1/10: Growing, Learning and Caring Orientation** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-12 pm.

**1/12: Play Groups** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-11:15 am.

**1/13: Training on Marketing**, for new and established providers., with Linda Ross, VFCCA President. 9:30 am-12:00 pm. Please contact Donnamarie Fuller (925) 249-3923 for further information.

**1/15: Child Care Links Closed**

**1/24: Growing, Learning and Caring Orientation** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-12 pm.

**1/26: Play Groups** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-11:15 am.

## February Calendar

**2/03: Tri-Valley Preschool Fair** at the Pleasanton Senior Center 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair, at this event. Please contact Rupe Singh (925) 249-3921 for more information and to register.

**2/05: Social Emotional Support Group** for Child Care Providers, facilitated by Ronald Mah, MFT. To register contact Kelly Van Raden at (925) 249-3920.

**2/06: Pre licensing Orientation**, Pleasanton Conference Room from 9:30 am to noon. \$25 registration fee, no pre registration required. For more information contact Sara Gonzalez. at (925) 417-8733.

The Child Care Facilities Fund  
is now accepting applications for

## Child Care Center Facility Grants of up to \$50,000 to support nonprofit child care centers located in Alameda County.

Please contact Child Care Links, Community  
Specialist, Rupe Singh

(925) 249-3921 for Grant Guidelines:

- \*program description
- \*eligibility criteria
- \*priority criteria
- \*program timeline

Interested and qualified candidates may contact  
Ms. Erin Coppin  
Program Officer, Child Care Facilities Fund  
at [ecoppin@liifund.org](mailto:ecoppin@liifund.org)  
or (415) 772-9094 ext. 324

Project funded by Every Child Counts – First Five Alameda County and administered by the Care Facilities Fund (CCFF) of the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF).

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR INFORMATION

### Please note:

All training is held at Child Care Links (CCL) Conference Room, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 104 in Pleasanton, **unless otherwise noted**. Registration is **required** for all CCL training & workshops.

### Calendar contacts:

**East County Office**  
(925) 417-8733

### **E-mail**

[events@childcarelinks.org](mailto:events@childcarelinks.org) (please write contact name in subject line).

**Rupe Singh**, Community Specialist,  
(925) 249-3921

**Sara Gonzalez**, R & R Specialist,  
(925) 249-3935

**Megan Alsdorf**, Training  
Coordinator (925) 249-3925

**Donnamarie Fuller**, Project  
Specialist, (925) 249-3923

**Kim Marshall**, Inclusion Project  
Coordinator, (925) 249-3940

**Kelly Van Raden**, Career Advocate,  
(925) 249-3920

**Nicole Roman**, Provider Services  
Specialist (925) 249-3942



## Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)

Don't forget to calendar (and r.s.v.p.) for the third and fourth trainings in *The Look Again: Infants and Toddlers in Family Child Care* training series, "Getting to Know Me" and "Do It Again".

"Getting to Know Me" training topics will include:

- "Where Do I Start? Where Do I End?" – Self Concepts
- "Chilling Out" – Self Regulation
- "Who's the Boss" – Social Relationships with Adults

"Do It Again" training topics will include:

- "Going Over to the Far Side" – Social Play and the Development of Humor
- "Superman or Batman" – the Debate Over Dramatic Play
- "My Child Needs to Learn Something" – Sharing Program Goals with Parents

Be one of the first to experience this group-oriented, hands-on training. Participants will receive a Certification of Participation. One lucky participant will take home a great raffle prize. Space is limited. Register now!

## Center-Based Family Read Night

Don't miss your chance to offer Family Read Night at your center-based (or Family Child Care) location! There are approximately 5 opportunities remaining and each will be assigned as calls are received.

At center-based Family Read Night a story will be read, an activity will be provided and snack will be served. These Family Read Night sessions may be scheduled near pick up time in order that families wishing to participate will not need to leave and return in the same evening. Children in attendance will take home a free book for their family's library.

### JUST A REMINDER!!!

Child Care Links no longer has a drop box at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore CA 94550.

If you need to turn in any paperwork, please make sure you send it to 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 102 Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Thank you !

### February Calendar Cont.

**2/07: Growing, Learning and Caring Orientation** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-12 pm.

**2/09: Linda Brault Training for working with Children with Challenging Behaviors** at Las Positas College. 9:30 am -2:00 pm. This training is for Directors and Program Managers. Cost is \$50.00. Please contact Kim Marshall (925) 249-3940, to register.

**2/09: Play Groups** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-11:15 am.

**2/10: Linda Brault Training, Understanding Behavior from the Outside in Working with Children with Special and Challenging Needs.** 8 :00 am-4:00 pm. Cost is \$30.00. Please contact Kim Marshall (925) 249-3540.

**2/15: "Difficult Behavior"** workshop with Ronald Mah, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Please contact Megan Alsdorf (925) 249-3925, to register, no cost. Participants will receive Ronald Mah's new book.

**2/19: Child Care Links Closed**

**2/21: Growing, Learning and Caring Orientation** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-12 pm.

**2/23: Play Groups** for licensed exempt providers, Pleasanton Conference Room from 10-11:15 am.





Child Care Links is planning on publishing a children's cookbook and exercise book (a physical activity to go along with each recipe).

Please send in some of your children's favorite recipes and activities to Child Care Links.

Contact person is Rupe Singh

[rsingh@childcarelinks.org](mailto:rsingh@childcarelinks.org)

1020 Serpentine Lane #102,  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

### CITY OF PLEASANTON CHILD CARE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Child Care Links is pleased to announce that the City of Pleasanton is temporarily funding child care for income eligible families residing in Pleasanton. This is a one time only grant for Pleasanton families who qualify.

For more information about enrollment and how to participate in this program, please contact Child Care Links Community Specialist, Rupe Singh at 925-249-3921.

Limited funding is available.

## Challenging Behavior Workshop

Earlier this year the Inclusion Services Coordinators of Alameda County got together and invited Linda Brault, M.A., Consultant in Early Childhood Special Education, to come out and do a training of trainers for Directors and Program Managers of child care centers and family child care as well as conduct a workshop on *Understanding Behavior From The Outside In*. After many hours of planning and coordinating, Linda came out to Alameda County and did her training and workshop on October 27 & 28, 2006. Family child care providers and center staff were invited to attend this **free** county-wide workshop, which was funded by First 5 of Alameda County.

This highly interactive workshop introduced participants to a systematic method for examining challenging behavior in group environments and the need for understanding and addressing challenging behavior in child-care and education settings. Both the training of trainers and the workshop

proved to be an awesome success with much positive feedback. Providers found themselves looking at their methods with a different perspective, and were anxious and excited to try out the different strategies that were presented to them in the workshop.

Linda Brault is a dynamic speaker who shares her own personal experience along with a wealth of information that demonstrates strategies and knowledge to better work with and understand children with challenging behaviors.

If you would like to learn more about what Linda Brault has to offer from her training you may contact Kim Marshall, Inclusion Services Coordinator at (925) 249-3940. Please continue to check the Child Care Links calendar and website to learn about other exciting workshops, such as the Linda Brault training, that are available to all providers.

