

2024 Youth Activities Guide for Amador County

This guide is prepared to assist youth and their parents/foster parents/guardians to find constructive, educational, and interesting extracurricular activities. While it is not an inclusive list, since there is a wonderful range of clubs and activities in the Mother Lode region, it does present a “place to start.”

A source of valuable information about community activities and events:

The Ledger Dispatch ‘A to Z’

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This guide is organized in the categories below in the order that they appear in the guide:

- Enrichment/Leadership
- Service Clubs
- Faith Based
- School Based
- Recreation and Sports
- Community Involvement

ENRICHMENT/LEADERSHIP

Amador Area CHP Explorers (295)

CHP-Explorers are for dedicated young adults ages 15-21 years old who are interested in seeking a career in Law Enforcement.

California Highway Patrol, 301 Clinton Road, Jackson, CA 95642

(209) 223-4890

Contact: Advisor Officer John Hardey - jhardey@chp.ca.gov

Associate Advisor Kevin Archer - Karcher@chp.ca.gov

Website: <https://www.chp.ca.gov/chp-careers/explorer>

Sutter Creek Police Department Cadets

Sutter Creek PD Cadet program is open to young men and women who are 14-21 years old. The goal of the Cadet program is to prepare participants for the police academy and introduce them into a career in law enforcement.

Sutter Creek Police Department, 18 Main Street, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Contact: Matt Brewer (209) 215-4887

Website: [Sutter Creek Police Department | Amador County | California Gold Country](#)

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts of America is now a co-ed organization. Amador County has 5 Cub Scout Packs, 5 Boy Scout Troops and 1 Venturing Crew serving the communities of Ione, Jackson, Sutter Creek, Plymouth, Pine Grove, and Upcountry. A Girl Scout troop, covering ages 11-17 will share many activities with the boys. Cub scouting is for children in the first through fifth grades, or 5 to 10 years of age. Children who are 11 to 17 years of age, or have completed the fifth grade, are eligible to join the Boy scouts. Venturing is a co-ed program for young adult males and females 4 to 21 years of age.

Website: <https://www.gec-bsa.org/three-rivers>

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls in the United States. Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) is the area's local council and troops are active throughout the community.

Website: <https://www.girlscoutshcc.org/>

Kaizen Martial Arts Academy

Kaizen equips students with the necessary tools, skills, and confidence and mental awareness to protect themselves. Kaizen offers a blend of traditional Karate, Krav-Maga, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Ages 5 to 13 years old. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Cardio Kickboxing for ages 14 and older.

525-5 S. Highway 49, Jackson, CA 95642

Phone: (209) 419-0803

Website: <https://kaizenamador.com/>

Ko Sutemi West Karate Studio

Ko Sutemi West Karate Studio offers Karate training for higher self confidence, self esteem, self discipline, self respect, and honor and courtesy towards others.

1510 S. Highway 49, Jackson, CA 95642

(209) 296-4200

Website: <https://kswkarate.blogspot.com/>

Email: kswkaratewest@gmail.com

SERVICE CLUBS

4-H Clubs of Amador County

According to the 4-H Clubs of Amador County, “4-H serves youth in rural, urban, and suburban communities in every state across the nation. 4-H’ers are tackling the nation’s top issues, from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety. 4-H out-of-school programming, in-school enrichment programs, clubs and camps also offer a wide variety of STEM opportunities – from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science – to improve the nation’s ability to compete in key scientific fields and take on the leading challenges of the 21st century.”

Amador 4-H Office

Alissa Hardie, Program Representative

ahardie@ucanr.edu / (209) 223-6484

UCCE Office for Amador 4-H Office

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Friday from 8:00 to 12:00 pm

(209) 223-6837

12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642

Website: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/AC4H/>

4-H Clubs in Amador County meet in Plymouth, Jackson, Pine Grove, and Ione and include the following clubs:

Blue Ribbon Up-Country 4-H

Meets: Pine Grove Elementary School, 20101 CA-88, Pine Grove, CA 95665

Contact: Ashley Matthews

Email: matthews_ashley@hotmail.co

Donna Giordano

Ione Community 4-H

Meets: Ione Elementary, 415 S. Ione Street, Ione, CA 95640

Contacts: Cody Gold and Piper Mohr

Email: ionecommunity4h@gmail.com

Jackson Gold Wheels 4-H

Meets: Amador County 4-H Office, 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642

Contact: Toni LaBelle Ph: 209-304-7169 Email: expressions1928@hotmail.com

Robyn Verbridge Ph: (209-256-7298

Email: diamondrcowgirl@yahoo.com

Shenandoah Valley 4-H

Meets: Shenandoah School House, 21601 Shenandoah School Road, Plymouth, CA 95669

Contacts: Julie Lyman

Email: julielyman1973@gmail.com

Andrea Stretars

Willow Springs 4-H

Meets: Amador County Fairgrounds-Spur Emporium, 18621 Sherwood Street, Plymouth, CA 95669

Contact: Rielle Waters-Santinelli Ph: (209) 419-1666 Email: riellesantinelli@gmail.com

Grange

The Grange is a national organization devoted to the protection, preservation and enhancement of agriculture, improvement in agricultural communities, and the families and friends of farming. There are three local Granges with programs for youth: Ione Grange, Ione Jr. Grange, and Fiddletown Jr. Grange.

Contact: Dolores Larrigan

Ph: (209) 610-9415

Email: larrigan@volcano.net

Kiwanis

The Amador County Kiwanis Club no longer has a presence in Amador County. As club members moved away, and/or passed, and recruiting new members became near impossible, the few remaining members were forced to fold the local club. The remaining members joined the Rancho Murieta Kiwanis Club. If you are seeking information about Kiwanis please contact the Rancho Murieta Kiwanis Club. They can be reached at 916-354-0538.

Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murieta meets the first Thursday at 8:00 A.M. &
the third Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubofRanchoMurieta>

Website: <https://rmkiwanis.org/>

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

- **Object 1** - To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- **Object 2** - To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- **Object 3** - To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- **Object 4** - To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- **Object 5** - To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- **Object 6** - To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Rotary International

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Website: <https://www.rotary.org/en>

Rotary Amador Upcountry

The Rotary Club of Amador Upcountry is a small but mighty, hands-on, fun, informal, and inclusive member club that does good in our local community and around the world. The Rotary Club of Amador Upcountry includes members of the businesses and professions in the Upcountry area of Amador County, CA, primarily: Pioneer, Pine Grove, and Volcano. We were sponsored by the Jackson Rotary Club and chartered in 1983.

Phone: (510) 303-8922

Email: andyoloan@aol.com

Homepage: <https://www.amadorupcountryrotary.org/>

The Rotary Club of Jackson proudly sponsors the **Interact Club of Argonaut High School**. Club members work with Jackson Rotarians on a variety of projects including the Third Grade Dictionary Project. Each year, Interact clubs are expected to complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

Passport to Amador sponsors an Interact Club for high school youth at Amador High School. The Rotary Club of Passport to Amador is composed of some of the most active movers and shakers in Amador County, committed to making this community and our world a better place. Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back.

Website: <https://www.passporttoamador.org/>

Email: amadorpassport@gmail.com

FAITH BASED

Local churches and houses of worship often offer youth programs and activities, some have a specific youth ministry. If the church of your faith does not have an active youth program, you may choose to explore a non-denominational program such as AWANA.

AWANA is a world-wide nonprofit ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship solutions for ages 2-18. AWANA gives children the opportunity to know, love and serve Jesus, no matter their background. The goal is to reach youth with a Christian message of salvation and grow them spiritually through biblical studies. Participants typically meet once a week throughout the school year. The focus of the curriculum is on the presentation of the gospel and learning Scripture to build a biblical foundation for faith. Most programs include a group teaching time, individual one-on-one time with a leader to review the lessons learned that week and a time for games. Local churches which offer the AWANA program include:

Cornerstone Church of Ione
116 S Church Street, Ione, CA 95640
Phone: (209) 274-4131
Website: cornerstoneione.org

Email: info@cornerstoneione.org

SCHOOL BASED

In addition to the clubs listed below, some schools use students as counselors and tutors for students in the primary and middle schools. One example is the use of students as Science Camp Counselors for 6th grade Science Camp. Check with the school counselor for information about the clubs offered and their activities.

Amador High School Clubs

Amador County USITT
Avid Club
Bible Club
Boys Volleyball
DnD Club
Environmental Awareness
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
FFA
Gaming
Interact Club (Rotary Sponsored)
LatinX
Performing Arts
Red Cross Club
SKIP / Yearbook

Ione Junior High School

Dungeons and Dragons
Latin X Club
Student Council
WEB
Video Game
Spanish
Craft

Argonaut High School Clubs

Anti-Bullying Club
Art Club
AVID
Band
California Scholarship Federation
Cheerleading
Catholic Club
Circle of Friends
Drama
Esports
Family Career & Community Leaders
of America
FFA
Hispanic Club
Link Crew
Powerlifting
Science Club
Student Government
Yearbook

Jackson Jr. High School

RC - Remote Control Cars
Robotics

Garden
Origami
Guitar
Gay Straight Alliance
Christian
Math Tutoring

Student Council
Yearbook
WEB
Coding Club
Art Workshop
MAD- Make a Difference
Yoga Reset

RECREATION AND SPORTS

Amador County Girls Softball Association

Softball season runs March-May for girls ages 5 – 14. Sign-ups are online October-Mid January. ACGSA, Inc. is a recreational softball league meant for our children's enjoyment. We aim to create opportunities for the girls of Amador County by promoting: Skill Development, Sportsmanship, Team-Building and FUN!

Website: acsoftball.com

Email: amadorcountysoftball@gmail.com

Amador Little League East

This is the official Little League for children ages 5-12 and Juniors Division players age 13-14 who reside in the Jackson, Pine Grove, and Pioneer areas. Registration is between November and February 1st, with the season running from the end of March to middle of June, with post-season play in July.

Website: www.aclle.com

Email: acllebaseball@gmail.com

Amador Little League West

This baseball program is available for youth between the ages of 5 and 14 who reside in the Ione, Plymouth, and Sutter Creek areas. Sign-ups in December and January with the season running from March through July.

Website: www.acllw.org

Email: info@aclle.com

Ph: (209) 790-3755 (Message line only)

Amador Junior Buffaloes Football and Cheer

Youth 6 to 14 years of age who are in 2nd to 8th grade residing in the Amador County Unified School District may participate. Players will be put on a team according to age and/or weight and address. Sign-ups are in the spring with practice starting the last week in July or first week in August. Games start in September and run through the week before Thanksgiving (for teams with winning records in the postseason). We are always looking for new players in the age groups above.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AmadorJrBuffs/>

Website: <https://www.amadorjrbuffs.com/>

Phone: (916) 719-1282

Email: amadorjrbuffalos@gmail.com

Argonaut Junior Mustangs Football and Cheer

Argonaut Jr. Mustangs is a youth football and cheer organization for youth residing in the Argonaut High School Boundaries (Jackson and Ione) that are ages 6 to 14. Sign-ups are in the spring with practice starting the last week in July or first week in August. Games start in September and run through the week before Thanksgiving (for teams with winning records in the postseason).

Website: <http://www.argonautjrmustangs.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AJMFootballandCheer/>

Email: admin@ajmfootball.com

Contact: Beau Gillman (209) 304-5752

Amador Polar Bear Swim Team

The Amador Swim Team provides area children the opportunity to swim competitively. The Team is a recreational team with primary emphasis on fun and fitness. We encourage swimming in a manner that provides recreation, self-discipline, good sportsmanship, and competition in the context of a "full family" experience for the swimmers. The team is active April through July.

Website: <http://www.amadorpolarbears.com>

Email: amadorpolarbears@outlook.com

Phone: (209) 217-7132

Bowling

Gold Country Lanes offers a variety of junior bowling programs, including Friday Family Night with scholarships and Saturday morning Youth Scholarship leagues including bumpers.

Website: <https://www.goldcountrylanes.com/>

Ph: (209) 560-3088

Junior Team Tennis League

Amador Tennis Club offers Junior Team Tennis, a 6 - 7 week coed tennis league for boys and girls ages 7 - 14, beginners are welcome. Each team has one practice and one match each week. Spring and Fall leagues run annually. Spring league matches are held on Saturdays and registration runs February to mid-March. Fall league matches are held on Sundays and registration is in August. No child will be turned away due to financial constraints.

Website: <https://amadortennisclub.org/juniors>

Phone: (209) 257-1208

League Director Lyndesy Sammons: (503) 407-6608

Email: jtt@amadortennisclub.org

Mother Lode Youth Soccer League

The recreational league season is in the fall (August to November) and is for youth ages 4 - 14. Games are every Saturday in Howard Park in Ione.

Website: www.mlysl.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MotherLodeYouthSoccerLeague/>

Email: help.mlysl@gmail.com

Phone: (209) 304-5938

President: Lucas Whitlock

Email: President.mlysl@gmail.com

Registrar: Nicky Corrigan

Email: Registrar.mlysl@gmail.com

Amador Youth Basketball

Amador Youth Basketball is designed to introduce, teach and develop the fundamentals of basketball to our local youth as well as to promote good sportsmanship, teamwork and healthy competition. Basketball is available for boys and girls in grades K through 8th grade. The season runs January thru March, with sign-ups in October.

Website: <http://www.amadoryouthbasketball.com/>

Email: amadorcountyyouthbasketball@gmail.com

Contact: 209-304-5674

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The churches and businesses with which you have contact may have volunteer opportunities for youth. In addition, various groups and organizations offer people the opportunity to voluntarily participate in activities that are designed to improve their community and its residents. The

tasks vary according to the mission of each individual organization, as do the expected time commitment for the volunteer. While some may not have a role for youth, if the organization is involved in an area that interests you there is no harm in inquiring. Some of the organizations using volunteers include:

ACRA

The Amador County Recreation Agency, a Joint Powers Authority, is designed to provide recreational opportunities at a reasonable cost to county residents and visitors. We focus on sports leagues and events, adult education, youth programs, pools and lifeguard services, and park and facility management throughout the county. ACRA provides structured, supervised activities for youth including Kids Afternoon Programs (KAP) in Jackson and Plymouth, Summer Day Camps, a Children's Theater Workshop, the Haunted Hall in Pioneer Park, British Soccer Camps in Ione, Tiny Tykes Soccer at Argonaut High and swimming lessons at Ione, Sutter Creek, and Plymouth pools.

Website: <https://amadorrec.com/>

Facebook: [Facebook.com/goacra](https://www.facebook.com/goacra)

Email: acra@amadorgov.org

Phone: (209) 223-6379

Amador Child Care Council

The primary mission of the Amador Child Care Council (ACCC) is to plan for child care and development services based on the needs of families in the local community in collaboration with and support from local Amador County Resource agencies.

Website: <https://amadorccc.org/>

Phone: (209) 754-1075

Email: esimmons@trcac.org

Amador County Chamber of Commerce

Dedicated to advancing the economic, commercial, civic, industrial, recreational and general interests of and within the County of Amador.

Website: amadorchamber.com

Email: amadorcountychamber@gmail.com

Phone: (209) 223-0350

Amador Fire Safe Council

The mission of the Amador Fire Safe Council is to protect the people of Amador County and their property from the catastrophic effects of wildfire through education, outreach, innovation and action.

Web Site: www.amadorfiresafe.org

Phone: (209) 214-9727

Amador Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

Provides information and assistance regarding pregnancy issues and resources. Provides peer counseling, options counseling, crisis pregnancy help, parenting classes, pregnancy tests, plus baby clothing and equipment. APHC is a non-profit and does accept donations of clean and gently used baby clothing and some equipment. Please call ahead since they cannot accept all items.

Website: <https://amadorpregnancyhelpcenter.com/>

Email: contact@amadorpregnancyhelpcenter.com

Phone: (209) 223-3813

Amador Council of Tourism

Destination Marketing Organization of Amador that also provides information to visitors about places to visit, shop, and stay.

Address: 1401 Fairway Drive, Ione, CA 95640

Executive Director: Dave Horner

Phone: (209) 267-9249

Website: visitamador.com

Email: hello@visitamador.com

Instagram: [VisitAmador](https://www.instagram.com/VisitAmador)

A-PAL Humane Society

In 1978 a group of animal loving Amador County residents created A-PAL Humane Society with the goal of promoting the humane treatment of animals in Amador County. Their mission is to ensure the humane treatment of animals in Amador County. Check their website for programs and volunteer opportunities.

Address: 12360 Trade Center Drive, Jackson, CA 95642

Website: pawspartners.org

Email: apalhumanesociety@gmail.com

Phone: (209) 223-0410

ATCAA Services (Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency)

To help individuals in Amador and Tuolumne Counties toward self-sufficiency, to support local residents in becoming involved and contributing members of our community, to promote family and other supportive environments so that children, youth and elders can achieve their maximum potential, and, finally, to form partnerships and coalitions within the community to meet these needs.

Website: <https://www.atcaa.org/>

Information & Referral: (209) 223-1485

Shelter & Housing

Emergency shelter & assistance * EMERGENCY rental housing assistance for literally homeless families * Homeless prevention funds to keep families in their homes to avoid eviction * CACFP Child and adult care food program for shelters * Varley Place - Permanent supportive housing for homeless veteran families and singles * Smart Money - financial literacy classes.

Phone: (209) 223-9215

Warmth

Utility bill assistance * Energy saving home improvements at no cost to qualified clients * Water conservation improvements at no cost to qualified clients.

Phone: (209) 223-1485, ext. 290

Email: tevens@atcaa.org

Youth

Head Start/Early Head Start: (209) 223-7333 for Jackson; (209) 274-0395 for Ione

Amador Lifeline: (209) 223-1485

Foster Youth Support: (209) 223-1485 ext. 226 (Education and support promoting financial stability for foster youth ages 16-21), email - IDA@atcaa.org

Adult - Family - Senior Tax Preparation and filing for qualifying individuals and families

Website: <https://www.atcaa.org/tax-assistance>

CAL FIRE Juvenile Firesetter Assessment Program

The Amador-El Dorado Unit of CAL FIRE and City of Ione Fire Department offer an assessment program for any juvenile who has been caught or reported to be playing with fire anywhere (inside/outside/on school grounds/etc.). Contrary to popular belief, any type of fire

setting activity (whether it is lighting matches/lighters or setting things on fire) is not normal behavior and will not go away on its own. The program is free and is designed to assess a juvenile for future fire setting tendencies, educate the family on appropriate use of fire, explain the liabilities of continued fire setting, etc. The program can involve community service, homework assignments, etc., and can also make recommendations to Juvenile Justice/Social Services/Mental Health/etc. All local Amador County Fire Agencies participate in the program and can refer juveniles for an assessment.

Program Managers: Erik Fiedler Ph: (530) 644-2345 Email: erik.fiedler@fire.ca.gov

Debbie Mackey Ph: (209) 274-6115 Email: Kmackey@ione-ca.com

California Tribal TANF Partnership (CTTP) of Robinson Rancheria Citizens Business Council

California Tribal TANF Partnership (CTTP) is a federal and state funded social services agency, serving federally recognized Native American Tribal members and/or descendants, and California Judgement Roll individuals and/or their descendants. Eligibility requires at least one Native American child under the age of 18 years old in the household and complete an intake process. CTTP provides full case management for each case; whereby, we communicate and support the needs of the individual's outside agency plans (i.e. probation, CPS) for applicable work hours for their success. General Cash Assistance is coordinated through the local office; Medi-Cal and Cal-Fresh is maintained through Amador County Human Services.

Supportive Services available: Education, transportation, vehicle repair, job search clothing, specialty tools, youth grade incentives, extra-curricular activities, seasonal clothing (fall and winter), and youth summer employment.

Other Department Support: Career Development, Education and Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Youth Employment Program.

Website: <http://www.cttp.net>

Phone: (209) 257-6150

Expanded Learning Program (ACUSD)

Providing after school homework club at elementary schools for 12 year olds and under. On-site for all elementary schools, except Pioneer Elementary; an after school program providing homework club, as well as, socialization skills, physical fitness, cooking & science, and arts & crafts.

Website: amadorcoe.org

Director of Child Development - Jeni DeWalt

Email: jdewalt@acusd.org

ELOP Supervisor - Brianna Cadotte

Email: brianna.cadotte@acusd.org

ELOP Technician - Melanie Hermens

Email: melanie.hermens@acusd.org

Telephone: (209) 283-0844

First 5 Amador

Our mission is to promote, support, and enhance the optimal development of Amador County's children from zero to five years of age. Our Commission believes that broad community involvement is critical to the success of this mission. With Proposition 10 funds we support projects that make sense locally based on identified needs and opportunities for children and families in Amador County.

Website: www.first5amador.com

Phone: (209) 257-1092

Hospice of Amador & Calaveras

We are your local hospice, committed to providing expert care, compassion and support to the terminally ill and their families. Our Griefbuster program is available free of charge to all children and teens, ages 5-19, who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Website: <https://hospiceofamador.org/grief-busters/>

Phone: (209) 223-5500

Interfaith Food Bank

The Interfaith Food Bank serves as a focal distribution center with 15 satellite locations throughout Amador County including a Spanish speaking site in Plymouth. We provide emergency, without expense, supplemental food to the needy and operate a thrift store.

Website: feedamador.org

Phone: (209) 267-9006

Beth Stanton - Executive Director: bstanton@feedamador.org

Kennedy Mine

Preserves the history of mining, provides tours of the mine, and operates a gift shop.

Paranormal tours available. Private tours can be booked through the website and we rent out the facilities for weddings, fundraisers, etc. Teenage volunteers are encouraged to apply.

Website: kennedygoldmine.com

Email: info@kennedygoldmine.com

Phone: (209) 223-9542

Nexus Youth & Family Services

Nexus Youth & Family Services is a non-profit human services organization located in Amador County, California. The mission of Nexus is to serve members of the community through innovative programs, collaborative partnerships, and the provision of educational and therapeutic services. Nexus aims to enhance and improve the health and well-being of youth and families in Amador County.

Website: <http://www.nexusyfs.org/>

Programs Director - Lori Halvorson Ph: 257-1980 ext. 107 Email: lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org

180° You Turn

This program is available to young men and women who are in need of a mentor. By combining group facilitation opportunities using curriculum from the One Circle Foundation and comprehensive mentoring, the Nexus 180° /You-Turn program provides a safe and nurturing environment where high-risk young will gain skills and knowledge to navigate growing up in today's society. Through participation in group, youth will explore relationships, conflict resolution, education, leadership, community service, diversity, mass media messages, personal values, integrity and future goals.

Contact: Lori Halvorson Ph: 257-1980 ext. 107 Email: lhalvorson@nexusyfs.org

Court Appointed Special Advocates – CASA

After being thoroughly trained and background checked, CASA volunteers are appointed by the juvenile court judge to advocate for the best interest of children who are involved in the court system. If you know of a young person who could benefit from this program contact the CASA Coordinator Fara: 257-1980 ext. 108 or email froberts@nexusyfs.org.

Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live is a youth leadership program with active after school chapters in the community and at school campuses in Amador County. The FNL program gives youth an opportunity to be actively involved in community service, youth leadership, skills building and drug and alcohol prevention activities. Call Stephen: 257-1980 ext. 115 or email: shartmann@nexusyfs.org.

Youth Empowerment Project

Nexus staff provide the Project SUCCESS curriculum to students in Amador County schools. Project SUCCESS teaches and instills drug and alcohol resistance and social competency skills such as communication, positive decision making, stress and anger management, problem solving and resisting peer pressure. Call Stephen : 257-1980 ext. 115 or email shartmann@nexusyfs.org.

Child & Youth Advocate Program

The Child and Youth Advocacy staff and volunteers provide information referrals, assistance obtaining community resources, advocacy, mentoring, and peer leadership development for child victims. Contact: Stephen 257-1980 ext. 115 or email shartmann@nexusyfs.org.

Independent Living Program

Independent Living Program (ILP) staff provide life skills instruction and case management services for youth in foster care, non-minor dependents, and emancipated youth. Referred youth participate in a range of activities, classes, and field trips. Contact Katie 257-1980 ext. 123 or email krodriguez@nexusyfs.org.

Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

ART is a multi-module intervention designed to alter the behavior of chronically aggressive youth. It consists of three components: skill streaming which is designed to teach a broad curriculum of pro-social behavior, anger control which is a method for empowering youth to modify their own anger responsiveness, and moral reasoning training to help motivate youth to employ the skills learned via the other components. ART sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Call 257-1980 ext. 101 or email to bkantner@nexusyfs.org.

Common Ground

Common Ground is a skills-building communication course which joins parents and teens in a creative partnership. During the course, parents and teens learn to listen respectfully, communicate honestly and openly, set and respect limits, and appreciate and honor differences. Contact the Nexus therapy office at 257-1980 ext. 101.

Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

PCIT is an intensive treatment program that is designed to help both parents and children. The PCIT program works with parents and children together to improve the quality of the parent-child relationship and to teach parents the skills necessary to manage their child's

behavior problems. PCIT is appropriate for children who are between the ages of 2 and 7 years. Contact the Nexus therapy office at 257-1980 ext. 101.

CHAT Child Counseling Services (CHAT)

The CHAT program offers individual therapeutic counseling services to children under 18 years of age who are victims of emotional trauma or abuse. All counseling services are provided free of charge by qualified therapists at the Nexus office in Jackson. To receive information regarding program eligibility requirements or to inquire about CHAT counseling services Contact: Nexus Therapy Dept. (209) 257-1980 x 101

Other Therapy Services: Play therapy, Art Therapy & Trauma Therapy Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT).

Contact: (209) 223-1485

Operation Care

Operation Care's Go! Youth Program has a set curriculum based on different life skills to prepare youth for their future. Children anywhere from 7-11 years old can participate in the Go! Youth Juniors class and children from 12-17 can participate in the older class. Some classes include Anti-Bullying, Respect 360, Anger-Management, Love Is Not Abuse, WreckED, and a class that combines them all during the summer which is a summer youth program. These different sessions discuss topics such as drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships, and healthy self-esteem. Other than learning, the Go! youth participates in community service activities, fundraisers, and field trips.

Website: <https://operationcare.org/>

Phone: (209) 223-2897

Email: info@operationcare.org

The Resource Connection - Child Care Resource and Referral

The Resource Connection offers referrals to Licensed Child Care Programs, Preschool Programs, Infant/Toddler Programs and School-age Programs. We also offer subsidy programs that help eligible parents and guardians afford the high cost of child care. In addition we provide information, training and/or support for existing and potential child care providers and grandparents raising their grandchildren.

Website: www.trcac.org

Phone: (209) 754-2000 and (209) 754-4014

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Help Paying for Child Care

Affording child care on top of all of the other expenses families are responsible for can be difficult or in some cases out of reach. The Resource Connection offers subsidy programs to help qualifying families pay for child care. The subsidy programs are funded from and operate in accordance with the California Department of Education and Department of Social Services regulations, and allow parents to choose their own type of child care that best meets their family's needs.

Child Care Providers

The Resource Connection, through funding from the California Department of Education, provides information and services for child care providers including workshops; training; licensing assistance (monthly orientations); expansion of child care through the Child Care Initiative Program (CCIP); training for grandparents and other license-exempt providers; referrals to licensed programs, and resource and toy libraries.

The Resource Connection provides information and training related to: Starting and operating a child care business (including taxes, record keeping, contracts and marketing), nutrition, age-appropriate activities, discipline techniques, child abuse prevention, first aid and CPR, health and safety, ECERS, CLASS and other assessments.

Grandparent Support and Respite Program

The Resource Connection, with funding provided by Amador Behavioral Health, Prop. 63, offers a grandparent program that is designed to provide temporary relief for grandparents from the ongoing responsibilities of caring for their grandchildren. We offer several training and support groups throughout the year. Our goal is to provide regular discussion groups designed for Grandparents that will include information about local resources that can help grand families remain strong and successful.

Regular respite care is 16 hours of respite child care per month in a licensed child care facility or certified respite care setting. There is also planned respite and emergency respite care available in the program. Grandparents will be able to apply for up to 5 days per year, not to

exceed 12 hours in a day for activities that are of urgent nature: illness, death, or other family emergency.

Senior Center

Provides support and information services for older residents of the county. Provides limited legal services, including ones for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Website: <https://www.amadorseniorcenter.org/>

Phone: (209) 223-0442

Email: frontdesk@amadorseniorcenter.org

Sierra Child and Family Services

Operates a foster family agency, adoption agency, and outpatient mental health clinics with wraparound services based on five core values: child-focused, family-centered, trauma informed, culturally relevant, and community based.

Website: <https://www.sierrachildandfamilyservices.org/>

Phone: (209) 257-1244

TriCounty Wildlife Care

Provides education and public awareness of our native wildlife and gives the sick, injured, and orphaned WILDLIFE a second chance to be free. Wildlife presentations are free and available upon request with live non-releasable wildlife.

Website: pawspartners.org

FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-County-Wildlife-Care/138494812886855>

Phone: (209) 283-3245