

September 2009



**Free Workshops**

- Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention
- Mandated Reporter Training— Learn how and when to report suspected abuse or neglect
- Keeping Safely Connected— Online Safety and Cyber Bullying

**Amador CAPC Meetings**

All committees meet back-to-back beginning at 10:00am in the Health & Human Services Building  
**October 19, 2009**

**Full Council Meetings**

10:00am at GSA Building at 12200 B Airport Rd. in Jackson  
**September 21, 2009**  
**November 16, 2009**

**Upcoming Events**

**Workshop—Students with learning disabilities**  
September 16th—6-8pm  
Health & Human Services  
Call 223-1624 for info.

**Mandated Reporter Training**  
Monday, October 26th—12:30  
A-TCAA Jackson Office

**National Grandparents Day!**  
**September 13th**

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It only takes a minute...to make a difference in the life of a child.



# YEAH FOR GRANDPARENTS!

Grandparents play an important role in all children’s lives, but did you know there are over 2.5 million grandparents raising their grandchildren in the U.S.? In California over 10% of children are being raised by a grandparent or other relatives.

- Over 625,000 children live in grandparent-headed households (6.8% of all the children in the state), according to AARP research published in 2007.
  - 25% of these grandparents live in households without the children’s parents present. 67% are under the age of 60; and 16% live in poverty.
- In addition, almost 328,000 children live in households headed by other relatives (3.5% of all the children in the state).

Grandparents and other relatives raising children deserve our praise, support, and encouragement for taking on this huge responsibility.

Often, these children come to them when the children's own parents abandon them or when the children can no longer live with them because of the parent's mental disorder, substance abuse, or incarceration. Many of these children have special needs or may have suffered from abuse or neglect from their own parents.

Grandparents and other relative caregivers are encouraged to seek support for this unanticipated stage of life. There are many resources available. Here are a few:

- Foster & Kinship Care Education—Serving Amador and El Dorado  
<http://www.fkce.net/> (209) 296-7606
- AARP: Online Tools for Grandfamilies  
[http://www.aarp.org/family/grandparenting/articles/benefits\\_quicklink\\_for\\_grandfamilies.html](http://www.aarp.org/family/grandparenting/articles/benefits_quicklink_for_grandfamilies.html)
- GrandparentAgain.com: <http://www.grandparentagain.com/>
- Foster Parents.com—Online training and articles: <http://fosterparents.com/>

Are you interested in forming a group with others in similar situations raising children?  
  
Please take the online interest survey or contact us to email/mail a survey to you.  
  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6jCARuNCmqf\\_2fmwHHjKY8pg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6jCARuNCmqf_2fmwHHjKY8pg_3d_3d)

First 5 Amador is pleased to announce the next round of FREE dental screenings and fluoride varnishings. These are open to the public and available to all children, ages birth through 5, living in Amador County.			
Tuesday, 9/1	10:15am	Jackson Playgroup	Kennedy Meadows Apartments
Wednesday, 9/9	10:30am	Ione Playgroup	Ione Memorial Hall
Thursday, 9/17	10:15am	Pine Grove Playgroup	River of Life Church
Monday, 9/21	10:30am	Camanche Playgroup	Camanche Lake Community Center