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### **Community Forum Aims to Connect Families with Child Care Programs**

**Solano County, CA** - Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), the Solano Child Care Planning Council and other community partners are hosting the annual Child Care Planning Council community forum aiming to connect Solano families and educators with information about high-quality child care opportunities in Solano County. Child care providers, parents, guardians, educators and community members are invited to join the forum that will explain child care options throughout Solano County, including paid and assisted programs.

The annual forum is part of a countywide effort to assist families with linking to resources so that they can make informed decisions about how to get the best possible start to their child's educational journey. Access to quality early learning options and experiences in the first 5 years of life can positively impact children's development, setting them on a path towards good health, wellness, academic success and lifelong learning.

The Solano County Child Care Planning Council community forum will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Fairfield Civic Center Library located at 1150 Kentucky Street in Fairfield from 10am-12 noon. Snacks, children's story time and activities will be offered during the forum. For questions about the event contact the Solano County Office of Education at (707) 399-4400.

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