

# CAPMC HEAD START NEWSLETTER

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This month will share information about the importance of attendance. Many of the youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year - about 18 days a year or just two days every month. If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading, math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance. Below are some reasons why attendance is important and some strategies that could help you build the habit of good attendance for your child to succeed academically. However, it is important that you work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.



## **Importance of Attendance**

School attendance is a powerful predictor of student outcomes. In fact, irregular attendance can be a predictor of whether students will drop out of school before graduation than test scores, according to the US Department of Education. However, students who attend school regularly are more likely to graduate and find good jobs in the future.



## **Strategies For Parents**

- Talk with the child. Conversations are the first step to understanding root causes and working toward a solution.
- Contact the school. Teachers, counselors, and administrators may be able to provide additional information that helps determine what is causing a child to miss school. Contacting the school also starts a conversation that can be mutually beneficial, and it demonstrates engagement.
- Consider an evaluation for an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The program can provide special accommodations and support for students who are struggling with disabilities.
- Set attendance goals with the child. Creating a plan and tracking progress can encourage better attendance and provide opportunities for conversations and support. Simple steps such as making sure a child gets enough sleep and taking steps to prepare for school the day or night before can also be effective.



**For more information visit Attendance Works for strategies and resources:**



[www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)



# PARENT RESOURCES

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## **First 5 Play & Learn Classes**

Children ages 0-5 years will engage in story time, songs, play and craft activities.

All classes start at 10 AM at various locations:

### **Chowchilla Library**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

### **Madera Ranchos Library**

January 12th

### **Oakhurst Library**

January 19th

### **North Fork Library**

January 26th

Registration is required, please call:  
(559) 661-5155

## **Diaper Distribution**

The 3rd Thursday of every month.  
Is open to the public, no eligibility requirements, first come first served and ID required for name and address verification.

Start time at 9 AM until supplies last!

Location: 2405 Tulare St. Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721

(2nd floor of the Lighthouse for children)

## **CAPMC Head Start Job Fair**

Wednesday, January 31st

Location: Head Start Conference Room  
675 S. Pine St. Suite #101  
Madera, CA

Time: 2 PM - 6 PM

Hiring for Madera & Fresno Counties

## **Madera First 5**

During the month of January First 5 is offering activities for children ages 0-5.

From January 16th to January 18th  
Pre-Kindergarten University (PKU)  
AM session 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

To learn more about other children's activities available during this month call (559) 661-5155 or visit their office at 525 E Yosemite Ave. Madera, CA

## **Find Your Career In Your Next Job!**

The Employment Development Department of CA provides tools and resources for job seekers at no cost. You could participate in a job club to expand your network, receive one-on-one résumé assistance, sign up for a workshop, or attend a career fair.

To find a job center near you, call toll-free at 1-877-872-5627 or visit [www.edd.ca.gov/office\\_locator](http://www.edd.ca.gov/office_locator)