

Valley Oak Children's Services

Valley Oak Children's Services (VOCS) is a private non-profit organization, established in 1980. Our **Early Care and Education Programs** put families at the center of a community of support services. Every year we assist thousands of Butte County families with their child care needs. All of VOCS services are provided at no cost. Many of our programs operate in collaboration with other community agencies and organizations.

The Resource and Referral Program offers the following services:

- **Referrals** to licensed family child care homes, child care centers, license exempt providers and subsidized programs.
- **Information** about child and family related services and employer supported child care
- **Advocacy** for quality child care services and subsidized care.
- **Technical Assistance** services regarding the business aspects of child care, licensing, start-up procedures and child related legislation.
- A **Lending Library** which includes assorted resource materials, toys, books and equipment that are available for loan at two week intervals. The **Mobile Lending Library** delivers items to child care providers throughout Butte County.
- **Workshops** for parents and child care providers
- The **Valley Oak Exchange**, a free quarterly newsletter that covers child care news and information on a local, state and national level.

The **Child Care Payment Program** is designed to help low-income and CalWORKS families with childcare costs while parents are working, seeking employment or enrolled in a school/training program. Families where children have been identified as being at risk of abuse or neglect are also eligible.

The **Child Care Food Program** reimburses licensed family child care providers for nutritious meals served to children enrolled in their programs.

Quality Child Care Programs for the community including:

- **Quality Child Care Workshops** for License Exempt providers and parents using this care.
- A **Behavioral Health Program** offering services to young children and their families, often within the child care setting.
- **FACES** - our in-home Family Child Care Network whose members meet Child Development Division Center standards. VOCS provides enhanced services and support to these providers.
- A **Child Care Inclusion Project** designed to help children with special needs increase their access to quality child care.
- **Project REWARDS** - stipends for child care providers participating in continuing education.

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