

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD





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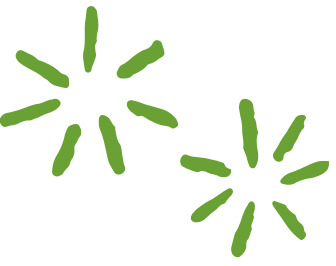
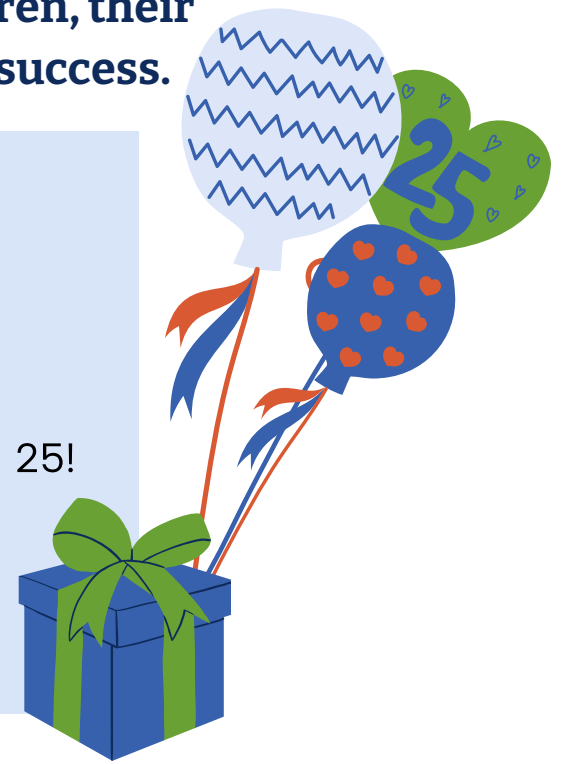
Week of the Young Child brings public attention to the needs of young children, their families, and the early childhood programs that contribute to their future success.

FIRST 5 SHASTA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 4th | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Whistle Stop Park, 1470 Market Street, Redding

Help us kick off Week of the Young Child and celebrate First 5 Shasta turning 25! First 5 Shasta will be hosting FREE activities at Whistle Stop Park including:

-  Face Painting
-  Ice Cream
-  Live Music
-  Booths with fun activities & More!



SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM Grow Your Own Strawberry

Join us to grow your own strawberry plant. Each child will receive a pot, growing material, and a strawberry plant. Shasta Master Gardeners will help with planting and provide instructions for caring for the plant at home.

Location: 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, 96001
Contact: Susan Wilson, 530-524-4777
Sponsors: Shasta Master Gardeners

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM The Big Race

The Big Race is a family event where each child and their caregiver work together to design, build, and decorate their cardboard vehicle. Families can either bring their pre-made race vehicle or build one the day of with supplies provided. Our goal is to encourage caregivers to spend quality time with their child/children working to complete a project. Booths outside the race track provide parent information and creative games for children. All participants will receive a trophy and goodie bag for racing; no distinction will be made for placement in the race.

Location: Kiwanis Field #1, 2525 S. Market St, Redding, 96001
Contact: Natalie Kinney, redning2030@gmail.com
Sponsors: Active 20-30 Club of Redding, First 5 Shasta

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM Herb Garden Education

We are excited to be hosting an herb gardening and decorating program for kids to learn about a few different herbs that families can grow. We will provide the herbs and the materials to decorate, so all we ask is that you come with a good attitude and willingness to learn something new!

Location: 2024 California Street, Redding, 96001
Contact: Eden Hale, plantableredding@gmail.com
Sponsors: Plantable, First 5 Shasta

MONDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM Lunch with Community Helpers

Lunch with Community Helpers is an exciting event for young children and caregivers alike! Come and enjoy a free lunch alongside the men and women who keep us safe and healthy. Families can learn about the incredible resources available in the Intermountain Area.

Location: Event Room of the Tri-County Community Center, 37477 CA 299, Burney, 96013
Contact: Kiely Whitehead, kwhitehead@mayersmemorial.com
Sponsors: Tri County Community Network, First 5 Shasta

4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM Shasta Head Start Oak View Olympics!

It's time for the Olympics! Come join us for the Shasta Head Start Oak View Olympics! This event will include children's crafts, Olympic style activities, a snack, and the first 100 children will receive a free book.

Location: Shasta Head Start - Oak View Center, 1156 Del Monte St, Redding, 96002
Contact: Christina Knowles, cknowles@shskids.org
Sponsors: Shasta Head Start - Oak View, First 5 Shasta

11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM Fantastic 5 Senses Fun

Fantastic Five Senses Fun exploration experience at Redding Cooperative Preschool allows kids to explore their five senses in a fun way at multiple exploration stations, such as scented painting, musical exploration, taste station and other sensory stations. Our fun sensory experience stations will give kids increased sensory and body awareness, and build body and sensory vocabulary, which are linked to emotional regulation skills.

Location: Redding Cooperative Preschool, 658 Mary Street, Redding, 96001
Contact: Amanda Hunter, ahunter980@gmail.com
Sponsors: Redding Cooperative Preschool Association, First 5 Shasta

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM Pop-Up Story Time

Join Turtle Bay Exploration Park for Pop-Up Story Time in the Turtle Bay Nursery! Hands-on activities, a story time, and snacks will be provided for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Story time is scheduled for 10am.

Location: Environmental Resources Building at the Turtle Bay Nursery, 1100 Arboretum Dr, 96003
Contact: Melissa Maney, mmaney@turtlebay.org
Sponsors: Turtle Bay Exploration Park, First 5 Shasta

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM Color Your World Beautiful

"Color Your World Beautiful" invites families with children ages 0-5 to enjoy a fun and enriching morning of sensory play and creative exploration. Activities include watercolor painting, colorful playdough, and hands-on sensory stations designed to foster creativity, fine motor development, and social-emotional growth. Families will also receive take-home resources to continue meaningful play and learning at home.

Location: Kindred Hearts, 2665 Bechelli Lane, Redding, 96002
Contact: Traci Baker, traci@kindredheartsinc.com
Sponsors: Kindred Hearts Inc., First 5 Shasta

3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Welcome To The Jungle

Join us for "Welcome To The Jungle," a fun-filled celebration for families with children ages 0-5! Enjoy a resource fair with valuable community information, free family photos, story time, a coloring contest, and books for the first 100 families. Plus, learn helpful parenting tips!

Location: Mt. Shasta Mall, 900 Dana Drive, Redding, 96003
Contact: Hannah Carter, hannah@raisingshasta.org
Sponsors: Raising Shasta, First 5 Shasta

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM DinoDay: Roar and Explore Sensory Event

Sensory Experience Event filled with Dinosaurs, art projects, music, story time and much more.

Location: Win-River Resort & Casino: Community Center, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding, 96001
Contact: Chere Sullivan, csullivan@fnorthernrc.org
Sponsors: Far Northern Regional Center, First 5 Shasta

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM Sensory Sensations at Rowell

Come enjoy the sensation of different sensory activities at Rowell Family Empowerment. Children up to 5 years old will have the opportunity to touch, feel, and hear during many activities while learning how we use our senses to keep calm, focus, and play. Registration is required, visit: <https://rfenc.org/events-calendar/>

Location: Rowell Family Empowerment Offices, 3330 Churn Creek Rd, Suite D4, Redding, 96002
Contact: Elena Bramble, elenab@rfenc.org
Sponsors: Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern CA

9:00 PM TO 11:00 AM Take Flight with Turtle Bay

Continue celebrating Week of the Young Child by joining us for Take Flight with Turtle Bay! Enjoy fun flight-themed activities throughout the Museum, story time at 10am, community partners, and launch paper rockets in the "Mission Aerospace" exhibition. This special event is free for children 5 and under. Each child 5 and under admits one adult free of charge; children 6 and older and additional adults are half price.

Location: Turtle Bay Museum, 844 Sundial Bridge Drive, Redding, 96001
Contact: Melissa Maney, mmaney@turtlebay.org
Sponsors: Turtle Bay Exploration Park, First 5 Shasta

11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM Story Time at the Cottonwood Library!

Join us for story time for the young and young at heart. Enjoy stories and a craft!

Location: Cottonwood Community Library, 3427 Main St, Cottonwood, 96022
Contact: cottonlib@shasta.com
Sponsors: Cottonwood Community Library

11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM Toddler Story Time

Get early literacy started with Redding Library and our Toddler Story Time! This includes stories, activities and social interaction! Geared towards children ages 2-4.

Location: Redding Library, 1100 Parkview Ave, Redding, 96001
Contact: Shastapubliclibraries.org
Sponsors: Shasta Public Libraries

5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM CCAIEYC Pizza Family Night and Fundraiser

Come support your local Association for the Education of Young Children and learn about our advocacy work and become a member. We will have fun educational activities for families to enjoy together. A portion of the proceeds from food sales will go directly to the California Cascade for the Education of Young Children.

Location: Players Pizza, 2305 Balls Ferry Rd, Anderson, 96007
Contact: Julia Herzog, teacherjula@gmail.com
Sponsors: CCAIEYC, First 5 Shasta

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM Wonders of the World

Join the Shasta Family YMCA for a fun and interactive Week of the Young Child event celebrating cultural diversity! Children ages 0-5 and their families will explore the world through hands-on craft activities inspired by traditions from different countries. This engaging event fosters creativity, cultural awareness, and meaningful family connections in a playful, educational environment.

Location: Shasta Family YMCA, Y-South Building 1155 N Court St, Redding, 96001
Contact: Courtney Fork, cfork@sfymca.org
Sponsors: Shasta Family YMCA, First 5 Shasta

3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Down on the Farm

Join the Anderson Library for a special event with activities, prizes and snacks for children ages 0-5. Enjoy a special appearance from Clifford, a mini petting zoo and free children's books.

Location: Anderson Library, 3200 W Center St, Anderson, 96007
Contact: Anderson Library, 530-365-7685
Sponsors: Anderson Rotary, First 5 Shasta

4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM Explore Shasta Lake through Your Senses

Shasta Head Start invites you to explore your senses at our new Shasta Lake Center! Please join us and engage your senses by enjoying a healthy snack, exploring different sensory opportunities, creating crafts, and listening to a story together. The first 100 children in attendance will receive a free book.

Location: Shasta Head Start - Shasta Lake Center, 1650 Stanton Ave, Shasta Lake, 96019
Contact: Christina Knowles, cknowles@shskids.org
Sponsors: Shasta Head Start, First 5 Shasta, Shasta Lake Gateway Library, Shasta Lake Chamber of Commerce, Tri Counties Bank - Shasta Lake Branch

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM Water Safety Play Day

Pawter in the Water is coming to Sun Oaks to host a "Water Safety Play Day!" Learn about water safety through rhyming stories, catchy songs, crafts and water play in the grass! Raffle with prizes! Although there will be water play, activities take place in the grass, not inside a pool.

Location: Sun Oaks, 3452 Argyle Rd, Redding, 96002
Contact: Angie Baker, pawterinthewater@gmail.com
Sponsors: Sun Oaks, First 5 Shasta

2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM Growing Imagination

Join us for "Growing Imagination," a fantastic event designed to inspire creativity in children ages 0 to 8! Onsite, we'll have developmental screeners to support early learning and development, along with interactive art stations where kids can express themselves through various crafts. Plus, our gardening stations will offer young minds a chance to dig in and explore the wonders of nature. Bring your imagination for an event filled with fun, learning, and creativity!

Location: Shasta County Office of Education Early Childhood Services, 43 Hilltop Dr, Redding, 96003
Contact: Jordan Heberlein, jheberlein@shastacoe.org
Sponsors: Shasta County Office of Education Help Me Grow, First 5 Shasta, Resource & Referral

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM Grasshopper Bug Run

Dress like your favorite bug and come run for fun. Leave the adults in the dust and go on a bug adventure. Children will run and challenge themselves through fun obstacles. Crawl, jump, climb and run. See you at the Grasshopper Bug Run.

Location: Grasshopper Sports Zone, located to the west of City Hall, 777 Cypress Ave, Redding, 96001
Contact: Allyson Harris, aharris@cityofredding.org
Sponsors: City of Redding, First 5 Shasta

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM Reve, Rumble & Roar

Rev, Rumble & Roar is back at the Redding Public Library! Children will have a chance to explore different vehicles, participate in vehicle themed activities, and more.

Location: Redding Public Library, 1100 Parkview Ave, Redding, 96001
Contact: Katherine Hart, katherineh@shastalibraries.org
Sponsors: Shasta Public Libraries, First 5 Shasta

Please join us in celebrating Week of the Young Child! View our calendar of fun, FREE events for children 0-5 and their families!



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