



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

APRIL 11 - 18, 2026

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 KICK OFF EVENT!

Friday, April 3rd | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Whistle Stop Park, 1470 Market Street, Redding

Help us kick off Week of the Young Child during First Friday in downtown Redding! First 5 Shasta will be hosting FREE activities for young children at Whistle Stop Park, across from the new Redding Public Market!

🎵 Live Music 🍦 Ice Cream 🎪 Booths with fun activities & More!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
Plant a Strawberry

Join us at the Farmer's Market to plant your own strawberry plant. Each child will receive a pot, growing material, and a strawberry plant. Assistance with planting is provided by Shasta Master Gardeners to both children and adults.

Location: Redding Farmers Market, 777 Cypress Ave, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta, Tehama, Trinity Joint Community College District, First 5 Shasta, Lassen View Nursery

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
Provider Meet & Greet

Join us for a child care provider meet-and-greet event. Each family has different needs. Families can chat directly with local child care providers to find the child care provider that is best for you, your family, and your child. Let us help you build your village. Snacks will be provided.

Location: Early Childhood Services, Shasta County Office of Education, 43 Hilltop Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Early Childhood Services, Shasta County Office of Education

11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
Forward Focus Family Day

You are invited to join the Forward Focus team as we celebrate Week of the Young Child with a special family day designed to support, empower, and connect families! Come enjoy sensory stations, free book giveaway, developmental and behavioral resources, and community connection & support. Let's celebrate our youngest learners and the families that help them grow every day!

Location: Kids Kingdom, 4000 Victor Ave, Redding
Sponsors: Forward Focus Adaptive Skills Training Program, LLC, First 5 Shasta

11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
Garden & Grow Week of the Young Child

Come plant some seeds with the Anderson Grange! Families are invited to join us for a storytime, snack, and hands on activities outside!

Location: Anderson Grange, 8085 Airport Rd, Redding
Sponsors: Anderson-Mt. Lassen Grange #418, First 5 Shasta

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
The Elephant Farm's Nature Play Day

Join The Elephant Farm Inc for a free Nature Play Day at Enterprise Park in Redding. This outdoor event will feature nature based crafts and hands on activities that support early learning and social emotional development. All activities are food-free to ensure a safe experience for children with food allergies and dietary restrictions.

Location: Enterprise Park, 4000 Victor Ave, Redding
Sponsors: The Elephant Farm Inc, First 5 Shasta

MONDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
The Five Senses

A fun and interactive event that allows children to learn and experiment with all 5 senses! Come see, smell, touch, hear and taste our fun activities! All ages welcome, however stations will be suited for 2-5 years.

Location: Redding Cooperative Preschool, 658 Mary St, Redding
Sponsors: Redding Cooperative Preschool, First 5 Shasta

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
Community Skate Party

Grab your friends and roll on over to Viking Skate Country for a FREE community skate party with Family Dynamics!

Location: Viking Skate Country, 735 Auditorium Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Family Dynamics Trauma Recovery Center, First 5 Shasta

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
Pop-Up Storytime

Celebrate Week of the Young Child with us! Turtle Bay will be hosting a pop-up story time to encourage early literacy and learning. Join us for a story, age-appropriate fun activities, and giveaways, along with a healthy snack for all!

Location: Turtle Bay Nursery Classroom, 1100 Arboretum Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Turtle Bay Exploration Park, First 5 Shasta

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
Little Explorers

Children ages 0-5 are invited for a free, drop-in family event filled with hands-on nature art activities and storytimes with local authors. Children will explore real natural textures, build fine motor skills, and practice early science thinking. Children will be given a free book of their choice, while supplies last.

Location: Shasta Family YMCA, 1155 N Court St, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta Family YMCA, First 5 Shasta

3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM
Welcome to the Jungle

Join us for Welcome to the Jungle, a joyful, family-friendly celebration for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers! Explore a resource fair filled with helpful community information, enjoy free family photos and storytime, visit our "Make Your Own Bookmark" station, and receive free books for your family. Connect with our friendly Triple P parent partners, pick up helpful parenting tips, and learn about ACEs in a welcoming, supportive environment, all while having fun together as a family. The first 100 families will receive a free book bag filled with books and goodies!

Location: JCPenney's Courtyard, Mt Shasta Mall, 900 Dana Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Raising Shasta, First 5 Shasta

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
Tales & Togetherness

Join us for storytimes and other fun activities! Each child will receive a swag bag containing books and other goodies!

Location: Shasta Community Health Women's Babies' and Children's Center, 1000 Placer St, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta Community Health, First 5 Shasta

9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Dino Day: Roar and Explore

Far Northern Regional Center is hosting a free sensory experience event filled with Dinosaurs, various sensory experiences, art projects, developmental screenings, storytime (provided in English & Spanish) and much more!

Location: Win-River Resort & Casino: Event Center, 2100 Redding Rancheria Rd, Redding
Sponsors: Far Northern Regional Center, First 5 Shasta

10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
Come Join Us at Sensory Innovations

Join us for an hour of sensory fun! Kids ages 0-5 are FREE, Kids ages 6 and up are \$15.00 per child. We can't wait to play, explore, and have fun together!

Location: Sensory Innovations, 20 Hilltop Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Sensory Innovations, First 5 Shasta

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! Go to pawterinthewater.com to learn more or with questions.

Location: Sun Oaks, 3452 Argyle Rd, Redding
Sponsors: Sun Oaks, Pawter in the Water, First 5 Shasta

11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM
Cottonwood Community Library Storytime!

Join us for stories, a Week of the Young Child paper doll craft and fun at the Cottonwood Community Library!

Location: Cottonwood Community Library, 3427 Main St, Cottonwood
Sponsors: Cottonwood Community Library, First 5 Shasta

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
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Location: Shasta Community Health Women's Babies' and Children's Center, 1000 Placer St, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta Community Health, First 5 Shasta

11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
Little Movers Playtime

Little Movers Play Time is a fun, engaging play group for children ages 0-3, held every Thursday at Sensory Innovations. Kids explore play-based sensory activities in a safe, supportive environment while parents connect with other families. Our physical therapy team is on hand to support movement, development, and answer questions. Free for members and \$15 for non-members, come play, explore, and grow with us!

Location: Sensory Innovations, 20 Hilltop Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Sensory Innovations, First 5 Shasta

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

Join us for Down on the Farm at the Anderson Library! Enjoy a mini petting zoo presented by Anderson High School FFA. Enjoy activity booths provided by WIC, Coleman Fish Hatchery, Public Health, Help Me Grow, City of Anderson, Mindy Odell - Certified Water Safety Instructor, Anderson Walmart, and Chick-fill-A.

Location: Anderson Library, 3200 W. Center St, Anderson
Sponsors: Anderson Library, First 5 Shasta, Anderson Rotary

4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
Under the Sea

Join us for an indoor and outdoor sensory experience! These activities are structured to foster creativity, develop gross and fine motor skills, and improve social-emotional regulation.

Location: Kindred Hearts, 2110 Ferry St, Anderson
Sponsors: Kindred Hearts, First 5 Shasta

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
Pizza Night Giveaway

Join CAAYEC Cascade Chapter for a family-friendly WOYC celebration at Players Pizza in Anderson. Families with children ages 0-5 and ECE teachers enjoying a night off may purchase pizza while enjoying free games, activities, and children's books to take home. A relaxed community event celebrating early literacy and joyful learning. Books available while supplies last.

Location: Players Pizza, 2305 Balls Ferry Rd, Anderson
Sponsors: CAAYEC Cascade Chapter, First 5 Shasta

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
Jumping with Grizzly Spirit

Join Rocky Point Charter School in celebrating the Week of the Young Child with a free two-hour run, jump, and bounce session in partnership with Rare Air. Learn more about our tuition-free programs for children entering TK through 8th grade, meet members of our team, and discover how Rocky Point supports joyful, whole-child intentional learning.

Location: Rare Air, 3625 Old 44 Dr #9306, Redding
Sponsors: Rocky Point Charter School, First 5 Shasta

9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM
ARTSY Thursday

Your child will have the opportunity to be creative with mixed media art. Using different mediums allows the artists to play with color and texture, and to create more tactile work in a safe environment.

Location: Rowell Family Empowerment, 3330 Churn Creek Rd Building A-1, Redding
Sponsors: Rowell Family Empowerment

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Sponsors: Kindred Hearts, First 5 Shasta

1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
Move, Learn & Play at Turtle Bay

Enjoy fun activities that give young children creative ways to move and play throughout the Museum, along with a story time at 2:30pm & 3:30pm. Don't forget to explore more ways to move your body and be an extreme athlete in the Extreme Sports: Beyond Human Limits 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.

Pre-registration is required; visit turtlebay.org/wotyv to register.

Location: Turtle Bay Museum, 844 Sundial Bridge Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Turtle Bay Exploration Park, First 5 Shasta

5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM
Paint & Play Family Night

Children will enjoy age-appropriate art activities, including mess-free sensory painting for toddlers and guided abstract flower painting for older children. Families will also share a hot nutritious meal while connecting with other local families and community resources.

Location: Mountain Community Center, 29775 Highway 299 East, Round Mountain
Sponsors: Mountain Community Center Inc, First 5 Shasta

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:30 AM TO 12:00 PM
Little Sprouts Market Bucks

Little hands, big flavors! Families with kids ages 0-5 years and Moms-to-be can grab Market Bucks for fresh fruits & veggies at the Redding Farmers Market. Check in at the Market Manager's Booth!

Location: Redding City Hall, 777 Cypress Ave, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta Growers Association, First 5 Shasta

10:00 AM TO 11:00 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, hop, climb and run. See you at the Grasshopper Bug Run!

Registration is required and free at reddingrecreation.org

Location: Redding Recreation's Grasshopper Zone, 777 Cypress Ave, Redding
Sponsors: City of Redding, Redding Recreation, First 5 Shasta

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

Come explore different vehicles, participate in vehicle and construction themed activities, crafts, and more!

Location: Redding Public Library, 1100 Parkview Ave, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta Public Libraries, First 5 Shasta

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Touch a Truck

Come meet community helpers and explore emergency vehicles like ambulances, fire trucks, logging vehicles, and more! Enjoy the kids' zone with a petting zoo and special activities, and grab food from local food trucks. FREE for families with children 0-5! \$5 for individuals or \$20 for families with children older than 5

Location: Intermountain Fairgrounds, 44218 A St, McArthur
Sponsors: Rotary of Burney-Fall River, Tri County Community Network, First 5 Shasta

10:30 AM TO 12:00 PM
Week of the Young Child Concert

Families with young children are invited to experience a joyful, interactive concert with the Shasta Children's Chorus. Participants will create simple instruments, sing and move together, and enjoy a short concert at this event designed especially for children aged 0-5. Giveaways and refreshments provided!

Location: Old City Hall Arts Center, 1313 Market St, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta Children's Chorus, Shasta County Arts Council, First 5 Shasta

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Bike Rodeo

Learn bike safety at the bike rodeo! Bikes and helmets will be available to use, or kids can bring their own. Event will be west of the Earth Day Festival in Caldwell Park near the Lake Redding boat ramp.

Location: Caldwell Park (near the boat ramp), 58 Quartz Hill Rd, Redding
Sponsors: Healthy Shasta, CHP, Shasta Environmental Alliance, First 5 Shasta

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Earth Day Festival

A family free event with music, children's interactive activities, food, and earth, friendly, environmental information, ideas and activities

Location: Caldwell Park, 3 Quartz Hill Rd, Redding
Sponsors: Shasta Environmental Alliance, KIXE, US Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management, The Rose Foundation, Redding sports LTD

12:00 PM TO 3:00 PM
Plant & Play Garden Day

This event will provide families with young children an engaging opportunity to participate in hands on garden learning in our community garden. Pots and seeds will be provided for painting and planting. Different garden activities will be available for all ages to have fun learning about gardening and where food comes from. Join us for a free community lunch!

Location: Big Bend Community Land Trust, 24973 Big Bend Rd, Big Bend
Sponsors: Big Bend Community Land Trust, First 5 Shasta

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM
Little Buckaroos Bash

Yee-haw! Grab your boots and hats for an afternoon of rodeo-themed fun! Our Little Buckaroos Bash is designed specifically for children ages 0-8 and their families. Enjoy hands-on rodeo activities, sensory play, and rodeo-themed games perfect for junior trailblazers. Grazing snacks will be served. Information about local resources will be available.

Location: Early Childhood Services, Shasta County Office of Education, 43 Hilltop Dr, Redding
Sponsors: Early Childhood Services, Shasta County Office of Education, Help Me Grow, First 5 Shasta

SPECIAL MENTIONS

APRIL 1 TO MAY 31
Bigfoot Adventure Family Challenge

Gear up for a family adventure! Explore Shasta County's treasured trails and hunt for Bigfoot on the ultimate outdoor quest! Download a passport to participate and get clues as to where Bigfoot is hiding. Participate in 3 adventures and be eligible for a Bigfoot book and stickers, while they last. Get on a bike or slip on sneakers and head outside on a great adventure with the kids! Passports available April 1 - May 31, 2026. Visit: <https://bigfootadventurechallenge.com/>

Sponsors: Redding Trail Alliance, City of Redding, Healthy Shasta

APRIL
Enterprise Elementary School District Art Display

Check out artwork created by Enterprise Elementary School District Kindergartners on display at the Shasta County Arts Council, 1313 Market Street, during the month of April!

Follow us on social media to stay up to date on all things 0 to 5 in Shasta County!



www.First5Shasta.org

