

### First Five Yuba Updates

- Friendly Reminder: First Five Yuba Office is closed for lunch from 12:30PM—1:30PM Monday through Friday.
- POTTER THE OTTER—A Tale About Water: FFY has a limited quantity of books available for children 0-5 and they are **FREE!** Come by our office to get your free copy.

### Calendar Theme of the Month

#### Every Child is Special

- Participate in and/or begin family traditions with your children (ex. trips to the park, game night, family walks)
- Surround your child with adults who cherish and respect them
- Put up pictures of your child and the family. Children need to see themselves and know that they are important
- Respond to children's questions and comments about differences even if you're not sure what to say
- A parent's role is to help children learn about and respect differences

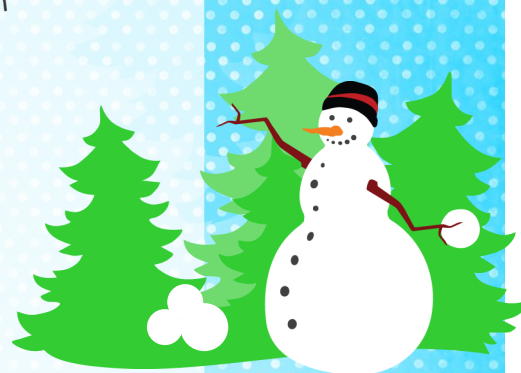
#### Your Child's Development:

- Children grow, develop and learn starting at birth
- Their development can be seen in how they play, learn, speak and behave
- Children develop at different rates, but there are average ages for many "first" like first steps and first words
- The earlier the identification of health and developmental concerns, the sooner your child and family can receive specialized services to support your child's growth and development



Your child cooperates, shares, plays, harmoniously, and comforts others in distress.

*\*Based on the 40 Developmental Assets which are positive factors within young people, families, communities, schools and other settings that research has found to improve and promote the healthy development of young people.\**



## Partner/Community Announcements and Resources

### Bi-County Program Assistance

If you need assistance during the holidays or if you wish to donate, please [CLICK HERE](#) to view a list of different organization where help is being offered and or donations are accepted.

### Deatsch Insurance Agency

Deatsch Insurance Agency, in conjunction with Yuba Sutter Gleaners Food Bank, is running a canned food drive for the holiday and they need your help! Join them in their efforts to help feed those in need by dropping off your non-perishable canned food items at their downtown Marysville location. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### Monthly Calendar of Events

#### ABC Family Resource Center—AmeriCorps Program

School Readiness Program—[Cedar Lane School](#) [Linda School](#) [Ella School](#)

### GraceSource

We are recruiting for our next Supporting Father Involvement (SFI) group which begins in January. Our screening and assessment will need to be completed prior to group, so please make your referrals as soon as possible. Contact Sandra or Santiago at 740.7767; [S.Tenorio@gracesourceinc.org](mailto:S.Tenorio@gracesourceinc.org);

[S.Magana@gracesourceinc.org](mailto:S.Magana@gracesourceinc.org)

The January group will be our last official group as part of the SFI research. We will be providing a special follow-up group for past participants starting in April. We are currently looking for agency partners to continue to provide SFI groups to the families of Yuba and Sutter County either in agreement with GraceSource or as part of their own agency. We can provide training in the SFI model, if necessary. If you are interested, please contact Terri Gentile at 740.7766; [T.Gentile@gracesourceinc.org](mailto:T.Gentile@gracesourceinc.org) or Roy Martin at 632.0163 (cell); [R.Martin@gracesourceinc.org](mailto:R.Martin@gracesourceinc.org).



## Partner Community Events

### Marysville Business Improvement District

Every year is an exciting time when we all gather in Downtown Marysville for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year, as in years past, the Tree Lighting will be on the corner of 3rd and D Street in Historic Downtown Marysville. Everyone is welcome so grab your family, some coffee or a cup of hot cider and join us for some great caroling and community spirit. For more information please call 530-740-1213. Date is as follows:

**December 1st at 6:00PM**

Once a year the streets of Historic Downtown Marysville offer us the opportunity to catch a glimpse of fairies, gnomes, elves, and angels as we gather for our Annual Christmas Parade. We come together as a community to celebrate what is both a sacred and magical time of year. It is sure to be a very special memory for your whole family! For more information please call 530-740-1213. Date is as follows:

**December 3rd beginning at 5:00PM**

### L.O.O.K. (Looking Out for Our Kids)

L.O.O.K. welcomes you and your family to the 43rd Annual Olivehurst Christmas Parade. After the parade take your children to visit Santa.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Date is as follows:

**December 10, 2011 call 743-7440 for more information.**

### ABC Family Resource Center - AmeriCorps Program

Fun For the Whole Family at the Cedar Lane Family Resource Center: *Holiday Craft Time*. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Date is as follows:

**December 13, 2011 from 3:00PM—4:30PM**



*Child participant at the Yuba County Library*

## Newsletters From Other Organizations

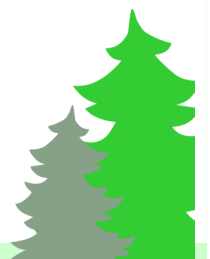
[First 5 San Joaquin](#)

[Earlychildhood Newslink](#)

[Sierra Health Foundation](#)

[Yuba—Sutter Economic Development Corporation](#)

[National Parent Helpline](#)



## ECE Issues/Trends/Advocacy

### Genetic Alliance

Genetic Alliance recently launched a Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS funded, newborn screening resource, [www.BabysFirstTest.org](http://www.BabysFirstTest.org). The website is an objective resource for expecting and new parents to learn about newborn screening and is a place for families and health professionals to share their questions and experiences. Baby's First Test is a central site that brings together stakeholders and provides easy access to newborn screening resources from community groups, government agencies and public organizations. This resource also features condition specific information, state information, family videos, and a Community Corner section, where visitors can learn about reliable sources of information pertaining to maternal and child health.

As part of their "Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Babies" video series, the March of Dimes partnered with Baby's First Test to develop a video vignette depicting a discussion of newborn screening in a prenatal office visit setting. This video is now available on Baby's First Test at <http://www.babysfirsttest.org/asides/video/march-dimes-video-learning-about-newborn-screening>.

### Zero to Three—National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families

Click on the below link to view resources for parents of children Zero to three:

<http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/from-baby-to-big-kid/>.

## Important Dates to Remember

December 15, 2011—First Five Yuba Commission

December 23 & 26, 2011—First Five Yuba Office Closed

December 25, 2011—

*Merry  
Christmas*



*School Readiness participant at  
Cedar Lane School*