

# Welcome to 2023 from Yolo County RFA

Hope that everyone is doing well and getting back into a routine. Please be safe during all the upcoming storms. We are looking forward to a great 2023 and bringing back our RFA Caregiver Forums. We would like to welcome Faiza and Dustin to the team. Faiza is the new clerical support for the team and Dustin will be assisting with pre-approval assessments.

Please feel free to reach out to  
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for any questions, suggestions, or forum topics.

**We love to hear from you.**

## Tentative RFA Event Dates:

Caregiver Forum: March  
29th, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

May Appreciation Event: May  
2023

Back to School: August 2023

Pumpkin Event: October  
2023

RFA Holiday Drive-Thru  
event: December 2023







Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman gearing up to entertain our foster kids.

Assistant Director Karleen Jakowski showing her holiday spirit and volunteering her time to greet our families and pass out gifts.



Director Nolan Sullivan entertaining our families by dressing up as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.





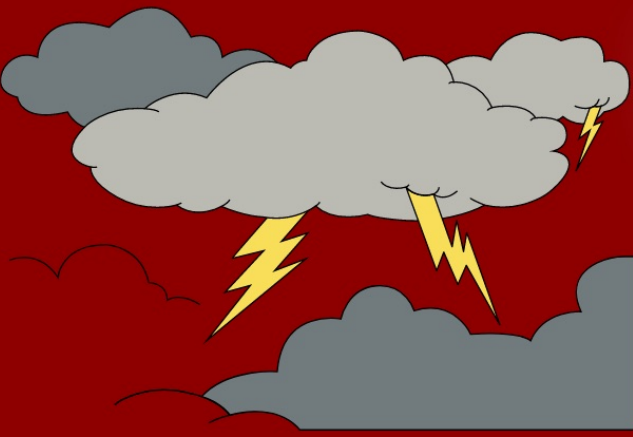
A big thank you to the wonderful staff and volunteers for donating their time and making our holiday event a success.

Santa Clause doing his part by distributing gift bags to our families during the holiday event.



Yolo County Sheriff's Office staff graciously came to help distribute presents at the event, and even showed off their vehicles.





# With another winter storm brewing, be prepared.



## Tips and reminders to make sure your family emergency kit is always ready to go:

- Keep canned or packaged food in a cool, dry place (check the expiration dates at least twice per year).
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers.
- Replace water supply every six months.
- Review your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change (update medical and personal records at least once per year).
- Prepare separate kits for your home, work, and your vehicle since you never know where you'll be when an emergency happens.
- If you can't contact your doctor or pharmacy in a disaster, ask for help from emergency responders or staff at emergency shelters or service centers.
- Remember to keep RFA notified of your safety and needs during the storm. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help your family - call 530-669-2345 after hours.

# Disaster Supply Kit

**Water**



**Non-perishable  
snacks**



**Battery-  
powered radio**



**Flashlight**



**Whistle**



**Extra  
batteries**



**Map of  
the area**



**First aid  
kit**



**Common  
medications**



**Antibacterial  
Wipes**





# January is known as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

This is a key time for everyone to become educated about human trafficking and learn how to identify signs of trafficking.

Some signs that a child may be being trafficked:

- Signs of physical abuse such as burn marks, bruises, or cuts.
- Unexplained absences from school, truancy.
- Less appropriately dressed than before.
- Sexualized behavior.
- Overly tired or falls asleep in class.
- Withdrawn, depressed or distracted

## Facts on Trafficking:

- \$150 billion made each year from modern slavery, that almost \$5,000 every second.
- 54% of victims of victims worldwide are women & girls.
- The U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline received 51,667 substantive reports of potential trafficking in 2020.
- The number of victims in human trafficking or living in modern slavery is estimated at 27.6 million, not counting the 22 million in forced marriages.

Taken from <https://hopeforjustice.org/human-trafficking>

Want more info? See website for National Human Trafficking Hotline