



RCRC's Winter Holiday Event

MAKE A CRAFT, COLLECT A GIFT & SNACK, TAKE A PHOTO WITH SANTA

By Renee Thompson

t's that time of year again when Redwood Coast Regional Center hosts their annual Winter Holiday event. We will be celebrating this year at 5 different locations across Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Come join us and enjoy this magical time of year for a festive and enchanting afternoon together. Each event

will have craft activities, gifts for each participant, snacks and an opportunity to take a photo with Santa. This annual celebration is free and open to all RCRC clients, their caregivers, and families. Feel free to stop in anytime during our available hours and we hope to see you there! *

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Days to Remember

December 2nd

National Special Education Day

December 2

Giving Tuesday

December 3

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 21

Winter Begins

December 24

Christmas Eve RCRC will be closed

December 25

Christmas

RCRC will be closed

December 31New Years Eve









NORTHERN COUNTY EVENTS

December 5th

Family Resource Center 494 Pacific Ave., Crescent City, CA 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:30pm-4:00pm

December 15th

RCRC Eureka Office 525 2nd St. (1st floor), Eureka, CA 11:00am-1:00pm & 3:00pm-6:00pm



SOUTHERN COUNTY EVENTS

December 2nd

Fort Bragg Veterans Memorial Building 360 Harrison Ave., Fort Bragg, CA 1:00pm-4:00pm

December 5th

RCRC Lakeport Office 180 3rd St., Lakeport, CA 11:00am-1:00pm & 2:30pm-5:00pm

December 9th

RCRC Ukiah Office 1116 Airport Park Blvd., CA 11:00am-1:00pm & 2:30pm-6:00pm







RCRC Executive Director Recruitment

By Nichole Haydon

am so pleased to announce we are now recruiting for RCRC's next Executive Director. The Board has spent the last few months reviewing/refining the job description/duties to ensure they are in alignment with RCRC and the Board's expectations.

Initial screening of and contact with applicants will begin on December 8, 2025 with interviews scheduled after January 5, 2026. Applications should be sent to HR@redwoodcoastrc.org.

To view the announcement in it's entirety, visit our website at: https://redwoodcoastrc.org/careers/











Getting to know our community

DARCEE LANDES

What is your position at RCRC?

I am an Associate Service Coordinator here at RCRC and work mainly with adults.

What inspired you to get into this field of work?

When I went to school many moons ago, I had studied biology in hopes I would someday become a wildlife biologist. However, as a single mother with three young children it did not seem feasible to be able to work in that field at the time. I decided to switch gears and received my associate's degree in behavioral science through College of the Redwoods. My three (now adult) kids have definitely been an inspiration for me. Struggling to get their needs met in a community with such limited resources was a constant challenge, but it became easier the longer I lived here and the more familiar I was with all the services in this area.

Tell us about an inspirational experience working with RCRC?

Recently one of the younger

adults on my caseload, who had been living in his family home, transitioned to his own apartment. His IPP team had been working on this plan for the past 3 years and it finally came to fruition. With supports in place, this young man is now living his dream. He is engaged with many community activities and has a really strong support system in place. He is learning to make his own choices and has a diverse group of friends he is connected to daily.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I like to hunt down my grandkids and make them hang out with me. I also like to cook, and recently I have been experimenting with turning any meal into a soup recipe. *



"With supports in place, this young man is now living his dream."



DARCEE LANDES





December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	First 5 Humboldt Orick First 5 Humboldt Arcata RCRC Winter Holiday Event Fort Bragg	First 5 Humboldt Orick Food For People Fortuna Parent IEP Workshop, Zoom Dance Therapy Loleta Ornaments Eureka	4	First 5 Humboldt Rio Dell First 5 Humboldt Willow Creek RCRC Winter Holiday Event Crescent City & Lakeport	Multiplicity Samoa Multiplicity Ukiah Stocking Stuffer Event, Fortuna
7	8	Food For People Redway RCRC Winter Holiday Event Ukiah Play Group Lower Lake Multiplicity Caregivers Group, Redway	Food For People Rio Dell	11	12	Special Santa Event Ferndale Community Cornerstone Holiday event Redway Mitote at the Dunes Manilla
14	RCRC Winter Holiday Event Eureka	RCRC Spanish Parent Group Lakeport	Changing Tides Training, Zoom First 5 Humboldt Redway Changing Tides Support Group, Zoom	Parent Support Group Lower Lake Loleta Food Pantry, Loleta Multiplicity Lakeport	RCRC Field Days Willow Creek TCIL Emergency Workshop Eureka	20
Brighter Futures Support Group Hoopa	22	Play Group Lower Lake	24 Christmas Eve RCRC Closed	Christmas RCRC Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31			

For more information, see event fliers.





FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

Orick Playgroup

Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30am-11:30am Orick Elementary School, 120918 Highway 101, Orick For more information, contact 707-488-2821.

FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

Arcata Playgroup

Every Tuesday, 1:00pm-3:00pm D St. Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata

For more information, visit https://www.first5humboldt.org/ for-families/playgroups/.





REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Annual Winter Event

Tuesday, December 2nd, 1:00pm-4:00pm Fort Bragg Veterans Memorial Building

360 Harrison Ave., Fort Bragg

For more information, contact tgilbert@redwoodcoastrc.org.







FOOD FOR PEOPLE

Humboldt County Pantry Distribution

Wednesday, December 3rd, 10:00am-12:30pm Fortuna Adventist Community Services, 2331 Rohnerville Rd., Fortuna

For more information, contact 707-445-3166 or visit https://www.foodforpeople.org/distribution...

RCRC will be tabling this event.

LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER'S FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Parent IEP Monthly Empowerment Workshop

December 3rd, 1st Wednesday of each month, 2:00-4:00pm

Zoom

For Zoom information, contact 707-279-0563 ext 204.





LOLETA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Dance Therapy

Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm

Loleta Community Resource Center, 700 Loleta Dr., Loleta For more information, contact 707-733-5239.





REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Capitol Tree Lighting Ornament Making Event

Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:00pm-8:00pm Jefferson Community Center, Eureka

For more information, contact Jorge Matias at 707-273-9722.

Tamales, coffee & hot chocolate while supplies last.

To learn more about the Regional Center Tree Lighting Event, visit: https://www.dds.ca.gov/general/newsroom/capitol-christmastree-lighting/

FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

Play Group

Every Friday, 10:00am-12:00pm

Volunteer Fire Department of Rio Dell, 50 Center St., Rio Dell

For more information, visit

 $\underline{https://www.first5humboldt.org/for-families/playgroups/.}$

RCRC will be tabling this event on the 12/5/2025.





FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

Willow Creek Playgroup

Every Friday, 10:30am-12:30pm

Creekside Learning Center, 75 The Terrace, Willow Creek

For more information, contact Karen Diers at 530-629-3141 or email at Karen.Diers@stjoe.org.







REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Annual Winter Event

Friday, December 5th, 11:00am-1:00pm & 2:30-5:00pm RCRC Lakeport Office, 180 3rd st., Lakeport For more information, contact tgilbert@redwoodcoastrc.org.

REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Annual Winter Event

Friday, December 5th, 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:30-4:00pm Family Resource Center, 494 Pacific Ave., Crescent City

For more information, contact svanlathanith@redwoodcoastrc.org.





MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Redwood Caregiver Support Group

Saturday, December 6th, 10:00am-11:30am
Dream Athletics, 900 Vance Ave., Samoa
For more information, contact Kelly at 707-498-0010
or email kelly@multiplicityinc.com.





MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Client, family and caregivers group

Saturday, December 6th, movie starts at 10:00am

Regal Movie Theater, 612 S State St., Ukiah

Please RSVP at 707-494-8511 with exact number of adults and children. Seating is limited!

GENE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTER

Stocking Stuffer Annual Holiday Event
Saturday, December 6th, 1:00-5:00pm
Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Rd., Fortuna
RCRC will be tabling this event.





FOOD FOR PEOPLE

Humboldt County Pantry Distribution

Sunday, December 9th, 10:30am-12:30pm 1055 Redway Dr., Redway

For more information, contact 707-445-3166 or visit https://www.foodforpeople.org/distribution.

RCRC will be tabling this event.





REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Annual Winter Event

Tuesday, December 9th, 11:00am-1:00pm & 2:30-6:00pm RCRC Ukiah office, 1116 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah For more information, contact tgilbert@redwoodcoastrc.org

LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Play Group

December 9th & 23rd, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 3:00-4:30pm

16170 Main St. Suite C & D, Lower Lake For more information, contact 707-279-0563, ext 204.





MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Client, family and caregivers group
Tuesday, December 9th, 3:00-4:30pm
Southern Humboldt Family Persource Cer

Southern Humboldt Family Resource Center 344 Humboldt Ave., Redway

For more information, contact Kathryn at 707-616-3600 or lan at 540-818-8164.





FOOD FOR PEOPLE

Humboldt County Pantry Distribution

Wednesday, December 10th, 10:00am-12:30pm Volunteer Fire Department of Rio Dell, 50 Center St., Rio Dell For more information, contact 707-445-3166 or visit https://www.foodforpeople.org/distribution..

RCRC will be tabling this event.

FERNDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Special Santa 2025

Saturday, December 13th, 9:00am-12:00pm Ferndale Fire Hall, 436 Brown St., Ferndale For more information, contact 707-786-9909.





COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE

Winter Holiday Boutique

Saturday, December 13th, 10:00am-5:00pm & Sunday, December 14th, 10:00am-4:00pm Redway School, 344 Humboldt Ave., Redway For more information, contact

For more information, contac cornerprusk21@gmail.com

Cornerstone crafts are also available at the Pierson's Garden Shop, Christmas Store in Eureka, now till Christmas.







HUMBOLDT COASTAL NATURE CENTER

Mitote at the Dunes

Saturday, December 13th, 3:00-6:00pm 220 Stamps Ln, Manilla

For more information, contact 707-444-1397.

RCRC will be tabling this event.

REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Annual Winter Event

Monday, December 15th, 11:00am-1:00pm & 3:00-6:00pm RCRC Eureka Office, 525 2nd St., Eureka For more information, contact svanlathanith@redwoodcoastrc.org.





RCRC SPANISH PARENT GROUP

Attend, Learn, Share!

December 16th, 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:00am RCRC office, 180 3rd St., Lakeport

For more information, contact 707-234-5415.

(This event is in Spanish)





CHANGING TIDES

Upcoming Training

December 17th, 3rd Wednesday of each month 9:30-10:30am and 6:00-7:00pm

Zoom

For more information, and Zoom link, contact 707-444-8293.

FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

Play Group

Every Wednesday, 10-12pm 344 Humboldt Ave., Redway

For more information, visit https://www.first5humboldt.org/
for-families/playgroups/.

RCRC will be tabling this event on 12/17/25.





LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Parent Support Group

December 18th, 3rd Thursday of each month, 10:00-11:00am 16170 Main St., Suite C & D, Lower Lake

Register at: https://forms.gle/UHm1cGkHvUTxbwFh8 For more information, contact 707-279-0563, ext. 204.







LOLETA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Loleta Food Pantry

December 18th, 3rd Thursday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm Loleta Community Church, 228 Church St., Loleta For more information, contact 707-733-5239.

MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Client, family and caregivers group
Thursday, December 18th, 5:00-6:30pm
Fun Zone Arcade, 2755 Mission Rancheria Rd., Lakeport
Please RSVP at 707-494-8511 or e-mail
schedule@multiplicityinc.com with number of people attending.





RCRC FIELD DAYS

Service Coordinator open time

Friday, December 19th, 12:00-3:30pm

100 Country Club Dr., Willow Creek

For more information, contact Heather Green at 707-445-0893 ext. 341.

Will be canceled with inclement weather.





TRI-COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING

Emergency Plan Workshop



We are proud to announce that TRI-COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING will be offering an emergency plan workshop for all TCIL clients and interested community members that would like to learn how to create and implement an Emergency Plan for themselves and/or their families. You will also receive an Emergency Go Backpack at the end of the workshop to take home as a starting point for an emergency XII.

This workshop will be held on the 3rd Friday of every other month. Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: By calling Tare Groswird - 707-498-0977 or 707-445-8404 **Space is limited to 6 participants per each workshop

Location: Tri-County Independent Living 139 5th St. Eureka, Ca 95501

> Rural Human Services 786 M St. Suite A, Crescent City, Ca 95531

Dates: Every 3rd friday of every other month (see workshop dates below)

Times: 1:00pm - 2:30pm

TRI-COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING

Emergency Plan Workshop

Friday, December 19th, 1:00-2:30pm Tri-County Independent Living, 139 5th St., Eureka Please RSVP Tara Groswird at 707-498-0977 or 707-445-8404 ext. 715.

BRIGHTER FUTURES

Parent Support Group

Sunday, December 21st, 12:00-2:00pm Trading Post, State Highway 96, Hoopa For more information and to RSVP, contact Darcey at 707-599-7332 or David at 707-502-9118.





CHANGING TIDES

Parent/Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, December 17th (3rd week of the month due to holidays) 9:30-10:30am and 6:00-7:00pm

Zoom

For more information, and Zoom link, contact 707-444-8293.





ENGLISH EXPRESS

Free English Language & Citizenship Classes
Fall September-December
Humboldt County

For more information, contact 707-443-5021, or visit https://englishexpressempowered.com/about/

SCDD NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS

Family Surveys

To participate in the survey, email QAProject@SCDD.ca.gov For more information, email NCIHelp@dds.ca.gov





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Want to learn more?
Contact your Service
Coordinator at RCRC or a
Participant Choice Manager.

Participant Choice Managers

Humboldt & Del Norte Counties:

Alex Ostell (707) 445-0893, ext. 317 aostell@redwoodcoastrc.org

Mendocino & Lake Counties: Sheila Keys (707) 462-3832, ext. 254 SKeys@redwoodcoastrc.org



STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ORIENTATION



Join Us to Learn...

- What is SDP*
- How SDP Works
- The Principles of SDP
- Steps to Enroll in SDP
- Key Roles in SDP
- Your Next Steps
- * Self-Determination Program

For more Information and Registration Click the link below:

https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation



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LOCAL & REGIONAL RESOURCES

Find these and many more on our website at: https://redwoodcoastrc.org/resources-hub/local-resources/





















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Redwood Coast Regional Center Offices

CONTACT YOUR NEAREST OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE

Ukiah Office | Corporate Office

1116 Airport Park Blvd. Ukiah, CA 95482 Phone: (707) 462-3832 Fax: (707) 462-3314 Mendocino County

Lakeport Office

180 3rd Street Lakeport, CA 95453 Phone: (707) 262-0470 Fax: (707) 264-6537 Lake County

Eureka Office

525 2nd Street, Suite 300 Eureka, CA 95501 Phone: (707) 445-0893 Fax: (707) 444-3409 Humboldt County

(New office coming soon!)

Fort Bragg Office 270 Chestnut Street, Suite A Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Phone: (707) 964-6387 Fax: (707) 964-0226 Mendocino County

Clearlake Office

14888 Olympic Dr. Clearlake, CA 95422 Phone: (707) 621-6169 Fax: (707) 264-6537 Lake County

Crescent City Office

1301-A Northcrest Drive Crescent City, CA 95531 Phone: (707) 464-7488 Fax: (707) 465-4230 Del Norte County

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