

# THE DAILY BABBLE

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### Upcoming Events

- RP Lighting Event: Dec. 6  
5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  
5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

Kick off the holiday season with twinkling lights, festive fun, and plenty of holiday cheer! Enjoy free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, delight in children's crafts and games, savor holiday treats, and experience live performances that will make the evening merry and bright.

Step inside the Callinan Sports & Fitness Center for even more seasonal joy—cookie decorating, letters to Santa, and holiday-themed games await!

This free community event is packed with family fun, complimentary treats and beverages, and engaging activities for kids. Food items will be available for purchase. Don't miss your chance to enjoy free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

### Holiday Closures

Rise and Shine will be **closed** on the following dates. Mark your calendars.

- Blanket Drive: Friday, Dec. 19
- Christmas Break: Dec. 22–26
- Winter Break: Dec. 29 – Jan. 2

### BIRTHDAYS

27<sup>th</sup>: Happy Birthday, Miss Liz!

We're grateful for all you bring to MV—wishing you a wonderful day!

31<sup>st</sup>: Happy Birthday, Leia!

Your MV family celebrates you—have the best birthday! 🌟

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### Operation Blanket

#### Celebrating 11 Years of Warmth and Community

This year marks a beautiful milestone as Rise and Shine celebrates the 11th anniversary of Operation Blanket, a tradition rooted in compassion, generosity, and love for our community.

For over a decade, Operation Blanket has brought warmth and comfort to infants, toddlers, and families in need during the colder months—reflecting the heart of who we are.

At the center of this longstanding tradition is **Mr. Ian** of Rise and Shine Rohnert Park (RP)—a devoted educator and the founder of Operation Blanket. Eleven years ago, Mr. Ian began this initiative with a simple but powerful vision: no child or family should face winter without warmth. His kindness and leadership have inspired hundreds of contributions and created a legacy of care that continues to grow each year.

Rise and Shine Child Care Centers & Family Services Agency is proud to support and uplift this annual effort. Our staff, families, and extended community come together year after year—donating blankets, sharing resources, and spreading hope.

Operation Blanket is more than an event; it is a testament to what we can accomplish when we stand together.

Thank you for helping us celebrate 11 years of impact. Through Operation Blanket, we continue wrapping our community in warmth—one blanket at a time.

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### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome two wonderful additions to the Rise and Shine family:

Clovelly – Infant Teacher, Rohnert Park Center

Shenaaz – Infant Aide, Humboldt Center

Please join us in giving both a heartfelt Rise and Shine welcome!

We are grateful to have them on our team and look forward to the joy and excellence they will bring to our centers.



### First Friends

We are delighted to welcome our newest little ones to the Rise and Shine family!

👶 Rosie — joined us in October at our Montgomery Village facility.

👶 Sophie — joined us in November at our Humboldt Street facility.

👶 Adrian — joining us in December at our Montgomery Village facility.

We are so excited to be part of their early learning journeys and to watch each of them grow, explore, and shine. And stay tuned—we will be welcoming even more new friends in the near future! 💖🌟

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### ⚠ Important Program Funding Update for 2026

Rise and Shine would like to share an important update regarding our funding structure for the upcoming year.

After much consideration, and due to circumstances outside of our control, we have made the difficult but necessary decision to voluntarily release our State CCTR contract effective December 31, 2025. This means that beginning January 1, 2026, Rise and Shine will no longer provide in-house subsidized care through the CCTR program.

We want to reassure all families that: Our program operations, quality of care, curriculum, and staffing will not change. We will continue offering the same high-quality, relationship-based infant care you know and trust.

Families will still be able to enroll using:

- ✓ Private pay
- ✓ 4Cs
- ✓ SonomaWORKS / CalWORKs
- ✓ River to Coast, Child Family Circle, and other third-party funding sources

For families currently receiving CCTR support, this change will require securing an alternate form of assistance or moving to private pay beginning January 2026. We are committed to helping families with this transition and will provide the Notice of Action documentation needed for continuity-of-care considerations.

We understand that this update may bring concern, and we deeply appreciate the understanding, trust, and partnership of all our Rise and Shine families. This decision—while incredibly difficult—was necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability and stability of our program.

As always, our mission remains the same: to provide safe, nurturing, and developmentally enriching care for Sonoma County's youngest learners.