

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Head Start Home-Based Program Now Enrolling

The Tulare County Office of Education Head Start Home-Based Program is now accepting applications for preschoolers who are between 2.9 and 4.8 years of age as of September 1, 2004. The program is available in communities throughout Tulare County.

The Home Based Program is an educational program for preschoolers and their parents. Each family is assigned a home educator who goes to the home for 1 1/2 hours each week. The home educator works with the parent to plan and provide educational activities for the preschool child. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak notes: "The program also provides other Head Start services and education in health, nutrition, special needs and social services." Twice per month families meet for group educational and socialization activities lasting two hours each time.

Services are free. Families interested in enrolling in this program must meet income guidelines and other eligibility requirements. For more information, contact the Home-Based Program main office in Visalia at (559) 651-0247 or 1-800-994-6226.

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