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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Seeks Members

The Tulare County Child Care Planning Council is currently seeking members for openings in all five representation categories described below. Interested community members – who match the criteria described in the category – are encouraged to apply for this two-year position.

A statute provides guidelines for the composition of the Planning Council's membership, which is set at 35 individuals, and how appointments are made. The statute specifically requires the appointing agencies to make every effort to ensure the ethnic, racial, and geographic composition of the council is reflective of the county's population. Both the County Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of School are to appoint half of the members from each of the five following categories of representation:

- 20% Consumers (Defined as a parent or person who receives, or who has received within the past 36 months, child care services.)
- 20% Child Care Providers (Defined as a person who provides child care services or represents persons who provide child care services.)
- 20% Public Agency Representative (Defined as a person who represents a city, county or local education agency.)

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- 20% Community Representative (Defined as a person who represents an agency or business that provides private funding for child care services, or who advocates for child care services through participation in civic or community-based organizations but is not a child care provider or CDE funded agency representative.)
- 20% Discretionary Appointees (Appointed from any of the above categories or outside of these categories at the discretion of the appointing agencies.)

The Council meets ten times per year. The meetings are open to the public held the second Thursday of the month from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in Visalia. Each quarter the Council meets in an outlying community. There are no meetings held in December or July. Individuals wishing to apply for either Council position, or needing more information, should contact Tina Shirley at 651-3026, or tshirley@cc.tcoe.org. For more information visit www.tularecountykids.org.

“The Child Care Planning Council is an important voice for the development of child care partnerships and services in Tulare County,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “I encourage community members with an interest in serving on the Council as it plans child care services in Tulare County to apply for a position on this worthwhile committee,” Mr. Vidak adds.

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