

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

## **Region VII After School Program to Hold Training Institute in Visalia**

**July 11 – 15 for Non-Management Staff • July 25 – 28 for Management Staff**

The Tulare County Office of Education serves as the Regional Lead Office for After School Programs and serves as a liaison between the California Department of Education (CDE) and local after school programs. The Regional Lead's purpose is to provide training and technical support to school districts, their partners, and other community stakeholders who currently receive, or are interested in receiving and sustaining, after school grants. Region VII serves Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare counties.

Dozens of After School Program staff from throughout Central California will attend two training conferences July 11-15 and July 25-28 at the Tulare County Office of Education's Doe Avenue Complex in Visalia. Attendees will receive training in adopting the California academic achievements standards, family literacy programs, student safety, coaching and mentoring, grant requirements and administration, program evaluation skills and addressing the cultural, language and other special needs of students.

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One of the key trainers at the event is CynDee Zandes, Ed.D. Dr. Zandes is a nationally acclaimed expert in coaching, mentoring and program support. She currently coordinates the Greenfield Union District's grant funded programs including the After School Education and Safety Program, the 21st Century Community Learning Center Project, a 72-member AmeriCorps program, two preschools, two Community Policing Projects, and a demonstration program in Elementary Counseling. Over the past five years, she has been instrumental in bringing nearly \$25 million of grant-funded programs into the Monterey County school district.

For information about the Tulare County Office of Education, please call the Public Information Office at (559) 733-6606 or visit our website at [www.tcoe.org](http://www.tcoe.org). For additional information about Region VII After School Programs, please contact Project Coordinator Damian Maldonado at call 651-0155

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