

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Plaque Dedication at Tule Child Care Center October 24, 2007 • 9:30 a.m.**

The Tule Child Development Center, located on the Tule Indian Reservation near Porterville, has improved site drainage thanks to a grant from the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee. To commemorate the project, the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) Child Care Educational Program will host a plaque dedication ceremony at the center on Wednesday, October 24, at 9:30 a.m.

The center, built on land donated by the Tule Tribal Council, is located on the side of a mountain. When drainage problems were found, TCOE applied for a \$20,000 grant from the Gaming Committee, which facilitates distribution of appropriations from the Indian Gaming Distribution Fund. By law, the Tule River Tribal Council contributes winnings to the fund to mitigate any impacts from the gaming facility.

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The Tribal Council, which must sponsor the grants, has been a longtime partner with TCOE's child development center. The Council donated the land for the original center, as well as the current site and applied for funding to build one of its classrooms.

The drainage project consisted of the installation of concrete channels leading to four new drains. It also included the elimination of dangerous puddles, erosion and run-off behind the classrooms onto the road and the home below.

For information, contact the Child Care Educational Program, 651-3022.

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