

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Volunteer Speakers Needed to Help Neglected Children November 6 and 8, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Manzanita Room, 7000 Doe Ave., Visalia**

*Visalia* - The Child Abuse and Neglect (C.A.N.) Prevention Program – sponsored by the Tulare Office of Education – is seeking volunteers. C.A.N. is a preventative program designed to help reduce the incidence of neglect, as well as physical, emotional and sexual abuse. “If you are someone who is committed to bettering the lives of children, this is an extraordinary opportunity,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

The C.A.N. Program has established a two-day training session for new volunteers on November 6 and 8. Once trained, volunteers will make presentations to kindergarten through fifth-grade students in Tulare County schools – both public and private. Two volunteers work together in each classroom. They speak from a prepared script in order to ensure that all of the information is covered. The presentations are non-threatening and age appropriate. Volunteers receive a total of 14 hours training over two separate days. Trained volunteers then serve four to six hours per month.

To register, or for more information, please contact C.A.N. Project Coordinator Elena Hawley or Margarita Quintana at (559) 651-0130.

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