

Tulare County Office of Education

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Head Start centers accepting applications for migrant preschoolers and toddlers

The Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program (formerly known as the Child Care Educational Program) is currently accepting applications from migrant families with toddlers and preschoolers for enrollment at its Head Start-funded preschools.

Migrant families must be engaged in agricultural labor and have changed their residence from one geographical location to another in the preceding two-year period. To qualify, 51 percent or more of the family income must come from working in agriculture. That is defined as working in row or tree crops, nurseries, packing houses, transporting from field to packing house, and working in alfalfa or other silage crops.

Jim Vidak, county superintendent of schools, said the program is now accepting preschoolers who are between 2.10 and 4.9 years of age as of September 1, 2012 at the following centers:

Cutler Child Development Center

Located behind Cutler School

12890 School Ave.

Cutler, CA 93615

(559) 528-1834

Supervisor: Mona Arevalo

Washington Child Development Center (located at Washington School)

451 E. Samoa

Lindsay, CA 93247

(559) 562-1199

Supervisor: Angie Rodriguez-Angeles

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Porterville Child Development Center
254 W. Orange
Porterville, CA 93258
(559) 781-0145
Supervisor: Marilu Martinez

Market Street Child Development Center
507 Market Street
Earlimart, CA 93219
(661) 849-2961
Supervisor: Irma Ceja

Richgrove Child Development Center
20812 Grove Drive
Richgrove, CA 93261
(661) 725-0144
Interim Supervisor: Jessie Reyes
(Note: the Richgrove Center also accepts toddlers)

Families must meet income guidelines and other eligibility requirements. In addition to an education program, the centers also offer Head Start services including health, nutrition, special needs and social services.

For more information, contact the centers listed above or call the main office in Visalia at (559) 651-3022.

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