

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

**Town hall meeting on underage drinking scheduled for May 29  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m., May 29, 2014 • Sundale Union Multipurpose Room, 13990 Ave. 240, Tulare**

The Tulare County Office of Education's CHOICES Prevention Programs will hold a Town Hall Meeting for educators, parents, middle and high school students, and the general public to discuss underage drinking prevention. Presenters will discuss the effects of alcohol on young drinkers and our communities, and ways that adults can help young people stay healthy and safe.

Underage drinking is a pressing public health concern that affects the health and well-being of our nation's youth, their families and our community. In 2010, about 10 million, or one in every four 12- to 20-year-olds reported using alcohol during the previous month, although it was illegal for them to do so. Underage drinking contributes to a range of costly health and social problems, including traffic fatalities, suicide, physical and sexual assault, brain impairment, alcohol dependence, academic problems, and alcohol and drug poisoning.

For additional information about the town hall meeting, call Gene Mendes at (559) 651-0155.

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