

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **“Dream Center” for foster youth to hold open house Thursday, August 29**

**4:00 until 6:00 p.m., 1730 W. Walnut Ave., Suite B, Visalia**

TCOE's new Dream Center for foster youth will hold a community open house on Thursday, August 29 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Opened in June, the Dream Center brings together the staff of several agencies serving foster youth. In addition to TCOE's Foster Youth Services/Homeless Education staff, the Dream Center is now home to the staff of the Tulare County Child Abuse Prevention Council, three social workers from Tulare County Child Welfare Services, and an eligibility worker from TulareWORKS. The social workers have expertise in the Independent Living Program, family connections, and AB12 foster youth benefits, while the eligibility worker can help youth with Medi-Cal, food stamps, housing, and job searches.

“Thanks to the support of Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency, Tulare County Superior Courts, CASA, College of the Sequoias, and our school districts, the Dream Center has already begun to seamlessly erase agency borders in their work to support foster youth,” said Tim. Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools.

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