

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Vacancies**

The Child Care Planning Council currently has two openings to be appointed by Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. One of the available positions is a public agency representative and the other is a discretionary representative. The public agency representative is a person who represents a city, county or local education agency. The discretionary representative is one who is appointed from any of the categories described below, or outside of these categories at the discretion of the appointing agencies.

A statute provides guidelines for the composition of the Planning Council's membership, which is set at 35 individuals, and how appointments are made. The statute specifically requires the appointing agencies to make every effort to ensure the ethnic, racial, and geographic composition of the council is reflective of the county's population. Both the County Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools are to appoint half of the members from each of the five following categories of representation:

- 20 percent Consumers (defined as a parent or person who receives, or who has received within the past 36 months, child care services.)
- 20 percent Child Care Providers (defined as a person who provides child care services or represents persons who provide child care services.)
- 20 percent Public Agency Representative (defined as a person who represents a city, county, or local education agency.)

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- 20 percent Community Representative (defined as a person who represents an agency or business that provides private funding for child care services, or who advocates for child care services through participation in civic or community-based organizations but is not a child care provider or CDE funded agency representative.)
- 20 percent Discretionary Appointees (appointed from any of the above categories or outside of these categories at the discretion of the appointing agencies.)

The Council meets ten times per year. The meetings are open to the public held the second Thursday of the month from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in Visalia. Each quarter the Council meets in an outlying community.

There are no meetings held in December or July. Individuals wishing to apply for either Council position, or needing more information, should contact Tina Shirley at 651-3026, or [tshirley@cc.tcoe.org](mailto:tshirley@cc.tcoe.org).

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