

# news galleryweek

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**Educators, community members invited to annual Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development event**

## **TULARE COUNTY COUNCIL ON CHILD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



### **11th Annual Legislative Event**

**Thursday, November 7, 2019  
11:00 a.m.**

**Tulare County Office of Education  
6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

The Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development will host its 11th Annual Legislative Event on Thursday, November 7, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Tulare County Office of Education. Registration, networking, and lunch will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., followed with a presentation by Dr. Steve Roussos with Community Initiatives for Collective Impact (Ci4Ci). Dr. Roussos is a consultant for early childhood education programs throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Founded in 2017, Ci4Ci joins researchers with community leaders to collaboratively address the priorities of communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

Among the priorities is building community support for high quality early learning and care. Dr. Roussos has been a project scientist with UC Merced since 2009. In 2015, he co-developed a new minor at the university on Community Research and Service to train students in community-engaged research. In various capacities, Dr. Roussos has contributed to regional, state, and national projects to improve early childhood education and care.



The Legislative Event was created to educate decision makers and legislators about the importance of early childhood education programs and their role in creating life-long learners, particularly in Tulare County. At the conclusion of this year's event, the council will present its annual Impact Award to a local organization that is making a positive impact in the community.

Registration for this free event is required due to limited seating. For more information and to register to attend, visit [www.tularecountykids.org/LegislativeEvent](http://www.tularecountykids.org/LegislativeEvent).

*Photo above:*

*~ Dr. Steve Roussos will be the keynote presenter at the Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development's annual legislative event scheduled for November 7. Dr. Roussos is the founder of Community Initiatives for Collective Impact and a consultant to early learning programs throughout the San Joaquin Valley.*

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### **Tulare County Youth Council to help host annual Red Ribbon Celebration October 30**

The annual Tulare County Red Ribbon Celebration for students will open at 4:00 p.m. on October 30 at the Visalia Convention Center. The program will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Gene Mendes, CHOICES Prevention/Intervention Education facilitator, and members of the Tulare County Youth Council emceeding the activities and entertainment. Members of the Youth Council will speak to the young people in attendance about the misuse of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. Entertainment will be provided by numerous student groups, including the Redwood High School hip-hop team, the Redwood High cheer squad, and Jennah the Gem Mixed Martial Arts.



The Red Ribbon Celebration is a partnership between the TCOE CHOICES Program, the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency and a myriad of other county and city resources. The

event emphasizes the importance of making positive life choices without the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. It also showcases many positive extracurricular opportunities for local youth. For more information, contact the CHOICES Program at (559) 651-0155.

**Tulare County Office of Education Red Ribbon Week  
October 21-25**

The annual Tulare County Office of Education Red Ribbon Week will be held October 21-25 with the theme of **Send a Message, Stay Drug Free**. All proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Tulare County Office of Education Foundation. To see updates on the week's activities, visit [tcoe.org/RedRibbon](http://tcoe.org/RedRibbon). Orders for all breakfast, lunch, and dinner activities are due to Jennifer Fisher by Monday, October 14.



*Photo above:*

*~ The annual Tulare County Red Ribbon Celebration, scheduled for October 30 at the Visalia Convention Center, will feature dozens of interactive resource booths, presentations by the Tulare County Youth Council, and performances by student groups. Last year, representatives from the California Department of Justice spoke to students about the dangers of smoking or vaping butane hash oil (BHO).*

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**Students engaged in learning about Veterans Day through the Tulare County Museum,  
public invited to attend celebration November 9**



The Tulare County Museum in Mooney Grove Park will hold a Veterans Day Celebration in honor of the American Legion Centennial on Saturday, November 9, from 11:00 a.m. until noon.

To prepare for the event, teachers at participating schools are conducting lessons this month addressing different aspects of Veterans Day, the American Legion, and the period following the end of World War I. The Tulare County Museum has provided additional resources, including art, poetry, documentaries, podcasts, and local veterans available for classroom presentations.

As part of the Veterans Day lessons, students will cut out a poppy and write a letter on it to an active service member or a veteran. These poppies will be displayed in the museum from Veterans Day through Memorial Day. After Memorial Day, they will be sent to active service members and veterans through the nonprofit *A Million Thanks* program.



The Veterans Day Celebration at the Tulare County Museum on November 9 will include the presentation of colors by the Central Valley Vietnam Veterans Color Guard, the sharing of the history of the American Legion and the importance of the poppy to veterans, the unveiling of the poppy display, and a performance by the Mt. Whitney High School band with patriotic and early 1900s period music.

The Tulare County Museum in Mooney Grove Park is located at 27000 S. Mooney Blvd. in Visalia. Admission to the museum and park is free during the Veterans Day Celebration, November 9. For more information about the event, contact Amy King at (559) 624-7326.

*Photos above:*

*~ This month, the Tulare County Museum has arranged for veterans to speak to classrooms about the importance of Veterans Day and the centennial of the American Legion.*

*~ Teachers who invite veterans to speak in their classrooms can also have their students participate in writing messages to active service members and veterans on poppies. The poppies will be displayed at the museum's Veterans Day Celebration and then distributed to active services members and veterans through the A Million Thanks program. Last year, the museum collected over 2,000 poppies for distribution. Teachers interested in participating in the Tulare County Museum's Veterans Day Celebration are encouraged to contact Amy King at (559) 624-7326.*

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## Coming Up!

- **October 20 - 26**  
**CHARACTER COUNTS! Week**  
For more information, contact Kelley Petty at [kelleyp@tcoe.org](mailto:kelleyp@tcoe.org) or (559) 740-4303.
- **October 21 - 25**  
**Red Ribbon Week**  
[More information](#)
- **October 30**  
**Tulare County Red Ribbon Celebration**  
4:00 - 6:00pm, Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia  
For more information, contact the CHOICES Program (559) 651-0155.
- **November 4**  
**Implementing the EL Roadmap for Leadership Teams**  
9:00am - 2:00pm, TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia  
Register online to attend at [tulare.k12oms.org/147-172073](http://tulare.k12oms.org/147-172073).
- **November 5**  
**Region VII Conference Best Results for English Learners**  
8:00am - 3:30pm, Double Tree Conference Center, 2233 Ventura St., Fresno  
Register online to attend at [tulare.k12oms.org/147-166551](http://tulare.k12oms.org/147-166551).

View more events at [tcoe.org/CalendarofEvents](http://tcoe.org/CalendarofEvents).

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