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Training for WhyTry social-emotional curriculum set for March 6



Registration is open for a WhyTry Level I training on March 6. The training is designed for school site and district administrators, Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) coordinators, and psychologists. Currently, the CHOICES Prevention/Intervention Program is providing support to 18 school sites throughout Tulare County that utilize the social-emotional learning curriculum.

This one-day course provides attendees certification in the WhyTry curriculum and prepares them to implement the program in their district. In addition to the one-day certification, CHOICES offers the option of additional on-site support at districts' school

sites to help train up to 50 additional staff members. Register for the training on or before March 4 by visiting <https://tulare.k12oms.org/159-244516>.

Through engaging lessons, the WhyTry program has proven effective at increasing student resilience and emotional regulation, motivating unmotivated students, increasing GPA, reducing dropout rates, improving social-emotional health and reducing bullying and violent behavior. To learn more about the WhyTry Program, watch the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smVm5Z1foAY>.

Support Staff Conference scheduled for April 24



Central California support staff are invited to attend the 31st Annual Tulare County Support Staff Conference on April 24.

Along with great food, prizes, and the opportunity to network with support staff from across the Valley, this year's attendees will get to choose from breakout sessions that include a range of topics for personal and professional improvement – sessions on personal financial and wellness, useful technology, and more.

Drew Dudley will serve as the keynote speaker. Dudley is redefining leadership with his Day One process. His TED talk, “Everyday Leadership (The Lollipop Moment),” was voted “one of the 15 most inspirational TED talks of all time” and has more than five million views globally. In 2018, Dudley shared his story and the Day One process in his

book, *This is Day One: A Practical Guide to Leadership That Matters*. Dudley credits the Day One process with saving his life after struggling with undiagnosed bipolar disorder and the challenges of a career that kept him on the road 250 days a year. Recognizing how many people are struggling silently with similar battles, Dudley infuses these experiences into his keynotes, hoping to remind people that their scars in no way stand in the way of their leadership.

The Tulare County Support Staff Conference will be held at the Visalia Convention Center, with breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. Registration is now open at tcoe.org/SupportStaff. The cost to attend is \$65 per person for Tulare County support staff; \$75 per person for staff outside Tulare County. **Registration closes on April 10.**

For more information, contact Marlene Moreno at marlenem@tcoe.org or call (559) 733-6302.

Teams invited to register to compete in CHOICES Lip Sync Battle on April 12



Back this spring is the CHOICES Programs' annual Lip Sync Battle! The long-running live event is open to all 6th-8th grade students in Tulare County. Teachers are invited to

register their teams of students by **March 8**. To register, and for information about competition rules, visit <https://bit.ly/2024LipSync>.

The theme of this year's Lip Sync Battle is "Tropical Paradise." Performers are encouraged to dress in themed costumes as they perform their original routines at the Visalia Fox Theatre Friday evening, April 12. Schools can enter one act per category – lip sync, dance, and novelty, which welcomes students to create skit-like routines using props.

The Lip Sync Battle was created over 30 years ago as a fun, life-affirming event to help young people develop their courage and inner strength to lead lives free from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and gangs.

For more information on the Lip Sync Battle, contact Brittaney Quinonez at brittaney.quinonez@toce.org, or at (559) 651-0155.

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~ The Friday Night Live Lip Sync Battle returns this April 12 for students in grades 6-8. Teachers are invited to register their teams by March 8.

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