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Media Advisory

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California Friday Night Live Partnership's Leadership Training Institute will feature remarks from California's Surgeon General

More than 150 Friday Night Live (FNL) staff, educators, public health professionals, prevention specialists, and youth development practitioners from 51 counties will gather in Visalia, July 22-24, 2025, for FNL's annual Leadership Training Institute (LTI). The event is hosted by the California Friday Night Live Partnership (CFNLP). The workshops, keynote speakers, networking, and hands-on activities at LTI support those implementing FNL with best practices, current prevention/substance use research, and innovative approaches. On the closing day of LTI, California's Surgeon General, Dr. Diana E. Ramos, will address the conference. As California's doctor, she is the leading spokesperson on the most pressing public health issues of the time within the State of California. With a steadfast commitment to addressing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and mental health, Dr. Ramos has been a driving force in shaping policies and programs that make a lasting impact.

Date: Thursday, July 24, 2025

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave., Visalia, CA 93291

FNL is a youth development program in the field of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) prevention. The program builds partnerships for positive and healthy youth development, which engage youth as active leaders and resources in their communities. Currently, FNL is implemented in 55 California counties, engaging over 20,000 youth annually in more than 500 chapters.

The statewide FNL network is directly supported by the CFNLP, which is housed within the Tulare County Office of Education under the leadership of Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools. The CFNLP provides support and guidance to FNL programs across California through funding, technical assistance, and resources that foster positive youth development and ensure program integrity.