

Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development
Community Resource Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 12, 2025, 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program
7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291
Aspen Conference Room

Teleconferencing locations:

211 Learning Lane Lindsay, CA 93247
597 N Alta Ave Dinuba CA 93618
3323 W. Tulare Ave. Visalia, CA 93277
6445 N. Palm Ave. Ste #110 Fresno, ca 93704
2032 Cabrillo Ct, Tulare CA, 93274

Access the hybrid meeting via this link: <https://zoom.us/j/97728254352>

Members: Christine Benevedes, Lorena Castillo, Elisa Cortez, Cheri Doria, Terri Gardner-Martinez, Sherri Glenn, Laura Harris, Sham Mashael, Martin Nogues, Denise Pedregon, Monica Pilkinton, Victoria Rodriguez, Timberly Romero, Bernadette Solorzano, Blanca Luna (staff) and Samantha Terry (staff).

Mission: The Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development supports, promotes, and advocates for increased access to community-wide, high-quality early care and education to meet the needs of all children and families.

Vision: The Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development's vision is to equip all members of the community with the knowledge of, and the ability to, access high-quality early care and education resulting in lifelong success for the children and families within our community.

Members present: Christine Benevedes, Elisa Cortez, Cheri Doria, Sherri Glenn, Laura Harris, Sham Mashel, Martin Nogues, Monica Pilkinton, Timberly Romero, Bernadette Solorzano, Blanca Luna (staff), JC Palermo (Consultant) and Samantha Terry (staff).

Members not present: Lorena Castillo, Terri Gardner-Martinez, Denise Pedregon, and Victoria Rodriguez.

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenter	Council Member Prep
1. Call to Order	Welcome & Introductions	Elisa Cortez & Laura Harris, Co-Chairs	The meeting was called to order at 2:33pm and introductions were conducted.
Public Comments		Elisa Cortez & Laura Harris, Co-Chairs	No public comments were made.
Action Item	March Committee Meeting Minutes	Elisa Cortez & Laura Harris, Co-Chairs	Mrs. Doria motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Harris second the motion. Abstention: Sherri Glenn
2. Committee Discussion a.	Committee Goals & Objectives	JC Palermo, Facilitator	JC reviewed the goals and objectives with the committee. Nothing was added or changed to the goals or objectives.
2. Committee Discussion b.	Next Steps	JC Palermo, Facilitator	A lot of discussion took place regarding what resources are currently available and where to access those resources. the committee also discussed that the committee needs to find out what resources are missing and be sure to obtain that information for parents.

			It was shared with the committee that the CAC (Community Advisory Committee) has a directory of services that provides resources for parents who have children with disabilities. 211 United Way also has a large list of resources that are available in Tulare County. It was recommended that the CAC Directory gets cross referenced with United Way resources to see what is the same and what is missing. Mr. Nogues agreed to help with this before the next meeting. In addition, it was suggested to talk to Resource & Referral about what resources they have to share with providers and parents to include as well. The committee also discussed that there are multiple ways in which these resources can be stored and distributed to the community. The committee needs to determine this at a future meeting. Lastly, community events were also discussed and the committee wants to find a way to track the events that take place in Tulare County to be able to share as well as determine which events to attend that align with the mission and vision of the Council.
3. Adjournment		Elisa Cortez & Laura Harris, Co-Chairs	The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.

Next Scheduled Council Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2025, 3:00pm-4:30pm at Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program in the Aspen Conference Room.