



Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program

7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291

Willow Conference Room

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.

Strategic Priorities and Goals (2026-2031)

Priority Area 1: Access and Affordability

- **Goal:** Support the expansion of availability to affordable, high-quality early care and education for all families in Tulare County.

Priority Area 2: Workforce Development

- **Goal:** Promote recruitment, retention, and professional advancement opportunities for Tulare County's early care and education workforce.

Priority Area 3: Quality and Coordination

- **Goal:** Advance quality across all early learning settings through system alignment, continuous improvement, and shared accountability.

Priority Area 4: Family and Community Engagement

- **Goal:** Empower families as active partners in their children's early learning and strengthen community collaboration to improve child and family outcomes.

Priority Area 5: Data and Advocacy

- **Goal:** Strengthen the use of data to inform planning, evaluate outcomes, and advocate for policies that advance early care and education in Tulare County.

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenter	Council Member Prep
1. Call to Order	Introductions	Timberly Romero, Chair	Welcome and introductions.
2. Public Comments		Timberly Romero, Chair	
3. Presentations	Budget & Legislation update Eric Sonnenfeld George's Pass Shelly Reyes	Assistant Administrator, Tulare County Office of Education, Early Childhood Education Program BSN, RN, CPN Clinical Program Coordinator Founder George's Pass Valley Children's Hospital	
4. Consent Items	June Meeting Minutes	Timberly Romero, Chair	Review all consent items prior to voting.
5. Council Discussion Items	-VTTF (Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds) - 2026/2027 Strategic Framework Review -Small group discussion	Sam Terry, Council Coordinator JC Palermo, Consultant Small groups	Sam will provide update. Be prepared to discuss how the Council can better connect and educate parents on ECE in Tulare County.
6. Subcommittee Updates		Events Subcommittee: Sam Terry Community Resource Subcommittee: Elisa Cortez & Laura Harris	Subcommittees will share an update on what they are doing as it aligns with the Council Mission & Vision.
7. Round Table Announcements		Group Discussion	Be prepared to share any agency updates, events, employment opportunities, etc.
8. Council Homework		All members	Review 2026/2027 Goals, & Parent Call to Action.
9. Adjournment		Timberly Romero, Chair	

Next Scheduled Council Meeting: October 15, 2026, from 3:00pm-4:30pm at TCOE Doe Ave. in the Aspen Conference Room

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