



Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 15, 2026, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Tulare County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Program

7000 Doe Ave. Visalia, CA 93291

Aspen 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 EL-WIN	Eric Sonnenfeld, Assistant Administrator, Tulare County Office of Education, Early Childhood Education Program Jim Sullivan, Regional Director of Central Valley EL-WIN (English Language Workforce Investment Network)	
4. Consent Items	Retreat Minutes & August Meeting Minutes LPC Membership Certification LPC Summary of Activities & LPC Annual Summary and Self-Evaluation	Timberly Romero, Chair & Sam Terry, Council Coordinator	Review all consent items prior to voting.
5. Council Discussion Items	LPC & Subcommittee Attendance LPC Election (Feb. 2027, effective April 2027) LPC Budget/ Event funds LPC Sponsorships VTTF (Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds) 2026/2027 Strategic	Timberly Romero, Chair Timberly Romero, Chair Sam Terry, Council Coordinator Timberly/Sam Sam Terry, Council Coordinator JC Palermo, Consultant	

	Framework Review Small group discussion	All members	Be prepared to discuss how the Council can better connect and educate parents on ECE in Tulare County. Discuss Call to Action for parents. Set goals of where to present to reach parents.
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. LPC Events: -Care Connect: 11/5/26 -Care Connect Round 2: 3/16/27 -Collaborative Event: 4/1/27 Tentative Events: -November 2027- Big medical Event -March/April 2028- Collaborative Event -Aug/Sept. 2028- Big Legislative Event (Elections year)
7. Round Table Announcements		Group Discussion	Be prepared to share any agency updates, events, employment opportunities, etc.
8. Council Homework		All members	Bring one name of a partner/ warm hand off for LPC to connect with in alignment with Strategic Plan.
9. Adjournment		Timberly Romero, Chair	

Next Scheduled Council Meeting: February 18, 2027, from 3:00pm-4:30pm at TCOE Doe Ave. in the Aspen Conference Room

Council Member Winter Celebration: Thursday, December 10, 2026, from 2:30pm-4:30pm, at TCOE Doe Ave. in the Aspen Conference Room. More details will be shared later.

If you would like to see the council mandates, please contact the Samantha Terry, LPC Coordinator, at samantha.terry@cc.tcoe.org

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