

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Seventeenth Annual Child Care Conference Scheduled April 2, 2005 · 7:30 am – 4:00 pm · Visalia Convention Center**

The Child Care Educational Program of the Tulare County Office of Education is holding its annual conference Saturday, April 2, 2005, at the Visalia Convention Center. This year's conference – entitled "Fe Fi Fo Fun: Discovering the Child in Everyone!" – offers participants numerous hands-on presentations to bring creativity into their work with infants, preschool and school-age children. The conference's featured presenter is Lisa Murphy, founder of The Learning Through Adventure Company. Ms. Murphy, who is also known as "The Ooey Gooey Lady," will present two high-energy workshops incorporating art and science concepts.

"Our Child Care Program serves thousands of young children in Tulare County with extraordinary education, health, nutrition, parent involvement and social services," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, Jim Vidak. "This conference is an excellent opportunity for our staff and child care providers to have fun while gaining new information and training to better serve our children."

The conference will offer a wide range of workshops on topics such as art, science, storytelling, hand puppets and after-school activities. Many workshops will be offered in Spanish. Cost is \$45 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Participants must register by March 11. There will be no registration at

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the door. For registration information, call Tulare County Child Care Resource & Referral at 651-0862 or (800) 613-6262.

The conference is sponsored by Tulare County Office of Education's Resource & Referral program, the Tulare County Child Care Planning Council, Child Care Initiative Project and Visalia YMCA.

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