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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Child Care Planning Council to Hold Two Forums Tuesday, March 21, 2006 in Visalia • Thursday, March 23, 2006 in Porterville

The Tulare County Child Care Planning Council will be hosting two forums designed to encourage public input on child care priorities for State Subsidized, Center-Based Programs. The forums will be held from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. March 21, and March 23, 2006. The Visalia Forum (March 21) will be held in the Resource & Referral Conference Room in the Tulare County Office of Education's facility at 7000 Doe Avenue. The Porterville Forum (March 23) will be held at Government Plaza located at 1063 West Henderson Avenue, Suite B. Spanish translators will be available.

Each county in California has a child care planning council. Tulare County's council has 35 members from five different categories: parents, child care providers, agency representatives, community representatives and other interested persons who are appointed by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools and the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

“The Child Care Planning Council is an important voice for the development of child care

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partnerships and services in Tulare County,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “I encourage community members with an interest in speaking about child care priorities to attend one of the forums hosted by the Council next week”

For more information about the forums, child care concerns or funding priorities, please contact Tina Shirley, planning council coordinator, at (559) 651-3026, or visit the Council’s website at: www.tularecountykids.org.

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Suggested Public Service Announcement

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Public Forums

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak and the Tulare County Board of Supervisors invite the public to attend public forums sponsored by the Tulare County Child Care Planning Council. The forums – which are designed to encourage public input on child care priorities for State Subsidized, Center-Based Programs – will be held 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. March 21 in Visalia and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. March 23 in Porterville. For more locations and more information call Tina Shirley at 651-3026.