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MEDIA ALERT

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Collaborative Leadership Institute to Hold Parent Appreciation Day

September 9, 2006 • 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. • Summit Charter School, Porterville

The third cohort of the Collaborative Leadership Institute (CLI) announces its first annual Parent Appreciation Day. Designed to highlight the importance of positive parenting, the event represents the cumulative efforts of the 14 CLI participants – who represent children’s services agencies throughout Tulare County. The cohort has chosen this project to demonstrate and hone leadership competencies.

Parent Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, September, 9, 2006, at Summit Charter School in Porterville to serve parents in the Burton Elementary School District. Summit Charter School is located at 175 S. Mathew Street. The event will kick off at noon with a healthy lunch for all attendees, followed by three different breakout sessions and a closing session. The workshops are designed to validate parents with young children while educating them and strengthening their skills. Topics include child development, healthy parent/child relationships, safety, advocacy and activities to promote bonding and attachment.

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The Collaborative Leadership Institute was created in 1999 by the Tulare County Office of Education through the support of First 5 of Tulare County. The Institute is designed to ensure the continuing vitality of the community of children's services providers in Tulare County by identifying and developing emerging leaders and motivating them to work together. Primary goals are to improve coordination and collaboration, provide succession planning and to advance programs that impact young children in Tulare County. "CLI is making a positive and long-lasting impact on children's services in Tulare County by developing creative, cooperative leaders," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

The third CLI cohort is made up of 14 participants representing 11 youth serving agencies.

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