

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## Press Advisory

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## **Nationally-respected experts on educating children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to speak in Tulare County September 11**

**WHAT:** Author and educator Dr. Temple Grandin will be the featured speaker at the Tulare County Child Care Planning Council's September 11 conference: *Quality Care for Kids. . .Turning Disabilities into Possibilities*. Dr. Grandin, who was diagnosed with autism at age two, has authored numerous books on autism. She has also had an admirable career in animal science — inventing improvements to the animal handling systems found in meat plants.

Dr. Grandin will be joined by Carol Gray, an internationally-respected author and teaching consultant on students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The conference will also feature numerous breakout sessions on student behavior, parenting skills, speech and language development, literacy skills, classroom activities and more.

**WHO:** Over 300 child care providers, special education teachers and parents will attend the conference.

**WHEN:** Friday, September 11, 2009  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Visalia Convention Center  
303 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA

### PHOTO/VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, call Tina Shirley at (559) 651-3026.

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