

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Ethics in the Workplace Training Offered for Tulare County Businesses**

*Visalia* – Tulare County Office of Education's Services for Education and Employment (SEE) program was recently awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (TCWIB) to provide Workplace Ethics Training to Tulare County employers and job seekers.

The need for this training was identified in the past year through a series of community conversations held by the TCWIB. Local employers stated that workplace ethics was seen as one of their most critical needs. Based on this finding, the TCWIB authorized funding for the program being developed by the SEE Program.

This training will be free of charge to any Tulare County employer or business as well as to any resident seeking employment. For businesses, trainings will cover a wide array of topics including on-the-job theft, employee attendance, workplace conflict, and inappropriate conduct.

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For job seekers, trainings will provide tools and instruction for workplace ethics such as professionalism, attendance, and employee conduct.

Employer-focused training will be scheduled in accordance with their needs and for their convenience. The job-seekers' trainings will follow a regularly scheduled format at the Tulare County Employment Connection sites throughout Tulare County. The lead trainers for the grant will be Marilyn Willers and Frank Escobar Jr. of the Tulare County Office of Education.

“We are delighted to make this training available to local business and employees,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Ethics training has been an important part of our support to local school districts for over a decade. Training for businesses through our SEE Program is a natural extension of our service in this critical community area,” says Mr. Vidak.

The TCWIB is responsible for administering federal workforce development programs under the Workforce Investment Act. They also oversee the operation of the countywide one-stop system known as the Tulare County Employment Connection. For more information about this grant or the Ethics in the Workplace Training, please call Marilyn Willers at (559) 733-6730 or Natalie Hanes at (559) 713-5222.

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