

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Lindsay Head Start Center Expands Hours

The Washington Child Development Center located at Washington School in Lindsay has expanded its hours and will be open 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round starting July 18. The Head Start center has two all-day classrooms for preschoolers. Operated by the Tulare County Office of Education's Child Care Educational Program, the center and other Head Start centers are currently accepting applications for enrollment.

Within the county, TCOE operates 45 Head Start centers, including centers in Woodlake, Farmersville and Strathmore. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak says that the centers are now enrolling preschoolers who are between 2.9 and 4.8 years as of September 1, 2005. Families must meet income guidelines and other eligibility requirements. In addition to an education program that prepares children for kindergarten, the Child Care Program also offers Head Start services including health, nutrition and social services. Children with disabilities are encouraged to enroll.

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For more information, contact the Washington Center at 562-1199 or the Tulare County Child Care main office at 651-3022. The other centers will be closed until July 18

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