

Tulare County Office of Education

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MEDIA ALERT

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: 11th Annual Friday Night Live Back to School Bowling Night Friday, August 26, 2005 · AMF Visalia Lanes

Over 400 young people will participate in the 11th Annual Friday Night Live (FNL) Back to School Bowling Night tomorrow evening at the AMF Visalia Lanes. The purpose of the Friday Night Live Bowling Night is to bring students together from throughout Tulare County to have fun and socialize in a safe environment. This event – which lasts from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm – helps FNL kick off the new school year and to celebrate young people making good healthy choices to stay alcohol, tobacco, drug and gang free.

The primary focus of the Friday Night Live program is to build relationships between student peers and adult allies, as well as develop student leadership and advocacy. Participants involved in FNL programs are less likely to engage in problem behaviors, more likely to achieve in school, and more likely to attend higher education or secure a full-time job. Friday Night Live is a statewide youth development program. The California Friday Night Live Partnership offices are housed within the Tulare County Office of Education.

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“The annual Bowling Night is such a positive event for students involved in Friday Night Live programs. It gets them energized for the school year and builds a network of peers and allies that is so critical at this time in their lives,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

For more information on the event, contact Public Information Officer Robert Herman at 733-6606.

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