

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Volunteer speakers needed for classroom presentations on neglect and abuse

October 15 and 17, 2008, Building 700, 7000 Doe Ave., Visalia

Visalia - The Child Abuse and Neglect (C.A.N.) Prevention Program – sponsored by the Tulare Office of Education – is seeking volunteers. C.A.N. is a preventative program designed to help reduce the incidence of neglect, as well as physical, emotional and sexual abuse. “If you are someone committed to improving the lives of at-risk children, this is an extraordinary opportunity,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

The C.A.N. Program has established a two-day training session for new volunteers on October 15 and 17. The trainings will be held at the Tulare County Office of Education complex at 7000 Doe Avenue in Visalia. The October 15 training will be held in the Building 700 conference room from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The October 17 training will be held in the Building 700 conference room from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Once trained, volunteers will make presentations to kindergarten through fifth-grade students in Tulare County schools – both public and private. Two volunteers work together in each classroom. They speak from a prepared script in order to ensure that all of the information is covered. The presentations are non-

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threatening and age appropriate. Volunteers receive a total of 11 hours training over two separate days.

Trained volunteers then serve four to six hours per month.

To register, or for more information, please contact C.A.N. Project Coordinator Elena Hawley or

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