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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****January 29, 2025****Redding Rancheria Head Start and Childcare Expands with New Infant and Toddler Classroom**

**Redding, CA** — The Redding Rancheria Head Start and Childcare program is thrilled to announce the addition of a **new infant and toddler classroom**, along with a **new front office**, to its growing educational facility. This exciting expansion was made possible through the strategic use of **COVID-19 funding** from the Child Care Development Fund, underscoring the program's dedication to advancing early childhood education for Native American families.

The new classroom will accommodate **10 additional students** aged **12 months to 36 months**, enhancing the capacity of the Redding Rancheria Head Start to now serve **61 Native American students** across four vibrant classes. This expansion represents a significant step in supporting the developmental and cultural needs of young children in the community.

“At Redding Rancheria Head Start, we have the unique privilege of integrating early childhood education with the rich cultural traditions of our Native American heritage,” said Tracy Edwards, CEO of the Redding Rancheria. “This new space allows us to reach more families while continuing to provide a nurturing and culturally enriching environment for our youngest learners.”

The program, which operates under the principles of Head Start, offers comprehensive services aimed at fostering the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth of each child. By combining academic preparation with cultural integration, Redding Rancheria Head Start provides a truly holistic early learning experience.

This expansion is a direct result of the Redding Rancheria's commitment to reinvesting in its community and ensuring that local children have access to high-quality early childhood education in a culturally responsive setting.

For more information about the Redding Rancheria Head Start and Childcare program, visit [www.reddingrancheria-nsn.gov](http://www.reddingrancheria-nsn.gov).

**About Redding Rancheria Head Start**

The Redding Rancheria Head Start program serves Native American families in Shasta County, providing comprehensive, developmentally appropriate services for children while celebrating the cultural traditions of the community.