

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-46

Declaring April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, neglect, and parental stress or illness, can have short- and long-term outcomes, including a multitude of health and social problems; and early evidence-based prevention and intervention efforts are less costly than trying to fix the adverse effects of child maltreatment, both in human and financial terms; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, according to the internal dataset from the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, 289 children in Yolo County were found to be victims of abuse and/or neglect. The pandemic exacerbated income inequality, toxic stress and access to resources across Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community issue, and we all have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children and help ensure they become healthy and productive adults. Community-based prevention services can strengthen families and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) was founded as the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) of Yolo County in 2002 and has continued to coordinate county efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. Yolo County's child abuse prevention efforts are fostered by the contributions of the following agencies and organizations: CommuniCare Health Centers, Empower Yolo, First 5 Yolo, West Sacramento Police Department, Yolo County CASA, Yolo County District Attorney's Office- Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center, Yolo County HHSA, Yolo County Office of Education, Yolo County Probation, community members and those with lived experience; and

WHEREAS, prevention can only be accomplished if we, as a County, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County residents are encouraged to support child abuse prevention activities in their communities by joining the new CAPC campaign: **Cultivating a Trauma-Informed Community** through the Lisa Project and Resource Fair. The Lisa Project is a multisensory exhibit that tells the story of child abuse from a child's perspective. While walking through the exhibit and hearing a child's story, one learns that child abuse does not discriminate against age, gender, race, or socioeconomic status; it tends to be cyclic, leaves life-long scars, and tends to remain a secret. The objective of bringing The Lisa Project to Yolo County is to raise awareness of child abuse and help illustrate that it is our collective responsibility to protect children in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo hereby declares the month of April 2023 to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Yolo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Frerichs, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas.

Oscar Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors