

# Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC)



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# Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC)

- **Vision**

- Every child in Yolo County is safe and thrives.

- **Mission**

- Eliminate child abuse and neglect and the adversity it causes by strengthening families and communities.

- **Values**

- Child-centered
- Prevention-focused
- Trauma-informed
- Evidence-informed
- Culturally responsive
- Collaborative
- Promoting resilience
- Prioritizing physical, emotional, and community safety

# 2023 Recap

- Child Abuse Prevention Month Theme: Informed the community about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and its link to Child Abuse and Neglect using a trauma-informed lens by bringing The Lisa Project to 3 cities in Yolo County.
- Subcommittees:
  - CAP Month
  - Communications and Engagement
  - Blue Ribbon Commission
  - Safe, Stable, and Nurturing Relationships

## Positive Community Norms Reinforce Safe, Stable, and Nurturing Relationships and Environments

There is a link between positive community norms and preventing child abuse and neglect:

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Promote the positive community norm that we all share responsibility for the well-being of children. <sup>1</sup>

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Promote positive community norms about parenting programs and acceptable parenting behaviors. <sup>1</sup>

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Implement evidence-based programs for parents and caregivers. <sup>1</sup>

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“Promoting positive community norms does not deny or minimize the very serious and prevalent issues of child maltreatment, instead [it] promotes hope from a strength-based orientation. Through concern and hope communities can do the work of growing safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments.”

## Parents/Caregivers Were Under Emotional Strain

- In June 2022, 47.2% of parents reported a negative financial impact.<sup>1</sup>
- 33% of parents reported a decrease in work hours on June 2022.<sup>1</sup>
- 65.6% of parents reported that they were concerned about their child's safety.<sup>1</sup>

## Shifts in Parenting Norms Amidst the Pandemic

- 37% of all U.S. parents reported using corporal punishment to discipline their children in the past year (2019).<sup>2</sup>
- In March 2021, 36.2% of parents reported threatening use of corporal punishment.<sup>1</sup>
- 24.7% of parents used corporal punishment.<sup>1</sup>

**Parent/  
Caregiver  
Data**

# Parent Education and Home Visitation can Promote Positive Community Norms: CAPC Recommendations

1

Centralized location to access parenting education resources and parent education classes.

2

Public education campaign-including all parents/caregivers (mothers, fathers, grandparents, foster parents, etc.).

3

Public education on child development, positive interactions, and the resources available locally.

4

Self-referral-based programs with broader eligibility.

5

Funding increased resources for parent/caregiver education, classes and programming.

# The Child Abuse Prevention Council 2017-2024

## 2017-2019

Coordinate the county's efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and/or neglect.

- Develop a process for determining strengths and opportunities.
- Examine data to make a plan to prevent/reduce child abuse and/or neglect..

## 2024

Prevent substantiated child abuse and/or neglect cases with a focus on our most disproportionately represented children, black children 0-5 years old.

- This aligns with current initiatives to improve family resilience- including the Comprehensive Prevention Plan and Healthy Yolo.
- This collective effort will enhance prevention and aid in responding to all parents/caregivers at risk.

## • CAPC established 2002

### Comprehensive Plan to Prevent and Respond to Child Abuse and/or Neglect

- Promote concrete supports for families
  - Strengthening economic supports for families
  - Provide quality care and education early in life.
- Support safe, stable, nurturing relationships
  - Enhance parenting skills
  - Support parent/caregiver mental health
  - *Change social norms to support parents and positive parenting*

## 2020-2023

# 2024 CAPC Activities

- CAPC Meetings occurring bi-monthly
  - Blue Ribbon Commission will be integrated into the CAPC; replaced with quarterly Bench Briefings
  - Communications and Engagement Committee

- Child Death Review Team

Abusive Head Trauma Prevention/Awareness: “Period of PURPLE Crying”

- Activities Related to CAPC 2024 Focus: Prevention Efforts for Black Families with Children ages 0-5 (TBD)
- Human Trafficking Awareness Month (January)
- Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)
- National Family Month (May – June)

# 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign

## ➤ Be the One

- Community awareness campaign that focuses on the power of connection (one positive connection).
- Promoting positive and nurturing relationships across all services and outreach.
- Invite communities into a dialogue about ACEs and inform people about the science of resilience.