

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 24-37**

***April 2024 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

**WHEREAS**, early evidence-based prevention and intervention efforts are more cost-effective than addressing the adverse effects of child maltreatment, both in human and financial terms; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, according to the internal dataset from the Yolo County Health and Human Services, 281 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 + Ole, Empower Yolo, First 5 Yolo, West Sacramento Police Department, Yolo County CASA, Yolo County District Attorney's Office- Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center, Yolo County HHS, 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, caregivers 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: Empowering our Community to **Be the One**. Each of us holds the power to make a positive difference in the lives of children in our community. In addition to raising awareness of child abuse and neglect, we wanted to highlight the positive impact of just one social connection to parents and children alike. This year's campaign is about taking action and stepping in as a positive connection for someone today to ensure our children have a safe and nurturing environment they deserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo hereby declares the month of April 2024 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Yolo County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of April, 2024 by the following vote:

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

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Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors