

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-33

Declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

WHEREAS, April is dedicated to raising awareness and taking action to prevent child abuse and neglect. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing, and stable environment, yet child abuse remains a widespread issue in our communities; however, it is preventable. Each April, communities join the national movement for Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month to raise awareness about the preventability of child abuse and take action to support children and families; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Yolo County Child Welfare Services investigated allegations of suspected child abuse and/or neglect involving 1,033 children. While not every allegation was substantiated, 124 Yolo County children entered foster care in 2024, underscoring the ongoing challenges families face. Of particular concern, despite making up only 2.5% of Yolo County's child population, Black children ages 0-5 accounted for 10.5% of entries into foster care in 2024, highlighting the need for focused prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a collective responsibility that requires a community-wide effort. Research shows that strong, supportive relationships can serve as a protective factor against childhood trauma. This year's CAP Month theme, "It Takes a Village," reflects the African proverb that emphasizes the importance of community involvement in raising children. Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) recognize that no one can do it alone—thriving children require connection, collective responsibility, and a commitment to being part of our village; and

WHEREAS, the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) of Yolo County, a Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) program, coordinates the community's efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect and has members from Child Welfare Services, the criminal justice system, prevention and treatment services, and the larger community; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County residents are encouraged to support child abuse prevention efforts by participating in local activities and initiatives that promote strong, healthy families. The "It Takes a Village" campaign reminds us all that building safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children requires action from every member of the community. Whether through mentorship, advocacy, or direct support to families, we each have a role to play in creating a future free from child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, in Yolo County over 20 agencies and community organizations are collaborating in their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect through the YCCA Yolo Family Strengthening Network; and

WHEREAS, providing community-based prevention services can strengthen families and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect. YCCA family strengthening programs include evidence-based home visiting, Family Resource Centers, safety net services, parenting classes and education, developmental screening, subsidized childcare, and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), which brings money back into the hands of families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo hereby declares the month of April 2025 to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Yolo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Allen, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors