

Yolo County
Board of Supervisors
Resolution No. 26-36

Declaring April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Yolo County

WHEREAS, Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing, and stable environment, yet child abuse and neglect remain urgent issues in our communities; and

WHEREAS, 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 2025, Yolo County Child Welfare Services investigated suspected abuse or neglect involving 725 children, with 125 children entering foster care. Black children ages 0–5, though only 2.5% of the county’s child population, represented 15% of foster care entries, underscoring the need for intentional, culturally responsive prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, this year’s CAP Month theme, “Strong Families, Safe Futures,” and tagline, “When We Care Together, Families Thrive,” reflect what the Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) knows to be true: the most effective way to keep children safe is through a collective responsibility to strengthen the families and communities around them before a crisis ever occurs. Thriving children require connection, collective responsibility, and a community that shows up; 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. The CAPC provides a forum for interagency cooperation in the prevention, detection, intervention, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse; promotes public awareness of abuse, neglect, and available resources; connects professionals to training; recommends improvements to family services; and mobilizes community support for child abuse prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County residents are encouraged to support child abuse prevention efforts through the “Strong Families, Safe Futures” campaign which the entire community to take action this April: wearing blue on April 10 Wear Blue Day; visiting Pinwheel Gardens across the county; participating in the Community Art Project; and amplifying prevention messages throughout the month; and

WHEREAS, in Yolo County, over 20 agencies and community organizations collaborate through the YCCA Yolo Family Strengthening Network to prevent child abuse and neglect through programs including evidence-based home visiting, Family Resource Centers, safety net services, parenting classes and education, developmental screening, subsidized childcare, and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), which returns critical resources directly to families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo hereby declares the month of April 2026 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Yolo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

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

Sheila A. Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors