



**Yolo County Board of Education and
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #23-24/34
Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2024**

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 Agency, 281 children in Yolo County were found to be victims of abuse and/or neglect;
and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 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; and

WHEREAS, community-based prevention services can strengthen families and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Children’s Alliance 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; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County’s child abuse prevention efforts are fostered by the contributions of the following agencies and organizations, including the Yolo County Office of Education, CommuniCare + Ole, Empower Yolo, First 5 Yolo, the West Sacramento Police Department, Yolo County CASA, the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office- Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, Yolo County Probation, as well as community members and those with lived experience; and

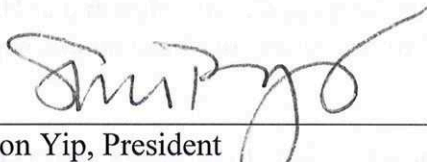
WHEREAS, prevention can only be accomplished if we, as a County, take responsibility to offer parents, caregivers and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children; and

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. 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; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools proclaim the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” and encourages students, parents, teachers, and community members to use the Be the One campaign to highlight the positive impact of just one social connection to parents and children alike.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on March 12, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



Shelton Yip, President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools