AGENDA
Children’s Alliance Meeting
March 3, 2021
12:00pm-2:00pm

Please Note: This is a Zoom Meeting
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Call in at 1-699-900-9128; Meeting ID 841 8266 2944; Password 512841

Top Four priority areas: Child and Youth Safety, Quality Early Care and Education, Homeless Youth and Mental and Behavioral Health

I. Welcome and Public Comments

II. Approval of March 3, 2021 Agenda (Action Item)

III. Approval of February 3, 2021 Minutes (Action Item)

IV. Alliance President’s Report
   • Executive Committee

V. Alliance Staff Report
   • Transition Update

VI. Presentation: Child Abuse Prevention Council Best Practices

VII. Sub-Committee Discussions:
   • How does priority area impact child abuse prevention?
   • What role does child abuse prevention council have in addressing priority area?

VIII. Adjournment

Next Alliance Meeting: January 20, 2021
Materials given to members less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting can be obtained at 827 Missouri Street, Suite 5 Fairfield, CA 94533, or by contacting staff at 707-421-7229.
## AGENDA ITEM

### I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment

- Juan Cisneros welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the meeting.
- Announcements made via chat:
  - Dr. Bartholomew announced a live IEP Session taking place at 5pm hosted by artist Faith Evans. This will be streamed live via her Facebook and YouTube Channels.
  - Kathy Lago shared that Solano Family & Children's Services has launched its new logo, visit [www.solanofamily.org](http://www.solanofamily.org)
  - Gloria Diaz announced the Teen Summit will be held Saturday, February 27th. Flyer to come.
  - Anthony Volkar announced that the Solano County Office of Education and Travis Credit Union are hosting a virtual foster/homeless event on February 11th, 1-3pm. Register at [https://traviscu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAucOGgrj4pGt1j1zo6TRja_5Qm_S7zOHbW](https://traviscu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAucOGgrj4pGt1j1zo6TRja_5Qm_S7zOHbW) Please share the link with any students who may want to participate.
  - Jennifer MacKinnon announced that the new Solano County Mobile Crisis Unit program is hiring positions from direct service to management. Visit UpliftFS.org for more information.
  - April Lofgren announced that Aldea Children & Family Services has great training sessions that can be found on the "Aldea Training Institute" page and the "Events" page of their website. Trainings include monthly new caregiver support groups on varying Thursdays in both Spanish and English, regarding substance use and mental health with our alcohol and other drugs counselor.
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<td>Dulce Murillo. Visit <a href="http://www.aldeainc.org">www.aldeainc.org</a> or their Facebook page. Also, Save the Date for Aldea’s virtual fundraiser on May 19th!</td>
<td>Candy Pierce moved to approve the February agenda; Gloria Diaz seconded the motion. The motion carried and the February agenda was approved as written.</td>
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<td>II. Approval of February Agenda (Action Item)</td>
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<td>Pam Posehn moved to approve the January minutes; Zoee Bartholomew seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Jan. 20th minutes were approved.</td>
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<td>III. Approval of January 20th Minutes (Action Item)</td>
<td>• Jennifer MackKinnon abstained.</td>
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| IV. Presentation | “Race for Equity: What’s Your Role?” Presented by Dr. Shandi Fuller, M.D., MPH, Deputy Public Health Officer, Solano County Public Health.  
• After the presentation, participants were placed in breakout rooms for discussion and asked to add their suggestions to a virtual post-it board.  
• Additional resources were shared in the chat for those interested in learning more:  
  o Hayley Armstrong suggested the PBS Documentary "Unnatural Causes", which describes how racism is such a strong health factor & has a significant impact on black women and babies' birth weights.  
  o Nancy Hocke suggested “Allegories on Race and Racism” Ted Talk [https://www.youtube.com/watch/GNhCY6fT5yBM](https://www.youtube.com/watch/GNhCY6fT5yBM)  
  o Juan Cisneros reminded all about the opportunity to participate in the Solano Equity Collaborative. | |
| V. Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. | Pam Posehn moved to adjourn the meeting; Zoee Bartholomew seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned. |
BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES
FOR CALIFORNIA’S CHILD
ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCILS

Making Prevention the New Norm
CAPC STUDY
Identifying Best Practices
LANDSCAPE OF CALIFORNIA’S CAPCs

Bay Area
1. Contra Costa
2. Napa
3. San Francisco
4. Santa Clara

Northern
1. Lake
2. Mendocino
3. Shasta

Capital
1. Butte
2. Sacramento
3. Yolo

Valley
1. Fresno
2. Stanislaus
3. Tulare

SoCal
1. Los Angeles
2. Orange
3. Riverside
4. San Diego
5. San Luis Obispo
6. Santa Barbara
7. Ventura
CAPC Structure and Governance

Independent Organization within County Government

Incorporated as a Nonprofit
MEMBERSHIP

- Public Health
- Child Welfare Services
- Prevention/Treatment Services
- Probation
- FRCs
- Community and Family Representation
FUNDING FOR CAPCs

BEFORE:
- Set the stage for joint resource development
- Remain mission-driven

DURING:
- Blend, pool, braid and diversify
- Track and communicate data and outcomes to “make the case”
CAPC REQUIRED ACTIVITIES PER WIC REQUIREMENTS

- **Provide** a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the intervention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases

- **Promote** public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for prevention, intervention and treatment
- **Encourage** and facilitate the training of professionals in detecting, treating and preventing child abuse and neglect
- **Recommend** improvements in services to families and victims
- **Encourage** and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect programs.
CAPC PRIMARY ROLES

**Catalyst** for Prevention/Wellness

**Convener** of Cross – system Partners

**Coordinator** of Countywide Prevention Activities
CATALYST FOR PREVENTION

Foundational Capacity
- Leadership
- VMV-Driven
- Change Influencer

Best Practice Guidelines
- Build Momentum
- Share Ownership and Responsibility
- Prevention Education & Advocacy
- Planning & Implementation
The Economics of Abuse Report: A Study of Solano County

Child maltreatment is a persistent problem within Solano County. Although it is a hidden social ill, its impact is significant. Child maltreatment impacts not just the child, but the family, the community, and society at large. In California, as many as one out of every 10 children is suspected of being maltreated. The impact of maltreatment not only morally degrades our society, it significantly hurts our economy. In fact, the physical, mental, and emotional effects of maltreatment persist long after child maltreatment occurs, and result in ongoing costs to every sector of California.

Child maltreatment is a core underlying factor in many of California’s ongoing struggles, such as high rates of school dropout, homelessness, incarceration, and chronic health issues. This report shines a light on this largely ignored issue, with a specific focus in your county, and the negative impact it has on all of us.

The Financial Impacts of Child Abuse

The cumulative financial impact to Solano County for the 2,645 verified survivors of maltreatment in 2018 is $187,999,431. Though these costs are accrued over the course of the victim’s life, the community will continue to incur the same cost each year until we are able to reduce and ultimately end child abuse.

Healthcare - $53,806,072
Victims may require hospital care, mental health services, and other medical services during childhood, and have a higher incidence of physical and mental health issues throughout adulthood.

Lifetime Productivity - $84,154,835
Victims are more likely to be unemployed and rely on public assistance which lead to diminished earning potential.

Education - $8,409,520
Abused children are 77 percent more likely to require special education.

Child Welfare - $35,965,328
Victims may require intervention services, foster care, and counseling services.

Criminal Justice - $4,292,835
Abused children are 59 percent more likely to be arrested as juveniles, and 28 percent more likely to have an adult criminal record.

Fatality - $80
Lost wages and costs incurred by the healthcare system due to fatality incidents of abuse.

Protective Factors in Solano County

Individual Protective Factors

Communities can support vulnerable children and families by fostering the five protective factors. By helping families to enhance their protective factors, they will be better equipped to combat risk factors (history of abuse, isolation, substance abuse, and others) and prevent incidences of child abuse. Research shows that healthy and safe families share these five commonalities:

1. Social & Emotional Competence of Children
   Family and child interactions that help children develop the ability to communicate clearly, recognize and regulate their emotions, and establish and maintain relationships.

2. Knowledge of Child Development
   Understanding parenting strategies that support physical, cognitive, language, social, and emotional development.

3. Parental Resilience
   Managing stress and functioning well when faced with challenges, adversity, and trauma.

4. Social Connections
   Positive relationships that provide emotional, informational, and spiritual support.

5. Concrete Support
   Access to concrete support and services that address a family’s needs and help minimize stress caused by life’s challenges.

Community Protective Factors

Strong families - and communities whose conditions nurture strong families - protect our children. Every community has Community Protective Factors, or characteristics that are linked to lower rates of child maltreatment. We know the presence of any single protective factor is not sufficient. Rather, factors work in concert with each other and with each family’s unique strengths to create safe environments for children to grow up.

Institutional racism and systemic oppression over generations have prevented many families of color from accessing these social and economic factors. We believe that initiatives that promote racial equity are critical to promoting Community Protective Factors that mitigate maltreatment.

Economic Supports

Policies and programs that provide economic support and help families develop some security in their finances are a protective factor against child maltreatment.

Parental Skills and Education

There is an abundance of evidence on the importance of programs that develop parenting skills and strengthen bonds between parents and their children.

Positive Social Norms and Interventions against Violence

When maltreatment does occur, intervention at schools or in physicians’ offices can help to prevent further harm from occurring. Policies and educational campaigns can also influence changes in the social norms that perpetuate violence against children.

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The Economics of Child Abuse: A Study of California
A Report by Safe & Sound
June 2020

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The Financial Impact of Child Abuse: $26.3 Billion

This is the cumulative financial impact to California for the $7,369 substantiated survivors of maltreatment, and $8 maltreatment fatalities in 2019. Though these costs are accrued over the course of the victim's life, the community will continue to incur these costs each year until we are able to reduce and ultimately end child abuse.

California's Community Protective Factors

- Strong families — and communities whose conditions nurture strong families — protect children.
- Every community has Protective Factors, or characteristics that are linked to lower rates of child maltreatment.
- Factors work in concert with each other and with each family's unique strengths to create safe environments for children to grow up.
- High-quality childcare
- Economic Supports
- Parental Skills & Education
- Community Institutions & Services
- Positive Social Norms & Interventions Against Violence

California's Community Risk Factors

- A variety of factors place children and their families at greater risk for maltreatment. Below are Risk Factors that are endemic to California communities, as well as communities across the country. Many of these risk factors have been intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Socioeconomic Inequality & Poverty
- Lack of Adequate & Affordable Housing
- Unemployment and Economic Consequences
- Homelessness
- Substance Abuse
- Social Isolation & Marginalization

Read the full report: http://economics.safeandsound.org
CONVENER OF CROSS – SYSTEM PARTNERS

Foundational Capacity
- Seasoned Facilitation Skills
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Emotional Intelligence

Best Practice Guidelines
- Neutral Party Convener
- Environment that Maximizes Participation
- Effective Working Relationships
- Lift Parent and Community Voice
- Recognize Contributions

Best Practice Guidelines
Join a HOPE Regional Collaborative Council:

Regional collaborative councils meet monthly in all 5 Supervisorial Districts of the County and in the Communities of Blythe and San Jacinto. These collaborative councils work to address the county wide goals set by the HOPE Board of Directors and to address the diverse and specific needs of children and families in their designated areas of our county.

Regional collaborative councils hold events to raise public awareness and funds and insure that we are able to address the diverse needs throughout our county. The regional collaborative councils present information about their efforts and the needs of children and families in their communities to the HOPE Collaborative Board of Directors at each Board meeting to insure seamless provision of services and to promote collaborative and coordinated efforts toward our shared vision of a safe and secure environment for all children in Riverside County.
COORDINATOR OF PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Foundational Capacity
- Public Speaking
- Common Language, Common Approach
- Results, Process, Relationship

Best Practice Guidelines
- Prioritize WIC Activities
- Build High – Performing Partnerships
- Promote Public Awareness
- Use Data and Research
BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN & I AM LISTENING
SONOMA TOOLS FOR PARENTS

Mandated Reporter Resources

By California Penal Code Section 11164-11174.3, certain professionals are legally obligated to report suspicions that a child is being abused, neglected or endangered to the Sonoma County Child Protection Hotline.

How To Report

1. Call the Child Protection Hotline 24/7 to make the verbal report: (707) 565-4304 or (800) 826-7064.

2. Within 48 hours, file a written report. Complete the California Suspected Child Abuse form 555 8523 online. Click here to see the state guidelines for completing Form 55 8523. You can save the document, then email the form or download the form, print and fax.

3. Email the confidential completed form to PCSCARE@sonomacounty.ca.gov, or fax the printed form to (707) 565-4304.

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Contact Information

Family, Youth and Children's Services Human Services Department
AccessAbility Assistance
Contact
Reminder: Email is not confidential.

Business Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Contact us by Phone
Phone: (707) 565-4304
CA Relay: 711

Address
1202 Apollo Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
Google Maps Directions

Child Protection 24/7 Hotline
(707) 565-4304, (800) 826-7064
CAPC WORKING TOOLS AND RESOURCES
A FRAMEWORK FOR PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE BY THE PROMOTION OF HEALTHY FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Vision
The vision of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention is to develop an integrated state-wide system that supports families to provide safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for their children. To achieve this vision, we have adapted the healthcare model for prevention, seeking to build protective factors through community and natural supports while mitigating risk factors.

Levels & Strategies for the Prevention of Child Abuse & the Promotion of Healthy Families and Communities

**PRIMARY**
- These activities are directed at the general population to strengthen communities and improve child well-being by focusing on the social determinants of health, defined as the conditions into which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life.

Primary strategies may include:
- Reducing poverty and drug use
- Improving economic stability, transportation and access to supports
- Increasing social connections within the community
- Improving health and access to healthcare
- Improving school readiness, neighborhood safety and play areas for children
- Increasing communication and public awareness strategies for education, engagement, and outreach

**SECONDARY**
- These activities are offered to populations that have one or more risk factors associated with compromised well-being or child maltreatment, such as poverty, parental substance abuse, younger parental age, parental mental health concerns, exposure to violence, and parental or child disabilities. Programs seek to build protective factors and mitigate the risk factors.

Secondary strategies may include:
- Increasing accessibility to family resource centers that offer information and referral services to families living in low income areas
- Offering parent education programs in strategic locations
- Providing home visiting programs that provide support and assistance to expecting and new mothers
- Providing respite care for families that have children with special needs
- Increasing access to family-centered substance abuse treatment services
- Connecting families to public assistance programs such as CalWORKS and CalFresh

**TERTIARY**
- These activities focus on families where child maltreatment has occurred, seeking to mitigate its trauma and reduce the negative consequences of the maltreatment and to prevent its recurrence.

Tertiary strategies may include:
- Providing family reunification services
- Providing permanency planning
- Offering parent support groups that help parents transform negative practices and beliefs into positive parenting behaviors and attitudes
- Providing mental health services for children and families affected by maltreatment
- Providing parent mentoring programs to families in crisis

California’s Child Abuse Prevention Councils
Best Practices Guidelines
Child Abuse Prevention Councils (CAPCs) are the catalyst, convener and coordinator of the countywide approach to prevention of child maltreatment. Each CAPC prioritizes strategies for action, and builds foundational capacity to move the state and local prevention agenda forward. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) provides these definitions and guidance to support CAPCs in their leadership role, partnering within counties and communities to promote child and family health and well-being.
Discussion Questions

■ How does priority area impact child abuse prevention?
■ What role does the child abuse prevention council have in addressing priority area?
THANK YOU