

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA:5.B.10
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2018

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0138

On motion of Supervisor Olsen, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

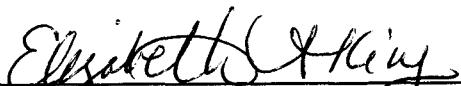
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:



ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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AGENDA ITEM**

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Proclaim April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Stanislaus County

DISCUSSION:

The Governor and California Legislature have historically proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, calling attention to the special role that the Community Services Agency and its community partners play in child abuse prevention.

An estimated 676,000 children in the United States were documented victims of maltreatment in 2016, and approximately 1,750 of these children died from abuse or neglect as reported by the Administration for Children and Families, Child Maltreatment 2016. However, these figures are considered underestimated due to child maltreatment being under reported.

Beyond the impact on individuals, child abuse has a significant impact on society, the total lifetime economic cost due to new child maltreatment cases in a single year is estimated at \$124 billion in the United States.

From October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, there were 493,358 reports (allegations) of child abuse and neglect in California. Of those, 68,616 or 13.9% were substantiated (verified) by the state child welfare system. About two-thirds (69%) of verified cases were due to general neglect, which includes cases where the parent, guardian or caregiver failed to provide adequate food, shelter, medical care or supervision for the child, but no physical injury occurred. Children ages 0-10 make up 48% of all substantiated cases of child abuse/neglect in California. This age group comprised of 63%. During this period in Stanislaus County, there were 9,696 reports of child abuse of which 5,898 reports were investigated.

The most effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, community based organizations, county departments, schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community. Prevention programs offer positive/strength based alternatives for families and encourage families and youth to develop strong ties to their communities. All residents of Stanislaus County should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment. The Agency desires to bring to the attention of all citizens the importance of child abuse prevention, including services provided in collaboration with Probation, Health Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, District Attorney's Office and our many community partners.

The Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) has financially supported child abuse prevention services for families. CAPC continues to provide funding to Center For Human Services - Hutton House, a local teen shelter that provides invaluable services to runaways and teens in crisis at home.

For the past three years, CAPC has focused efforts on working with community members and partners to develop a shared vision of strong families living in supportive communities. The five protective factors at the foundation of Strengthening Families are characteristics that have been shown to provide positive outcomes more likely for young children and their families, and to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect. The five protective factors are:

- 1) Parent Resilience;
- 2) Social Connections;
- 3) Concrete Supports;
- 4) Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development; and
- 5) Social and Emotional Competence of Children.

There are three current CAPC workgroups focused on the following topics:

- 1) Professional Development – provide county wide orientation and training – over 1284 individuals have been trained from at least 38 different agencies;
- 2) Parent Engagement – engage parents in the community as leaders through parent cafes;
- 3) Systems/Policy – continue to explore community systems and mapping areas of the five protective factors as well as explore strategies of infusing the Strengthening Families framework into child abuse prevention agencies.

CAPC continues to focus on Strengthening Family activities in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, expanding the work throughout Stanislaus County.

Another activity of the CAPC is the Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Program. This prevention program uses a Shaken Baby Syndrome Curriculum to educate parents about the dangers and consequences of shaking a young child. Education occurs in local hospitals for new parents, in the Healthy Birth Outcomes program, at foster parent training, and at Sierra Vista First Step parenting program. In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, 9,056 parents were educated in the curriculum. This prevention program was initiated by CAPC in 2007 after a high number of documented Shaken Baby injuries and deaths. In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, there was no documented Shaken Baby Syndrome injuries or deaths documented in Stanislaus County.

Lastly, on April 24, 1997, the California Assembly passed House Resolution 25. Through this Resolution, the Assembly declared that the fourth Friday in April is proclaimed as "Children's Memorial Day". The Children's Memorial Flag will be flown at the Community Services Facility on Friday, April 27, 2018 in remembrance of those children whose lives were cut short by senseless violence.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Governor and the California Legislature have historically proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 operating budget for the Community Services Agency includes \$1.95 million for administration of and services connected with child abuse prevention. The supporting programs include: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, & Treatment (CAPIT), Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF), County Children's Fund (CCF), Child Welfare Services Outcomes Improvement Project (CWS-OIP), and Child Welfare Services (CWS). The Community Services Agency 2017-2018 Mid-Year budget includes sufficient appropriations and estimated revenue to support the current year program activities.

There is no additional cost to the General Fund associated with the agenda item.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Boards' priority of *Supporting Community Health* by Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2018 Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 2018 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected each year is sobering; and,

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources and support, and don't know how to cope; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and,

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and,

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among the Community Services Agency, community based organizations, schools, county departments, faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and,

WHEREAS, by ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote children's physical, social and emotional well-being and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities; and,

WHEREAS, youth-oriented and family focused prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and families to encourage youth and families to develop strong ties to their communities; and,

WHEREAS, all residents of Stanislaus County should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare the month of April 2018 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Stanislaus County; in recognition that the Community Services Agency and all the community partners' effective child abuse prevention programs help make the County of Stanislaus a better place for children and families.