

Child Abuse Prevention Council

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SOLANO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 06, 2024

12:00 -1:30 PM

[Hybrid Meeting](#)

Join in person at Solano County of Education
5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534
or **Join by Zoom** at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82530383282?pwd=OG5oMFhpREFMa3pOOXNrM3dHdElrZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 3038 3282 Passcode: 644181 Telephone: +1 669-900-9128

- I. **Introductions & Announcements**
- II. **CAPC Governance and Structure**
 - Sub-Committees-Update
- III. **Presentations:**
 - **McKinney Vento Act-Homelessness
Solano County of Education (SCOE)**
Presenting: Akon Walker, MDiv, MPA
 - **Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month Activities-Report Out**
- IV. **Suggestion for Future Meetings**

April:

 - Fighting Back Partnership-Road to Resilience Program
 - LEAF (Love Based Education for Adoptive Families)
- V. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting Date: April 03, 2024



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid

In Person Solano County Office of Education

5100 Business Center Drive

Fairfield, CA 94534

PRESENT:

Neely McElroy, Dr. Shandi Fuller, Alan Cole, Gene Ibe, Tara Knobbe, Supervisor Wanda Williams, Candy Pierce, Dr. Nicola Parr, Cheryl Countee, Juan Cisneros, Guadalupe Lopez, Kerry Ahearn, Kathy Lago, Phil Lockwood, Rylee Manny, Nicole Saltzman, Cindy Watson, Lisa Eckhoff, Anne Salassi, Jamie Powell, Rhonda Smith, Erik Saucedo, Sonya Wright, Zaida Mungaray, Katie Stith, Kirsten Krause, Andrea Azurdia, and Akon Walker

STAFF:

Zoila Perez-Sanchez, Ronda Kogler, Megan Berger, and Jessica Gabbart

MINUTES:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm
I. Introductions and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Candy announced that The Rotary Club is accepting requests for funding from nonprofits in the greater Fairfield area. The one-time funding is to help fund a service or project that can be sustainable at the end of the grant period. Applications are due March 1st. ○ Neely McElroy announced that CWS has hired a new manager Essence Web to replace Martha Saurez who has retired from her position as of 12/2023. Essence Web will be leading the Community Engagement work of the CPP. ○ Kathy Lago announced that Solano Family & Children Services has available spots for families who need childcare and to refer families to the program. ○ Tara Knobbe announced that Child Support Services signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Solano Family Justice Center to provide services to parents while receiving other services such as supervised visitation with parents to help remove some barriers. ○ Gene Ibe announced that First 5 Solano has two funding opportunities available. The first RFA is the First 5 Solano Annual Grant designed for a one-time project to address the needs of children 0-5 in Solano County that requires a letter of intent to apply that is due by Tuesday, February 12. The second funding opportunity is on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the Community Investment Funds (CIF) Annual Grant, which requires attendance at a mandatory conference on Thursday, February 8. ○ Juan Cisneros announced that Child Start is always enrolling in their program. Child Start, with the support of the BOS and First 5 Solano will open a Multi-Agency Early Learning Center at the former Beverly Hills Elementary School in Vallejo. ○ Katie Stith announced that Aldea has their substance uses disorder services drop-in center up and going on Tuesday and Friday from 3-5:30pm at their Business Center Drive. If you have any clients with youth ages 12-25 years old that are struggling with substance use, they can drop in anytime during those times. ○ Dr. Nicola Parr updated the group regarding the funding opportunity with the California Youth Behavioral Health Services; the

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	<p>Solano County will be receiving \$3.3 million to set up a billing system, hire staff, and create a plan to bill all the medical providers within the schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Shandi Fuller announced that Solano HEALS has hired a new Community Advocate, Director of Finance, Co-Facilitator. Also, a doula program that is recruiting community members to go through the doula program and will be hosting a meet the doula night from 5:30-7:30pm at the Cordelia library on February 15th. ○ Megan Berger announced that Children’s Network is going to be offering in-person Mandated Reporting training.
<p>II. CAPC Governance and Structure</p>	<p>Welcome Candy Pierce welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending the in-person meeting.</p> <p>CAPC Governance and Structure – The Executive Committee is happy to announce and welcome two new members to the CAPC general membership Rylee Manny, Community member with lived experience and Supervisor Wanda Williams.</p>
<p>III. Presentation</p>	<p>CA State Budget Update Presenter: Erik Saucedo, Senior Policy Analyst</p> <p>Solano Maternal Child & Adolescent Health, Needs Assessment: Identifying Health Priority Needs Presenters: Dr. Shandi J. Fuller and Andrea Azurdia.</p>
<p>IV. Suggestion for Future Meetings</p>	<p>Future Meetings: March-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LEAF (Loved Based Education for Adoptive Families) ○ Homelessness- McKinney Vento
<p>V. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM</p>

Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council Membership	
December-23	
Members	Agency/Organization
Public Services: Child Welfare Services, Children's Services, Probation	
Wanda Williams	Solano County Board of Supervisors
Gene Ibe	First 5 Solano Children & Families Commission
Tara Knobbe	Solano County Child Support Services
Neely McElroy	Solano County Health and Social Services, Child Welfare Division
Vacant	Solano County Health & Social Services, Behavioral Health Division
Dr. Shandi Fuller	Solano County Health and Social Services, Public Health Division
Alan Cole	Solano County Probation, Juvenile Division
Criminal Justice System: Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Courts, Coroner	
Candy Pierce	CASA of Solano County
Dennis Chapman	Law Enforcement
Vacant	
Prevention & Treatment Services Communities: Medical & Mental Health; Community-based Social Services; Public and Private schools	
Juan Cisneros	Child Start, Inc.
Cheryl Countee	Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District
Kerry Ahearn	Aldea Children & Family Services
Guadalupe Lopez	North Bay Regional Center
Nicola Parr	Solano County Superintendent of Schools
Isabel Montano	Vacaville Family Resource Center
Kathy Lago	Solano Family & Children's Services
Community Representatives: Community Volunteers; Civic Organizations; Religious Community	
Phil Lockwood	Community Representative
Nora Macias	Religious Community
Rylee Manny	Community Volunteer with lived experience

Preparing for CAP Month

CAP Month is an opportunity to highlight child abuse prevention and your organization's positive contributions. Everyone has a role in this effort, and we encourage creativity in your initiatives. Share your activities and tag CNW on social media, so we can share the important work you're doing! Contact Zoila Perez Sanchez at zperez-sanche@childnet.org if you host any events or plant pinwheels.



Get Active on Social Media

Use the provided toolkit and come up with prevention content of your own! Tell your story and be authentic to your organization and mission. We encourage you to follow CNW on social media, tag us and share our prevention messaging too!



Host a community event

Hosting a community event is a great way to promote togetherness and create a network of support for families. Resource fairs, Parent Cafés and other family friendly events are encouraged.



Plant a pinwheel garden

Pinwheel gardens will be popping up across the nation during CAP Month. Order materials to create pinwheel gardens of your own and get involved with local organizations and businesses in the process.



Raise awareness

Spread awareness by reaching out to local leaders, media and other businesses in your community. Help us communicate the importance of child abuse prevention and programs and policies that support children and families.



Participate in Wear Blue Day

CAP Month kicks off with Wear Blue Day on Friday, April 5. Wear blue with your team and encourage others to do the same! Post your blue pictures and why you wear blue to social media.



Attend a Training

CNW is offering in person MRMS training sessions all month, and sharing other training opportunities on a variety of topics related to preventing child abuse and neglect. Expand your professional knowledge!



FIGHTING BACK
PARTNERSHIP

NURTURING FATHER'S PROGRAM

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY

MAY 8, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON

**505 SANTA CLARA STREET
VALLEJO, CA 94590, 3RD FLOOR**

Certified Facilitators support and empower Solano County fathers by providing support groups with free hybrid sessions to assist with job readiness and parenting resources.



REGISTER NOW!



<https://forms.gle/426pvfo16WmQRiLBA>

**Ethical Leadership Development,
Skill Building, Basic Needs
Support, Family Events, Graduation
Ceremony, Certificates of
Completion and MORE!**

For more information, contact us at
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MENTAL HEALTH PARENT WORKSHOPS

➤ **Be Sensitive, Be Brave: Mental Health**

March 26, 2024, 9-11am, in-person at Armijo High School Library
824 Washington Street, Fairfield, CA 94533
Childcare available on-site.

This workshop prepares community members to help friends and loved ones during times of distress. Learn how to recognize mental health conditions, what to do when someone needs support, and gain tools for maintaining good mental health.

➤ **Mental Health Matters: Parent Support For Suicide Awareness**

March 26, 2024, 6-7pm, virtual

Virtual training aims to provide parents/caregivers with knowledge and resources to support their child or teen's mental health. Practical information on suicide awareness and education will be provided.

[Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Scan to register and secure childcare.



[or click here to register!](#)

Scan to join meeting.



For additional information,
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LA SALUD MENTAL ES IMPORTANTE: APOYO DE LOS PADRES A LA PREVENCION DEL SUICIDIO



Martes, 26 de Marzo, 2024

Sesión 1 (en persona): en Armijo High School Biblioteca, 9-11am
824 Washington Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

Sesión 2 (virtual): clave de reunión de Zoom, 6-7pm



[Haga click aqui para participar en la reunion virtual.](#)

Esta sesión de entrenamiento tiene como objetivo proveer a los padres/cuidadores recursos para apoyar la salud mental de sus hijos o adolescentes. Esta sesión también ofrecerá a los padres información práctica sobre la detección del suicidio y la educación al respecto. Para asegurar el cuidado de niños, regístrese utilizando el siguiente enlace.

Para inscribirse o
reservar cuidado
de niños



[o haga clic aquí
para registrarse!](#)



Por más información, pongase en contacto con
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McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Basics 101)

Akon M. Walker, MDiv, MPA

March 6, 2024

Overview

- Why it Matters? Data and Statistics for Students Experiencing Housing Instability/Mobility
- Definition of Homelessness: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Differences in Definitions Across Federal and State Programs
- Definition of an Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Housing Instability/Mobility
- Educational Rights for Students Who are Experiencing Housing Instability/Mobility
- Role of the Local Liaison: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Best Practices – Know the Signs: Identification
- Q&A and Training Evaluation

Addressing the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Highlights from the Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano County Offices of Education Bay Area Geographic Leads Consortium

Why it Matters: Students Experiencing Housing Instability - Data and Statistics

- California (2023) - Approximately 187,000 students attending public schools were experiencing housing instability
- FY 2022/23 Solano County Annual End of Year McKinney-Vento District Report – 1,649 McKinney-Vento eligible students.
- Experience disproportionately poor educational outcomes
 - School Stability Rates
 - Chronic Absenteeism Rates
 - Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rates
 - Suspension Rates

Homelessness Definition Qualifiers	HUD	HDIS	McKinney-Vento
Residing in a Place not Meant for Human Habitation Street, Bus/Train Station, Abandoned Building RV/Shelter without Plumbing or Electricity Substandard Housing Tent, Car, Encampment	Yes No No Yes	Yes Yes No Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Temporary Housing Emergency/ Congregate Shelter and Safe Haven Transitional Housing, Hotels/Motels Paid by Programs Exiting an Institution (e.g. jail, hospital) Abandoned in Hospital	Yes Yes Yes No	Yes Yes Yes No	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Permanent Housing Projects Permanent Supportive Housing Housing Only Rapid Rehousing	No No No	Yes Yes Yes	<i>Depends</i> Yes Yes
Shared Housing Doubled or Tripled Up Couch Surfing	No No	No No	Yes Yes

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: Definition of Homelessness

Those who lack a **fixed**, **regular** and **adequate** nighttime residence, including students:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds due to a lack of alternative, adequate accommodation
- Living in emergency & transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in public or private places not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or similar situations
- Migratory children living in the above situations

42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

- ▶ The term *unaccompanied youth* includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

42 U.S.C. § 11434a(6)

- ▶ Liaisons must assist unaccompanied homeless youth with enrollment, school selection, & dispute resolution
- ▶ Have the same right to immediate enrollment & educational services as other students
- ▶ No age limits



McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: Additional Educational Rights for Students Experiencing Housing Instability [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)]

- Immediate school enrollment and full participation in all school activities for eligible children
- School of origin protections
- Transportation to and from the school origin
- Provision of services comparable to services offered to other students in the school
- Access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible
- Removal of barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities
- Rights and protections specifically for unaccompanied youth
- To dispute an eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision, and for a child or youth to be admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending the resolution of the dispute
- The appointment of a local homeless liaison





California Educational Rights – Students Experiencing Housing Instability: California Education Code (EC)

- RIGHT TO REMAIN IN YOUR SCHOOL OF ORIGIN (EC §48853 (a) & 48853.5(f))
- RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL (EC §48853.5(f)(8))
- RIGHT TO PARTIAL CREDITS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (EC § 51225.2)
- GRADUATION RIGHTS (EC § 51225.1-3)

Local Liaison Duties

- Ensure children and youth experiencing homelessness are identified in coordination with others
- Ensure immediate enrollment & access to services
- Provide information about rights & opportunities
 - Includes meaningful opportunities for parents to participate in their children's education
 - Includes transportation, school meals, & other programs
- Ensure disputes are mediated
- May affirm for Housing and Urban Development programs that HCY meet eligibility criteria



Local Liaison Duties

- Support Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY) in school selection & dispute resolution
- Ensure UHY are provided verification of their status for FAFSA purposes
- Provide training & other support for school personnel
- Provide referrals to services in the community
- Collaborate & coordinate services with State Coordinators, community and school personnel
 - Includes collecting & reporting data

42 U.S.C. § 11434(g)(6)

Best Practices for Identification – Know the Signs

- Changes in attendance
- Changes in grades
- Changes in appearance (be culturally responsive)
- Lack of school supplies
- Hungry, without food and/or snacks
- Changes in behavior
- Sleeping in class



Contact Us – We Are Here to Help

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Questions?
Thank you.

Please complete the online Foster
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Training Evaluation.