

# Child Abuse Prevention Council

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## SOLANO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

### General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 02, 2023

12:00 -1:30 PM

### Join by Zoom at

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

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

**NOTE: We will reconvene with Hybrid Meetings in September**

- I. **Introductions & Announcements**
- II. **CAPC Governance and Structure**
  - Introduce new CAPC member
  - Recruitment
- III. **CPP Debrief**
- IV. **Gun Violence Statement follow up**
- V. **Presentation:**
  - **Victor Community Support Services**  
Facilitated by David Hafter and Adriana Argueta Balan
- VI. **Suggestion for Future Meetings  
September**
  - Head Start
  - Solano Family Services
- VII. **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting Date: September 06, 2023**



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom Virtual and In-Person

Solano County Office of Education 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield 94534

**PRESENT:**

Neely McElroy, Dr. Shandi Fuller, Gene Ibe, Tara Knobbe, Candy Pierce, Dennis Chapman, Nicola Parr, Isabel Montano, Cheryl Countee, Juan Cisneros, Guadalupe Lopez, Kerry Ahearn, Phil Lockwood, Nora Macias, Troy Nichols, Lisa Eckhoff, Sonya Wright, Rhonda Smith, Martha Suarez, Akon Walker, Anne Salassi, Zaida Mungaray, Kim McDowell, Emma Shaffer, Angelique Anderson, Nina Diaz, Holly Collins, Eugenia, Kacee Lynch, Rachel Fulton, Alan Cole, Sean Hughes and Paula LeDoux

**STAFF:**

Zoila Perez-Sanchez, Ronda Kogler, and Jessica Gabbart

**MINUTES:**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm
<b>I. Introductions and Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anne Salassi announced that June is PRIDE month and the Juneteenth celebration on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, today there will be a HOPE resource fair for homelessness resources from 10:30am-4pm at 600 Texas Street, and on June 27<sup>th</sup> behavioral health is promoting PTSD awareness day.</li> <li>○ Nina Diaz announced that First 5 will be hosting a Fun in the Sun event and resource fair for families with children 0-5 years old who live in Solano County on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm. Families who attend that event will be able to sign up for free classes for July and August at the Vallejo First 5 Center.</li> <li>○ Troy Nichols wanted to thank everyone who attended the 2-day Statewide Collaborative Prevention Convening on May 16-17, 2023.</li> <li>○ Angelique Anderson announced that Blank Infant Health will be hosting their healthy soul food cooking class next Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>. And starting in October the Mocha Mommas Thrive Cohort will begin for Solano County residents.</li> <li>○ Emma Shaffer announced that Fetal and Infant Mortality are hoping to distribute the recommendations for 21-22 soon.</li> <li>○ Akon Walker announced that Solano County Office of Education will be campaigning for the Stuff the Bus to benefit Foster Youth students starting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>. Items can be backpacks, school supplies, gift cards. Please help spread the word or donate.</li> <li>○ Gene Ibe announced that the Solano County Fair is next weekend and that First 5 will be hosting a family fun zone.</li> <li>○ Lisa Eckhoff announced that on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Solano County Office of Education will be announcing the winner for the Early Childhood Educator of the Year.</li> <li>○ Zoila Perez-Sanchez reminded everyone about the upcoming training “Child Abuse and People of Color,” flyer was sent out with the materials for the meeting today.</li> </ul>

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>II. CAPC Governance and Structure</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b> Candy Pierce welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending.</p> <p><b>CAPC Governance and Structure</b> – There was discussion around wanting to expand the Executive Committee by adding two members at large to the Executive Committee to the bylaws. Juan motioned the move to approve the amendment to bylaws by adding two members at large to the Executive Committee. Kerry seconded the motion, the members voted, and the motion was approved to amend the bylaws by adding two more members to the Executive Committee was approved.</p>
<b>III. Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Black Infant Health Program/Healthy Families Solano – Facilitated by Angelique Anderson</b></li> <li>• <b>Solano County Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP) Overview – Facilitated Sean Hughes and Neely McElroy</b></li> </ul>
<b>IV. Draft Position Statement on gun violence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anne Salassi noticed that the data used to draft the letter was from 2012-2017 and wanted to see if there was any more recent data and that starting in 2000 and 2021 that firearms has become the leading cause of death in children 1-19 years old. We can mention that in the statement to highlight the impact in recent years.</li> <li>○ Phil Lockwood seconded what Anne mentioned.</li> <li>○ Neely McElroy loved that it is in a suggestion form.</li> <li>○ Juan Cisneros thanked Ronda for the time she put into drafting the letter.</li> <li>○ Guadalupe Lopez thanked Ronda for the work on the letter and the language and approach that was used in the letter.</li> </ul> <p>Phil made a motion to accept the letter with the additional information added. Neely seconded the motion, and the members voted, and the motion was approved to accept the letter with the suggestion to add additional information.</p>
<b>V. Suggestion for Future Meetings</b>	<p>Future Meetings:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>July</b> – No Meeting</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>August</b> – Victor Community Support Services</p>
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM</p>

Council Members

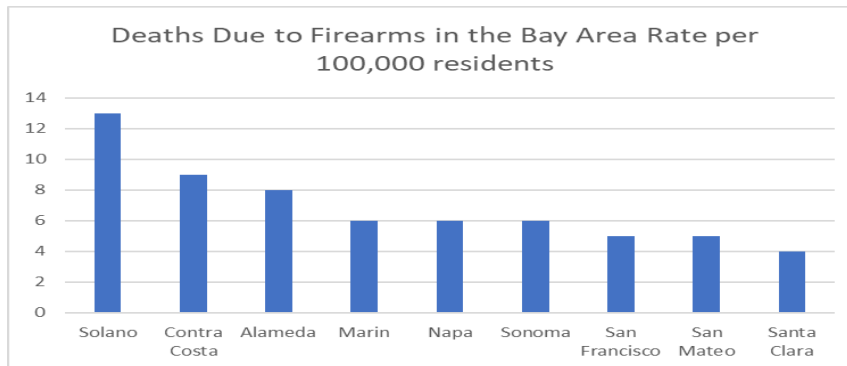
- Kerry Ahearn
- Dennis Chapman
- Juan Cisneros
- Cheryl Countee
- Tammy DeWitt
- Dr. Shandi Fuller
- Gene Ibe
- Tara Knobbe
- Kathy Lago
- Phil Lockwood
- Guadalupe Lopez
- Nora Macias
- Angelina Mackelvie
- Neely McElroy
- Isabel Montano
- Dr. Nicola Parr
- Candy Pierce

## Solano Child Abuse Prevention Council Gun Violence Prevention

Our vision is that all children and youth in Solano County are healthy, safe, resilient, and thriving. One of our roles is to promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children. Many people assume that child abuse and neglect occur inside the home, usually at the hand of family members, but the fact is that child abuse and neglect can happen anywhere, by anyone. Victims include not only the child, but all those impacted by the abuse or neglect, including family members, friends, witnesses, community members, frontline service providers, and others. The trauma of child abuse and neglect has a ripple effect that can expand both horizontally throughout a society, as well as vertically across generations.

The murder of a child is the most extreme form of child abuse and the continued killing of children and their family members through gun violence, both across the nation and here in Solano County, compels us to speak out. The 48,830 lives lost nationally to firearm violence in 2021 is the highest number on record (2022 numbers are not published yet) and gun violence continues to be the leading cause of death for children and teens ages 1–19, and young adults under the age of 25<sup>1</sup>. Gun-related violence threatens our most fundamental human right, the right to life, and contributes to fear and trauma in our communities, often with severe and long-term psychological effects on individuals and whole communities.

In 2021, California was ranked as the #1 state for gun safety by Giffords Law Center, and the state saw a 37% lower gun death rate than the national average. According to the CDC, California’s gun death rate was the 44th lowest in the nation, with 8.5 gun deaths per 100,000 people – compared to 13.7 deaths per 100,000 nationally. But when looking at these deaths by county, Solano County stands out – and not in a good way. Solano County has the highest rate of deaths due to firearms in the Bay Area and is more in line with the national average than the California state average.



Average rates over the 2012-2017 period, according to a database created by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

<sup>1</sup> <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/sites/default/files/2023-06/2023-june-cgvs-u-s-gun-violence-in-2021.pdf>

All children in Solano County should be guaranteed the right to live, learn and grow up safely—free from violence and fear. We know that gun violence is the number one killer of children in the United States and that our society is not doing nearly enough to ensure that children are not killed with guns either intentionally or accidentally. It can seem overwhelming to tackle a national problem, but together we can reduce gun violence, locally, right here in our County.

### **What Can We Do?**

#### As a community, we can:

- Set a countywide goal for reducing gun violence in Solano County and implement a campaign to accomplish this goal. For instance, the Brady Campaign has set a goal to reduce gun violence by 25% by 2025 and have campaign tools developed to achieve their purpose.
- Ensure that community members know the gun laws that govern them and recommendations for safe storage. For instance, California law makes it a crime for a gun owner to:
  - store a loaded firearm in a home, or within an area of the owner’s control, and
  - do so when the owner knows, or should know, that a child or an adult legally prohibited from possessing a firearm law could access it.
- Advocate with our local elected officials for resources to provide:
  - youth violence prevention programs and appropriate evaluation and wrap-around services for students who have brought a firearm to school,
  - tools available for those of limited means, like lockboxes, to keep firearms locked up and out of the hands of those that should not have access, and
  - robust education programs to teach students, parents, and community members about gun safety and violence prevention.
- Establish an ASK Day – a day when we remind parents, guardians, and caretakers to add one more question when their children are going to someone else’s home. Ask: “Is there a gun in the home where my child will play?” It’s a simple question, but it could save a life.
- Educate the public about California’s Red Flag Law and how and when to implement it.

#### As individuals, we can:

- Ask if there is a firearm in the home that our child(ren) are going to and plan what we will say or do if the answer is yes.
- Safely store firearms to prevent youth and those prohibited from gun ownership from obtaining and discharging them.
- Know our California’s Red Flag Law and how and when to implement it.
- Advocate with our State and Federal legislators for stricter firearms laws, like:
  - Passage of a federal ban on assault weapons,
  - Universal background checks, including firearms sold at gun shows or through private transactions and online sales.
  - Ban online sales of kits that can be used to make/modify guns, such as bump stocks
  - Greater enforcement of federal and state minimum age requirements for handgun purchases
  - Raise the federal minimum age to 21 to purchase handguns, shot guns and rifles from any type of dealer

Together we can ensure that gun violence is greatly reduced so that our children can grow and thrive in safe and healthy homes, schools, and communities.

<b>Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council Membership</b>	
<b>Jun-23</b>	
<b>Members</b>	<b>Agency/Organization</b>
<b>Public Services: Child Welfare Services, Children's Services, Probation</b>	
<b>Vacant</b>	District Representative, 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
<b>Vacant</b>	Solano County Health & Social Services, Behavioral Health Division
Dr. Shandi Fuller	Solano County Health and Social Services, Public Health Division
<b>Vacant</b>	Solano County Probation, Juvenile Division
<b>Criminal Justice System: Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Courts, Coroner</b>	
Candy Pierce	CASA of Solano County
Dennis Chapman	Law Enforcement
<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment Services Communities: Medical &amp; Mental Health; Community-based Social Services; Public and Private schools</b>	
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
<b>Community Representatives: Community Volunteers; Civic Organizations; Religious Community</b>	
Phil Lockwood	Community Representative
Nora Macias	Religious Community
Angelina Mackelvie	Voices Solano

## Working Draft: Solano CAP Theory of Change

**Vision:** Solano County is an inclusive community that delivers equitable access to trauma free systems, services, opportunities and supports ensuring **all** community members are empowered with the knowledge to be safe and thrive.

**Problem we are trying to address:**

There were 369 substantiated allegations of child maltreatment in 2020 in Solano County (4.1 per 1,000 children 0-17 years of age).

- Children under the age of 1 are most at risk. (15 per 1,000 children)
- Black and Native American children are more than 2X as likely to experience substantiated maltreatment.
- Substantiation rates are highest in the following zip codes: 94591, 94590, 94585, 94571, 94533.

**Overarching Goal:** Solano County’s System of Care will apply policies and deliver programs that decrease child maltreatment and ensure **that African American and Native American** families have equitable access to trauma free services and supports to keep children safe and promotes community wellness.

If these things happen....(implement these strategies)	Priority and Plan	We can expect to see these results (Short Term Outcomes)	And then we want (Intermediate Outcomes)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interagency collaboration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Share best practices and information on resources.</li> <li>○ Identify and foster areas for partnerships.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Policy advocacy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase supports for families.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community engagement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide a safe forum to connect with community members, empowering them to advocate for their interests and needs.</li> <li>○ Engage community members to better understand root causes of disparities and disproportionality.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public education campaign               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide education about preventing maltreatment.</li> <li>○ Increase knowledge about resources and how and where to access them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workforce Training/Culture               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide trauma free, culturally appropriate services.</li> <li>○ Use a family-strengthening approach with those served.</li> <li>○ Provide a culture of self-care for the workforce.</li> <li>○ Recruit so that workforce represents community served.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Identify, leverage, and create funding strategies to support work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging tribal community</li> <li>• Part of California Family Resource Association, actively advocating at the state level for FRC funding.</li> <li>• MCRS task force</li> <li>• Mandated Reporter to Community Supporting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solano County shares a common framework for preventing child maltreatment.</li> <li>• Community members and community agencies partnering to address child abuse prevention and early intervention efforts.</li> <li>• Services and programs are identified and developed to fill gaps based on family services/program needs.</li> <li>• Families in our communities know about available resources that promote health, safety, stability, and self-sufficiency.</li> <li>• Families understand the importance of having informal and formal support networks.</li> <li>• Solano County residents understand that all families need support.</li> <li>• Solano’s workforce has the training and tools to promote a healing environment for themselves and those they serve.</li> <li>• Solano’s workforce is supported to partner with families, helping them plan goals and address accessibility and other barriers.</li> <li>• Families can access services that are culturally accessible and responsive to their unique needs.</li> <li>• The Solano community identifies new funding or braided funding strategies to support resources and services for families.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Solano County provides comprehensive support to meet family needs.</li> <li>• The Solano County identifies the resources that support children and families.</li> <li>• Solano families               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ feel comfortable seeking support,</li> <li>○ access the resources needed to be healthy and self-sufficient,</li> <li>○ receive services that are linguistically appropriate,</li> <li>○ feel respected and supported for their needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>