



## Eastern Sierra Child Support Services

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## **Eastern Sierra Child Support Services partners with Bishop Paiute Tribe Relief After Violent Encounters (R.A.V.E) Program**

**Eastern Sierra Child Support and R.A.V.E. intend to work toward a mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and crimes identified by RAVE.**

*Ambrosia Stone, Social Services Director with R.A.V.E. stated "this is our first MOU with a community partner, and we hope to establish more to ensure the safety and support needed in our community." Amy Weurdig, Regional Director of Child Support added "our staff is dedicated to ensuring safety and assistance to victims of crime throughout our service to Child Support participants"*

R.A.V.E provides a 24-hour crisis hotline and direct requests during regular business hours. Monday thru Friday 8 am to 5pm. Services may include but are not limited to immediate crisis intervention advocacy; peer crisis counseling; emergency safe haven placement; individual and group counseling referrals; advocacy and accompaniment to legal, medical, and social service appoints, law enforcement interviews and other agencies as appropriate, parenting and co-parenting class referrals, emergency food, clothing, emergency transportation and cultural appropriate support.

Eastern Sierra Child Support will refer domestic violence, sexual assault survivors and victims of all crimes to R.A.V.E. as appropriate. They are committed to coordination of effort to get victims the services they need to be in a place of safety. Child Support may help coordinate

services for victims to avoid overlap, duplication and gaps in service and provide guidance and assist with the child support needs of the victims and survivors.

Both of our agencies are excited to partner on this endeavor to further help our communities overcome the effects of these crimes.

**Eastern Sierra Child Support Services** serves families by establishing parentage, obtaining child support and medical support orders, and enforcing child and spousal support obligations. Serving Inyo and Mono County child support participants. For more information, call 866-901-3212, view the Department of Child Support Services website at [www.childsupport.gov](http://www.childsupport.gov).

**R.A.V.E.** serves both the tribal and non-tribal community in providing both victim and survivor services to ensure safety, protection, advocacy, supportive services, and culturally appropriate support in the process of healing. R.A.V.E also provides ongoing educational and outreach services to the community and supporting partners. In addition to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, R.A.V.E. responds to the needs of victims of all crimes.

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