Council Members: Griselda Ortiz • Darcia Blackdeer-Lent • Jeff Thomson • Stephanie Tanksley •

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL (CAPC) AGENDA

February 25, 2026, 12pm – 1pm

Location: 1360 N. Main St. Bishop, Rm 101

1.	**Call to Order & Roll Call**	
2.	**Public Comment**	Chance for community members to share any questions or concerns on items not included on the agenda.
3.	**Minutes**	Consider approving minutes April 30, 2025. See Attachment #1 **(ACTION)**
4.	**Council Appointments**	Consider approving two applications for Council Membership. See Attachment #2 **(ACTION)** Consider appointing Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2025 calendar year. See Attachment #3 **(ACTION)**
5.	**2026 Meeting Schedule**	Consider approving the 2026 Meeting Schedule. See Attachment #4 **(ACTION)**
6.	**Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026**	Planning for Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026 Activities and Events **(DISCUSSION)**
7.	**Council Reports**	Council members may report on local, state, or federal issues relating to children and families. **(DISCUSSION)**
8.	**Coordinator Report**	Coordinator will report on programs and activities. See Attachment #5 **(DISCUSSION)**

Next CAPC Meeting: April 29, 2026.

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ATTACHMENT #1

CAPC Regular Meeting, February 25, 2026.

ITEM 3. Minutes

Details: Consider approving minutes for April 30, 2025.

Action Requested: Approve Minutes for the Child Abuse Prevention Council meeting on April 30, 2025.

Council Members: Griselda Ortiz • Darcia Blackdeer-Lent • Jeff Thomson • Stephanie Tanksley •

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April 30, 2025 12pm – 1pm

Location: 1360 N. Main St. Bishop, Rm 101

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
   Stephanie Tanksley called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM
   Present were council members: Stephanie Tanksley, Anonda Nelson, Holly DeVincent, and Jeff Thomson.
   Not present were council members Chyrstina Pope and Griselda Ortiz
   Also present was Katelyne Lent, First 5 Director.
2. **Public Comment**
   - No public comment
3. **Minutes**
   - Stephanie presented the minutes from the February 27, 2025 meeting.
   - Holly motioned to approve the February 27, 2025 minutes. Anonda seconded. The motion carried, with all in favor and Jeff abstaining.
4. **Children's Trust Fund**
   - Katelyne presented a request to approve the allocation of $11,000 from the Children's Trust Fund to pay Chefalo Consulting for keynote speaking services at the 2025 Resilience Symposium.
   - Jeff motioned to ratify and approve the request. Holly Seconded. All were in favor.
5. **Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Report**
   - Katelyne presented the Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Report, highlighting two successful community events held in April 2025 to promote awareness and prevention of child abuse. She shared that the Children's Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony took place on April 25 at the Clint Quilter Consolidated Office Building, with participation from multiple partner agencies. On April 26, the Superhero 5K – Racing for Heroes event was held at Bishop City Park, engaging families, youth, and community partners in celebrating the message that "Every Child Deserves a Hero." Both events strengthened collaboration, increased public awareness, and reinforced the community's commitment to protecting and supporting children and families in Inyo County
6. **Council Reports**
   - Anonda shared that there will be an upcoming MMIWP event on Monday, May 5, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers from Way of the Sacred Mountain and the Red Tipi Project will be in attendance. She noted that this event provides an opportunity to engage community services for teenage youth.

- Holly shared that she is reviewing current funding and plans to implement more targeted approaches within child welfare.
- Stephanie expressed her appreciation to Katelyne for her hard work and dedication in coordinating the Child Abuse Prevention Month events.

7. Coordinator Report

- Katelyne shared the report on programs and activities. See the complete packets for additional details regarding upcoming events and announcements.

Next CAPC Meeting: August 27th, 2025.

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ATTACHMENT #2

CAPC Regular Meeting, February 25, 2026.

ITEM 4. Council Appointments

Details: Consider two applications for appointment. Jeff Thomson and Darcia Blackdeer-Lent have submitted applications to be considered for new two-year terms expiring December 31, 2027.

Action Requested: Approve Jeff Thomson and Darcia Blackdeer-Lent to new 2-year terms on the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

INYO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL NOMINATING FORM

CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

If you are interested in serving on the ***Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC)***, please complete the following application and return it to the address listed below.

Please deliver or email your application to:

Inyo County Clerk
PO Drawer N
Independence, CA 93526
Or scan and email to Darcy Israel: disrael@inyocounty.us

Upon receipt, your application will be reviewed and you may be invited for an interview. All applicants who are selected to be interviewed will receive a phone call to arrange the interviews. Otherwise, your application will be kept on file for 12 months for future consideration if a position becomes available within that time period.

Applicant Information:

FULL NAME: Jeffrey L. Thomson	
PREFERRED ADDRESS: 1360 N. Main Street	CITY & ZIP: Bishop, CA 93514
PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER: 7608724005	
PREFERRED EMAIL: jthomson@inyocounty.us	

Inyo County Regional Experience (check all that apply):

LIVE	WORK	
☐	☑	Bishop
☐	☐	Big Pine
☐	☑	Independence
☐	☑	Lone Pine
☐	☐	Death Valley, Tecopa

Areas of Expertise [check all that apply to your professional or personal experience]

	Categories of Membership		Lived Experience
☒	Public Child Welfare Services	☐	Student
☐	Mental Health Provider	☐	Survivor of Child Abuse
☐	Medical Health Provider	■	Parent/Caregiver
☒	Criminal Justice System	■	Grandparent
☐	Tribal Member	■	Youth Activities Volunteer
☐	Latinx Community Member	■	Community Leader
☐	Public or Private Schools	☐	Public Relations/Communications
☒	Prevention Programming	■	Early Intervention Services
☒	Treatment Services	■	Direct experience working with multicultural communities
☒	Current CAPC Member	■	Tobacco or other Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment
☐	Civic Organization	■	Community Engagement & Outreach
☐	Religious Community	■	Social Media Engagement or Advertising
☐	Other: (indicate)	☐	Other: (indicate)

Current Employment:

Job Title: Chief Probation Officer	Agency: Inyo County Probation Dept.

Statement of Interest (Optional):

1. Use the space below to explain why you are interested in becoming a CAPC Member:

I have always been an advocate for youth.

I believe my experience and passion to help youth and families would be an

excellent fit for the Inyo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Additional Qualifications (Optional):
Please list volunteer commitments, community boards, collaborative or advisory bodies on which you serve or recently served:

Name Of Volunteer Activity	LOCATION	DATES SERVED
Juvenile Justice Commission		Current member
Community Corrections Partnership		Current member
Blue Ribbon on Foster Care		2010 - 2015

Alternate Attendee (Optional):
As a council member, if desired, you may have an alternate attend meetings in your absence. The alternate must be approved. Please list your alternate below:

Full Name	Title	Email	Phone Number
Lisa Vetter	Supervising Probation Officer	lvetter@inyocounty.us	7608724111

Advisory Membership:
Community advisory members may not vote or hold office, but are entitled to receive agendas, minutes, and other materials related to CAPC and may participate in the meetings and all activities. If you would prefer to be considered as an advisory member, please select box. ☐

Certification:
I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that membership on the CAPC requires my active participation in the Council's activities and meetings. Further, I recognize that the Council acts for the interests of the County's families and children.

Digitally signed by Jeffrey L. Thomson
Date: 2026.01.30 09:20:42 -08'00'

Signature

January 30, 2026

Date

INYO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

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Applicant Information:

FULL NAME: Darcia Blackdeer-Lent	
PREFERRED ADDRESS: 1360 N. Main St. Ste. 203	CITY & ZIP: Bishop CA
PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER: 760-937-2788	
PREFERRED EMAIL: dblackdeerlent@inyocounty.us	

Inyo County Regional Experience (check all that apply)**:**

LIVE	WORK	
☑	☑	Bishop
☐	☑	Big Pine
☐	☑	Independence
☐	☑	Lone Pine
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☐	Other: (indicate)	☐	Other: (indicate)

Current Employment:

Job Title: S&P Services Deputy Director	Agency: Inyo County HHS

Statement of Interest (Optional):

1. Use the space below to explain why you are interested in becoming a CAPC Member:

I provide high level oversight of Inyo County's child welfare program. I also support the reporting of the OCAP funding that requires understanding of the mandates pertaining to the funding.

I believe I can contribute to the discussion and input of the group by providing clarity of child welfare data, outcomes and current deliverables for this system of care.

Additional Qualifications (Optional):

Please list volunteer commitments, community boards, collaborative or advisory bodies on which you serve or recently served:

Name Of Volunteer Activity	LOCATION	DATES SERVED

Alternate Attendee (Optional):

As a council member, if desired, you may have an alternate attend meetings in your absence. The alternate must be approved. Please list your alternate below:

Full Name	Title	Email	Phone Number
Holly DeVincent	Program Manager	hdevincent@inyocounty.us	760-872-1727

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Darcia Blackdeer-Lent

Signature

01/30/26

Date

ATTACHMENT #3

CAPC Regular Meeting, February 25, 2026.

ITEM 4. Council Appointments

Details: Consider electing a Chair and Vice Chair to serve in the calendar year 2026.

Action Requested: Elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve the 2026 Calendar Year.

ARTICLE VI - CAPC COMPOSITION AND DUTIES

Section 1. Liaisons
The CAPC Coordinator shall be ex officio member of the CAPC without voting powers.

Section 2. Officers
The officers of the CAPC shall consist of:
• Chair
• Vice-chair
These officers shall be selected by majority vote from the membership present at the first meeting of the year of the CAPC and shall serve for one calendar year. Officers may be re-elected. It shall be the duty of the chair and/or vice-chair to call meetings, and preside over meetings of the CAPC. The vice-chair will assume the duties of the chair in his or her absence. The CAPC Coordinator shall be responsible for keeping the minutes at CAPC meetings.

ATTACHMENT #4

CAPC Regular Meeting, February 25, 2026.

ITEM 3 Meeting Schedule

Details: Consider approving the calendar year 2026 regular meeting schedule. Regular meetings are the last Wednesday in February, April, June, August, and October. Suggest the members consider a 5-meeting schedule for 2025, with the knowledge that the program coordinator can add a meeting at anytime should a nosiness reason arise.

Section 1. Regular Meetings of the CAPC

All meetings of the CAPC shall be open to the public. A minimum of four meetings per year at a time and date designated by the CAPC or upon the call of the CAPC Chair and will be held at a place identified on the meeting agenda. All meetings of the CAPC will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the California Government Code Sections 54950 et seq. (The Ralph M. Brown Act).

Action Requested: Approve the proposed Annual Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2026.

Council Members: Griselda Ortiz • Darcia Blackdeer-Lent • Jeff Thomson • Stephanie Tanksley •

Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2026

Annual Schedule of Regular CAPC Meetings		
Month	**Date and Time**	**Topics**
February	**February 25th, 2026** **12:00 PM**	• **Elect Chair and Vice Chair**
April	**April 29th, 2026** **12:00 PM**	• **Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities Report**
June	**June 24th, 2026** **12:00 PM**	• **Annual Review of Bylaws**
August	**August 26th, 2026** **12:00 PM**	
October	**October 28th, 2026** **12:00 PM**	• **Approve 2027 meeting schedule**

ATTACHMENT #5

CAPC Regular Meeting, February 25, 2026.

ITEM 3 Coordinator Report

Details: Coordinator will report on program updates and activities.

Community Events:

Inyo County Public Health & Prevention hosts a monthly LIFE Night on the first Thursday of each month from 5:30–6:30 PM, followed by a community dinner served at 6:30 PM for attendees. LIFE Nights offer engaging activities and valuable resources designed to support individuals and families. Upcoming events are scheduled for March 4 in Bishop and April 2 in Lone Pine.

First 5 is partnering with Bishop Elementary School's Dual Language Program to offer a Positive Youth Development workshop series for 5th and 6th grade students.

First 5 will also be hosting two upcoming Story Times:

- March 6 at Spellbinder Books in Bishop
- March 17 at Brewed Awakening in Big Pine (rescheduled date)

Toiyabe Indian Health Project is hosting a Community Awareness, Healing & Recovery event on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, from 2:00–6:00 PM at the Toiyabe Bishop Clinic (250 See Vee Lane, Bishop). Dinner will be served.

Action Requested: NONE

LIFE Night

DINNER PROVIDED @ 6:30 PM
MARCH 5TH
5:00 - 6:30 PM
Inyo Community
LIFE Night!
Linking Individuals and Families for Empowerment
1360 N Main St Bishop CA, 93514
Join us for Inyo LIFE Night, where we bring individuals and families together to connect, learn, and empower one another through valuable resources, education, and support.
Held on the first Thursday of every month
Children's Playgroup
Children ages 0-5 are invited to attend a community playgroup and take home a FREE book! A caregiver (14+) must be present with the child.
Kids Cook & Create
MCAH is conducting a fun, hands-on cooking class for ages 6-11 to learn basic kitchen skills and enjoy making and eating snacks they prepare themselves.
Health Defense: A Tobacco Game
A hands-on game where players remove tobacco hazards, add healthy upgrades, and learn about making healthier choices. Ages 12-17
Nutrition Know-It-All
Discover the power of nutrition in this WIC-hosted Jeopardy game for adults, celebrating National Nutrition Month!
Senior Tech Support
Join us for bite-sized tech tips, quick demos, and open Q&A time! Bring your questions and level up your tech skills with us.
Giveaways & Raffle!
Don't miss your chance to win! Each room will host a giveaway, and we'll raffle off one major prize during dinner.
Anthem
health net

Positive Youth Development - English

Embracing Cultural Diversity

Positive Youth Development Workshop

A fun, 3-session after-school workshop for bilingual & English learner students!

This workshop is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop language skills, cultural awareness, and interpersonal growth through targeted, culturally responsive activities.

Students will:

- Build language skills through art, storytelling, and bilingual vocabulary activities!
- Explore family traditions, create "Who I Am" banners, and contribute to a collaborative Family Quilt.
- Grow Social-Emotional Learning tools by decorating and planting *Kindness* Pots.

February 2nd at 2:30-3:15pm
February 3rd & 4th at 3:30-4:15pm

La Oficina Bilingue at HSMS

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FIRST 5 INYO COUNTY

Adoptando la diversidad cultural

Taller de desarrollo positivo para jóvenes

¡Un taller divertido de tres sesiones después de la escuela para estudiantes bilingües y estudiantes que están aprendiendo inglés!

Este taller está diseñado para brindar a los estudiantes oportunidades para desarrollar habilidades lingüísticas, conciencia cultural y crecimiento interpersonal a través de actividades específicas y culturalmente relevantes.

Los estudiantes:

- ¡Desarrollan sus habilidades lingüísticas a través del arte, la narración de cuentos y actividades de vocabulario bilingüe!
- Exploran las tradiciones familiares, crean pancartas de "Quién soy yo" y contribuyen a una cobija familiar colaborativo.
- Desarrollan herramientas de aprendizaje socioemocional decorando y plantando macetas de la bondad.

2 de febrero a las 2:30-3:15pm

3 y 4 de febrero a las 3:30-4:15pm

La Oficina Bilingue en HSMS

760.872.2013

FIRST 5 INYO COUNTY

Story Time

Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY
JOIN US FOR:
STORY TIME
Bring your little ones (ages 0–5) for a cozy morning of hot cocoa, story time, and a fun hands-on craft!
February 19th – Brewed Awakening, Big Pine, CA
10:00–11:30 AM
March 6th – Spellbinder Books, Bishop, CA
10:00–11:30 AM
A sweet opportunity for young children and their caregivers to connect, listen, and create
FIRST 5 INYO COUNTY
INYO COUNTY Home Visiting Program

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Community Awareness Healing & Recovery

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES SINCE 1968

TOIYABE INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT

WELLNESS & RECOVERY

Inviting **ALL** Community Partners to come share what you have to offer!

Community Awareness Healing & Recovery

ALL ARE WELCOME

Event Highlights

- Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder (MAT)
- Breaking Stigma~No Barrier Care
- Risk Minimization
- Preventative Health Screenings
- Opioid Overdose Reversal Training
- FREE Naloxone Overdose Response Kits
- Community Connection
- Safer Practices
- Community Resource Programs

KAUFFMAN AND ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED

DINNER WILL BE SERVED

WEDNESDAY
25 FEB 2026
2-6 PM

Location: Toiyabe Indian Health Project Bishop Clinic 250 See Vee Ln. Bishop, CA

For more information or to sign up for tabling

Please Contact Jackie at 760-873-6394 ext 444 ~ jackie.bayhurst@toiyabe.us