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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL (CAPC) AGENDA

March 25, 2026, 12pm – 1pm

Location: 1360 N. Main St. Bishop, Rm 100

- 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 February 25, 2026. [See Attachment #1 \(ACTION\)](#)
- 4. Council Appointments** Approve two applications for Council Membership. [See Attachment #2 \(ACTION\)](#)
- 5. Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026** Planning for Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026 Activities and Events **(DISCUSSION)**
- 6. Council Reports** Council members may report on local, state, or federal issues relating to children and families. **(DISCUSSION)**
- 7. 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, March 25, 2026.

ITEM 3. Minutes

Details: Consider approving minutes for February 25, 2026.

Action Requested: Approve Minutes for the Child Abuse Prevention Council meeting on February 25, 2026.



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February 25, 2026, 12pm – 1pm

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Stephanie Tanksley called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

Present were council members: Stephanie Tanksley, Jeff Thomson, Darcia Blackdeer-Lent, and Griselda Ortiz.

Also, present was Katelyne Lent, First 5 Director; Lisa Vetter, alternate for Jeff Thomson; Brandy Taylor from CASA; and Caroline Hagopian, First 5 Prevention Specialist.

2. Public Comment

- No public comment

3. Minutes

- Stephanie presented the minutes from the February 25, 2026, meeting.
- Stephanie motioned to approve the February 25, 2026, minutes. Griselda seconded. The motion carried, with all in favor.

4. Appointing Chair & Vice Chair

- Council members agreed to let Stephanie serve as the Chair. Jeff motioned and Griselda seconded. Council members voted for Griselda to serve as the Vice Chair. Stephanie motioned and Jeff seconded.

5. Approving the Meeting Schedule

- Jeff motioned to approve annual meeting dates and Griselda seconded. Proposal and approval to add March meeting date before Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Action required: send updated schedule with calendar invites to council members and their alternates.

6. Child Abuse Prevention Month

- The council discussed plans for Child Abuse Prevention Month, beginning with a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Fairgrounds on the morning of April 24, which will be combined with the Resilience Symposium. Brandy proposed shifting the symposium to a more youth-focused format, potentially incorporating a facilitated panel discussion and resource fair component at the end of the event. The group will work to identify and invite an expert speaker and follow up with formal invitations once details are finalized. Members also discussed requesting that the flag remain raised for the final six days of April and considering additional flag raising ceremonies in South County. Stephanie will distribute a Save the Date announcement.
- Outreach efforts will include coordinating on a Child Abuse Prevention billboard, engaging Main Street small businesses to display flyers in storefront windows, distributing coffee cups with QR code stickers on Fridays linking to 211



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resources, submitting an article to the local newspaper, and exploring a partnership with the Western Museum in South County to have a movie showing similar to Positive Parenting Awareness month. The council also discussed planning an outdoor park activity with food in collaboration with Probation, with a focus on serving older youth.

7. Council Reports

- Darcia mentioned SIP approval process for its 5-year cycle
- Griselda is currently teaching two Triple P classes in both English and Spanish.

8. Coordinator Report

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

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ATTACHMENT #2

CAPC Regular Meeting, March 25, 2026.

ITEM 4. Council Appointments

Details: Consider and approve two applications for appointment.

Action Requested: Approve Victoria Begay and Melissa Best-Baker to serve as Council Members 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: Victoria Begay	
PREFERRED ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	CITY & ZIP: Bishop CA 93514
PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]	
PREFERRED EMAIL: victoria.begay@bishoppaiute.gov	

Inyo County Regional Experience (check all that apply):

LIVE	WORK	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bishop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Pine
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Independence
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lone Pine
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Death Valley, Tecopa

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

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

Current Employment:

Job Title: Boys and Girls Club Coordinator	Agency: Bishop Paiute Tribe
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Statement of Interest (Optional):

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

I am interested in becoming a Child Abuse Prevention Council Member because much of my work and personal experience
has centered around supporting youth and strengthening families. Working closely with children and engaging with the community
has shown me how important early support, education, and outreach are in preventing harm before it happens.
I care about creating safe, culturally responsive spaces where families feel supported and connected
to resources. I am interested in becoming a member who contributes thoughtful ideas and help build
strong, community-based solutions that protect and uplift our children.

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
Constitution Committee	Bishop	Current
BTYC Mentor	Bishop	Current

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

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.

Victoria Begay Digitally signed by Victoria Begay
Date: 2026.02.27 14:59:19 -08'00'

Signature

02/27/2026

Date

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Applicant Information:

FULL NAME: Melissa Best-Baker	
PREFERRED ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	CITY & ZIP: Bishop, 93514
PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]	
PREFERRED EMAIL: mbestbaker@inyocounty.us	

Inyo County Regional Experience (check all that apply):

LIVE	WORK	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bishop
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Pine
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Independence
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Current Employment:

Job Title: Deputy Director	Agency: Inyo HHS
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Statement of Interest (Optional):

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

As the new Deputy Director/Behavioral Health, I would be interested in participating in this council to represent Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder county providers.

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
Northern Inyo Hospital Board	Bishop	current

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Melissa Best-Baker Digitally signed by Melissa Best-Baker
Date: 2026.02.24 09:32:22 -08'00'

Signature

2/24/2026

Date



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ATTACHMENT #5

CAPC Regular Meeting, March 25, 2026.

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 April 2 in Lone Pine and May 7 in Bishop.

Inyo County North Star Services will be hosting a 6-week [Parent Support and Skills Group](#) beginning Thursday, April 9th to May 14th from 5:15-6:45 PM. This is for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-15. For those interested in enhancing and building self-inherent parenting skills and caregiving confidence to support efforts to raise resilient and adaptable young people. The location will be held at Inyo County Office of Education 166 Grandview Drive in Bishop.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe will be hosting an [Earth Day and Spring Market](#) event on Sunday, April 12th from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center at 2300 West Line Street in Bishop. The event will consist of educational information tables on environmental themes from community partners, hands-on activities for kids, games, cooking demonstrations, and live music.

The Lone Pine Tribe's Environmental & Air Quality Dept. will be hosting their [13th Annual Earth Day Celebration](#) on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Tribal Gym located on 1145 E-Sha Lane. This event will consist of a road cleanup and community outreach fair for youth and families.

Action Requested: NONE



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LONE PINE Inyo Community

APRIL 2ND
5:00 - 6:30 PM

LIFE Night!

Linking Individuals and Families for Empowerment

Featuring
a new
location!

1145 E Sha Rd, Lone Pine, CA

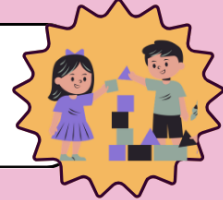
Gymnasium at the Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribal Office

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 0-9 are invited to attend a community playgroup and take home a FREE book! A caregiver (14+) must be present with the child.

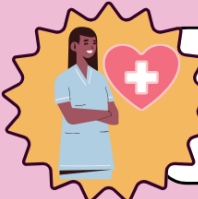


Springtime Sparkle

Come make your own sparkle! Kids ages 10-17 can break open a geode and reveal their very own crystal treasure.

Plant & Grow for Parents

This adult session will provide parents & caregivers with a hands-on planting activity that connects family health and growth to intentional daily habits.

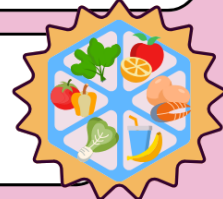


Know Your Numbers

Mini Health & Safety Booth: blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen, weight & BMI checks. Plus info on healthy relationships & preventing sexual violence.

Nutrition IQ Check

Think you know your nutrition? Stop by for interactive senior-friendly mini-games that make healthy eating simple, practical, and fun.



DINNER PROVIDED @ 6:30 PM

Anthem 

 health net





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Parent Support & Skills Group

North Star Services

Facilitators:
Vincent Miller, LCSW
Dylan Kaufman- Obstler, Mental
Health Student Trainee - MFT

No Cost to Inyo County Families
Scan this link to sign up:



For questions: email vmiller@inyocoe.org



- 6-week group
- Child Care Provided
- Dinner Provided - Pizza Factory and El Pollo Loco



Thursday's:
April 9th to May 14th



5:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Inyo County Office of Education
166 Grandview Drive

For Parents and Caregivers of children ages 0 - 15. For those interested in enhancing and building self-inherent parenting skills and caregiving confidence to support efforts to raise resilient and adaptable young people.



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Grupo de apoyo y habilidades para padres

Servicios de North Star

Facilitadores:
Vincent Miller, LCSW
Dylan Kaufman- Obstler, Mental Health Student Trainee - MFT

Sin costo para las familias del condado de Inyo
Escanee este enlace para registrarse:



Para preguntas: Mandar correo electrónico a:
vmiller@inyocoe.org



- El grupo será por 6 semanas
- Cuidado infantil incluido
- Cena incluida: Pizza Factory y El Pollo Loco.
- La clase se ofrecerá en inglés



Jueves:
del 9 de abril al
14 de mayo



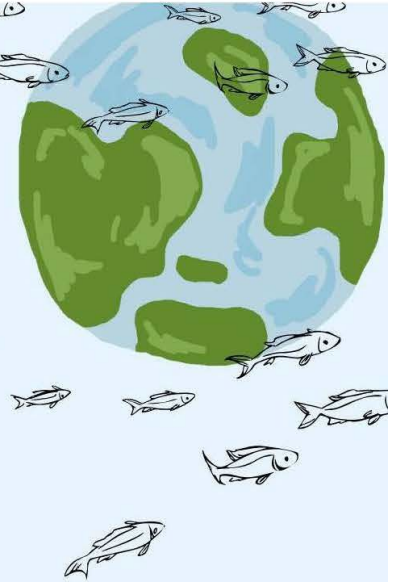
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Inyo County Office of Education
166 Grandview Drive

Para padres y cuidadores de niños de 0 a 15 años. Para aquellos interesados en mejorar y desarrollar habilidades de crianza inherentes y confianza en el cuidado de niños para apoyar los esfuerzos para formar jóvenes resilientes y adaptables.



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BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE'S EARTH DAY & SPRING MARKET SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 8AM-3PM



**Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center
2300 W Line Street Bishop, CA**

8AM-10:30AM COMMUNITY ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

**10:30AM-3PM ACTIVITY TABLES, INFORMATION
BOOTHs, CRAFT VENDORS, FOOD VENDORS, LIVE
MUSIC AND MORE!**



Scan QR code for vendor sign up

Call 760.873.8844 for vendor
questions



Please reach out to
sage.neely@bishoppaiute.org with
questions about this event.



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>>>> 13TH ANNUAL LONE PINE TRIBAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION <<<<<



April 18th 9:00AM - 12:30PM
LPPSR TRIBAL GYM - 1145 E-SHA LANE

9:00 - 10:00AM RESERVATION ROADS CLEAN UP

MEET AT THE GYMNASIUM PARKING LOT AT 9:00AM • BRING HATS & SUNSCREEN.
BAGS, GRABBERS & WATER BOTTLES WILL BE PROVIDED.



10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY OUTREACH FAIR

11:30AM - 12:30PM
PARTICIPANT LUNCHEON



PARTNERED WITH LPPSR ADMINISTRATION, LPPSR ENVIRONMENTAL & AIR QUALITY DEPT. AND OVDC LONE PINE TANF