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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL (CAPC) AGENDA

June 24th, 2026, 12pm – 1pm

Location: Bishop COB

- 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 for March 25, 2026. [See Attachment #1 \(ACTION\)](#)
- 4. Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026** Brief and Feedback on Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026 Activities and Events. [See Attachment #2 \(DISCUSSION\)](#)
- 5. Inyo County Self-Assessment** Review and discuss Child Welfare Services (CWS) data elements relevant to the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC). **(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 #3 \(DISCUSSION\)](#)

Next CAPC Meeting: August 26, 2026.

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ATTACHMENT #1

CAPC Regular Meeting, June 24th, 2026.

ITEM 3. Minutes

Details: Consider approving minutes for March 25, 2026.

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



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March 25, 2026, 12pm – 1pm

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

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Present were council members: Stephanie Tanksley, Darcia Blackdeer-Lent, Griselda Ortiz, Melissa Best-Baker, and Victoria Begay.

Also, present was Katelyne Lent, First 5 Director; 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 February 25, 2026, minutes. Griselda seconded. The motion carried, with all in favor.

4. Council Appointments

- The council approved two new applications for membership. The new members are Victoria Begay, representing the Bishop Paiute Tribe, and Melissa Best-Baker, representing Inyo County Health & Human Services.

5. Child Abuse Prevention Month

- Katelyne presented an overview of First 5's initiatives and upcoming activities, including the following:
- HHS will be holding its annual Flag Raising Ceremony to honor and remember the lives lost due to child abuse. The memorial will take place on April 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM, with a short reception to follow at the Inyo Consolidated Office Building.
- "Coffee Shop Fridays" is an April campaign for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Participating local coffee shops will place stickers with the statewide family tree theme and a QR code on cups each Friday. Customers who scan the code and complete a short awareness form will be entered into a raffle for gift baskets featuring items from the coffee shops.
- Youth engagement activities will feature a coloring contest for ages 0-10 and photography contest for ages 11-18.
- A social media campaign titled "Wear Blue Day" on April 10th, 2026, to promote community awareness and engagement. Community members are encouraged to wear blue and share photos or messages on social media to show their support and help spread awareness.
- To increase visibility and community awareness, First 5 created and distributed banners at local Inyo County schools.



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Additionally, blue pinwheels will be distributed throughout Inyo County schools and local businesses.

- Lastly, First 5 will be hosting a youth nature walk (aged 12-17) at Alabama Hills on Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 AM. The walk is intended to encourage environmental awareness, appreciation for nature, and a sense of community among youth.
- The child abuse prevention symposium is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th, 2026.
- The council discussed having Victoria Begay present the Land Acknowledgement, with Ambrosia Stone performing the Honor Song. Further discussion included potential speakers such as Inyo County's Administrative Officer, a tribal member, and Karen Kong from the City Council.
- Melissa reported that there is SUD counseling at Bishop and Lone Pine schools to build student rapport and providing services.
- Gris is holding her Triple P Pathways graduations. Highlighted that 5 parents/caregivers graduated this past month.
- Stephanie noted that the Health and Action Group, a quarterly healthcare coalition, is open to participants interested in addressing access to care, substance use, maternal, and mental health.
- Victoria highlighted a collaboration with ICOE, noting that a job readiness event will take place tonight, March 25, 2026.

6. Council Reports

7. Coordinator Report

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

Next CAPC Meeting: April 29th, 2026.

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ATTACHMENT #2

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ITEM 4. Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026

Details: **Child Abuse Prevention Month 2026 Summary**

Throughout April 2026, the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) coordinated a variety of outreach, awareness, and community engagement activities centered on this year's theme, **Strong Families, Safe Futures**. Through partnerships with local businesses, schools, agencies, and community members, CAPC worked to promote protective factors, strengthen family connections, and raise awareness of the importance of child abuse prevention throughout Inyo County.

One of the most successful outreach efforts was **Coffee Shop Fridays**, where approximately **2,500 Child Abuse Prevention Month stickers** were distributed at participating locations including Looney Bean, Little Looney, Vibras, Brewed Awakening, Pupfish Café, Black Sheep Coffee, and Kit Fox Café in Tecopa. Community members were encouraged to scan a QR code and complete a brief survey to learn more about child abuse prevention and enter a raffle drawing. Over 30 community members participated in the campaign and seven participants were selected as prize winners.

Awareness was further promoted through the placement of Child Abuse Prevention Month banners at **Bishop Indian Head Start, Bishop Elementary School, Lone Pine High School, Owens Valley School, Big Pine School, and Tecopa**. Blue pinwheel gardens, the national symbol of child abuse prevention and healthy childhoods, were displayed throughout the county, including the Inyo County Courthouse, Tribal Social Services, Inyo County Libraries, Schools, and other community partner locations.

First 5 also hosted a countywide **Coloring Contest**, receiving **28 entries from local children**. Three winners were selected and recognized for their participation and creativity, helping families and children engage in conversations about building safe, supportive environments for all children.

The month concluded with the annual **Children's Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony**, catered by Brewed Awakening. The event brought together community members, partner agencies, and local leaders to honor children, recognize the importance of prevention efforts, and reaffirm our shared commitment to creating strong families and safe futures for all children in Inyo County.

Collectively, these activities increased awareness of child abuse prevention, engaged community members across the county, and reinforced the message that preventing child



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abuse is a shared responsibility. By working together to support families before crises occur, we help ensure that all children have the opportunity to grow up safe, healthy, and thriving.

Action Requested: NONE



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ATTACHMENT #3

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ITEM 6. Coordinator Report

Details: Coordinator will report on program updates and activities.

Community Events:

Inyo County Public Health & Prevention will be hosting its annual [Community Baby Shower](#) in August 2026 with more details to come. Hosted by WIC, the event aims at supporting expectant parents and families with young children throughout Inyo County. Community members are invited to help make a difference by donating new or gently used baby items that will be distributed to local families during this special event. Donations can be dropped off at the Bishop Consolidated Office Building, 1360 N. Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514, Monday through Friday, from 8am-5pm.

Youth are invited to join the [13th Annual Environmental Youth Camp](#), taking place July 14-16, 2026, at De La Cour Ranch on Carrol Creek. This three-day summer camp offers a fun and engaging opportunity for youth to learn about the environment, connect with nature, and participate in hands-on activities. The camp is presented in collaboration with the LPPSR Environmental & Air Quality Department and OVDCD Lone Pine Tribal TANF.

[Bishop Nature School](#) will offer three summer camp sessions at the Millpond Recreation Area for children interested in outdoor learning and nature-based activities. Activities include shelter building, outdoor cooking, tool use, arts and crafts, games, and water-based activities. For additional information, contact mimi@bishopnatureschool.org, text 831-295-4330, or visit [@bishop_nature_school](#) on social media. Bishop Nature School is not affiliated with the Bishop Unified School District.

Join Southern Inyo Healthcare District for its [4th Annual Health & Community Fair](#) on June 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This free community event will feature live music, food trucks, local vendors, health resources, free blood pressure and glucose screenings, giveaways, and activities for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend and connect with local organizations, services, and community members.

[The Summer Reading Program](#) is returning to libraries in Bishop, Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine, offering children and families opportunities to enjoy reading, receive literacy tools, and engage in fun reading activities. throughout the summer. Participants can receive a free reading card upon registration.

Action Requested: NONE



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Hello, Sunshine!

Inyo County Community Baby Shower Donation Drive

We are hosting our Annual Community Baby Shower in August, and we need your help! We are currently accepting donations of new and gently used baby items to share with community members at the shower.

Donations can be dropped off at the Bishop Consolidated Office Building at 1360 N. Main Street, Bishop, Ca. 93514 Monday – Friday from 8 am – 5 pm.

Now accepting donations!

Accepting

- Clean crib sheets and blankets
- New or gently used toys (0-12 mo.)
- New or gently used clothes (NB-12 mo.)
- Nursing pillows
- Clean breast pumps
- High chairs
- Cribs
- Strollers
- Walkers and bouncers
- Unopened diapers and/or wipes
- Books
- Plates, spoons, cups (6-12 mo.)

We cannot accept:

- Car seats
- Well worn clothing
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Used cloth diapers
- Mattresses
- Décor
- Formula
- Baby food

If you have questions about what we can accept, please call 760-872-1885.

Save the date coming soon!





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13th Annual Lone Pine Tribal



July 14 - 16, 2026
at De La Cour Ranch
located on Carrol Creek

Join us for 3 days of summer day camp fun
at De La Cour Ranch! For registration information,
please contact:



LPPSR Environmental Department
(760) 876 - 4690
or stop by 1101 E-Sha Lane



Collaborative Partners:

LPPSR Environmental & Air Quality Department and OV CDC Lone Pine Tribal TANF



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Bishop Nature School SUMMER CAMPS!

June 22-25

July 20-23

August 3-6

9am-2pm

Millpond Recreation Area

For info:

Email: mimi@bishopnatureschool.org

Text: 831-295-4330

@bishop_nature_school

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Activities include:

- Shelter building
- Outdoor cooking
- Tool use
- Big games
- Arts and crafts
- Water play



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Saturday,
June 27, 2026

10 am - 2 pm

Located @ SIHD's front lawn
501 E. Locust St. Lone Pine, CA 93545



4TH ANNUAL HEALTH & COMMUNITY FAIR

*COMMUNITY CARE:
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!*

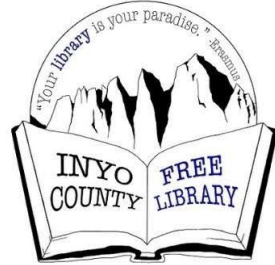
- **FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS**
- **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE & GLUCOSE TESTING**

BOOTH APPLICATION - NO FEE
MUST HAVE APPLICATION
SUBMITTED BY MAY 27, 2025

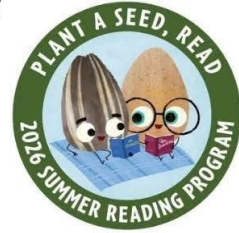


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Get a library card and
start reading today!



INYO COUNTY LIBRARY → FREE



SUMMER 2026

CALL FOR MORE INFO

- Summer Reading Program
- Check your local branch
- Bishop, Big Pine, Independence, Lone Pine



What resources are available to you?

- Summer Reading program for children
- Free Wi-Fi & eBooks
- Printing/Scanning
- A growing "Library of Things," including a home energy audit, induction cook sets, blood pressure monitors, and garden seeds
- Audio CD, Blu-Ray, and DVDs

Can my child get their own library card?

- **Yes!** For a child under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the library card application in-person at a local branch.
- Visit your local Inyo County Free Library branch and bring a piece of mail for proof of local address and a photo ID. All cards are only issued to local Inyo County residents.



760-878-0260



www.inyocounty.us/services/library