

Yolo County declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Before presenting the resolution declaring Child Abuse Prevention Month, Supervisor Jim Provenza said the board declare it every year and joked that it seems like it was just a few months ago that supervisors had mentioned it.

“The child abuse awareness month is important because ... it’s breaking the cycle that has for so many years has led to domestic violence, child abuse and life-long consequences of that abuse,” Provenza said Tuesday.

Provenza continued that it is essential to increase prevention in cases where there has already been abuse.

“Nip it in the bud and make sure that the child is protected in an ongoing basis,” Provenza said.

Provenza, who represents District 4, recognized the work that Yolo County Children’s Alliance, Yolo County Health and Human Services, Yolo County Child, Youth and Family Branch, as well as other organizations and departments that have helped to help prevent and protect children against abuse.

The Center for Disease Control reported that approximately 700,000 children nationwide are referred to child protective agencies due to abuse.

Yolo County Children’s Alliance executive director Katie Villegas said the alliance is holding a fundraiser called Ahoy Yolo to help fund and continue to bring awareness to child abuse prevention. Tickets are \$40 for adults and children 12 and under get in free.

The fundraiser will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 6 in the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria.