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Strong Families, Safe Futures

When we care together, families thrive

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Why Prevention Matters

Child abuse prevention is most effective when families receive support early, before challenges become crises.

Research shows prevention is more humane, more effective, and more cost - efficient than responding after harm occurs.

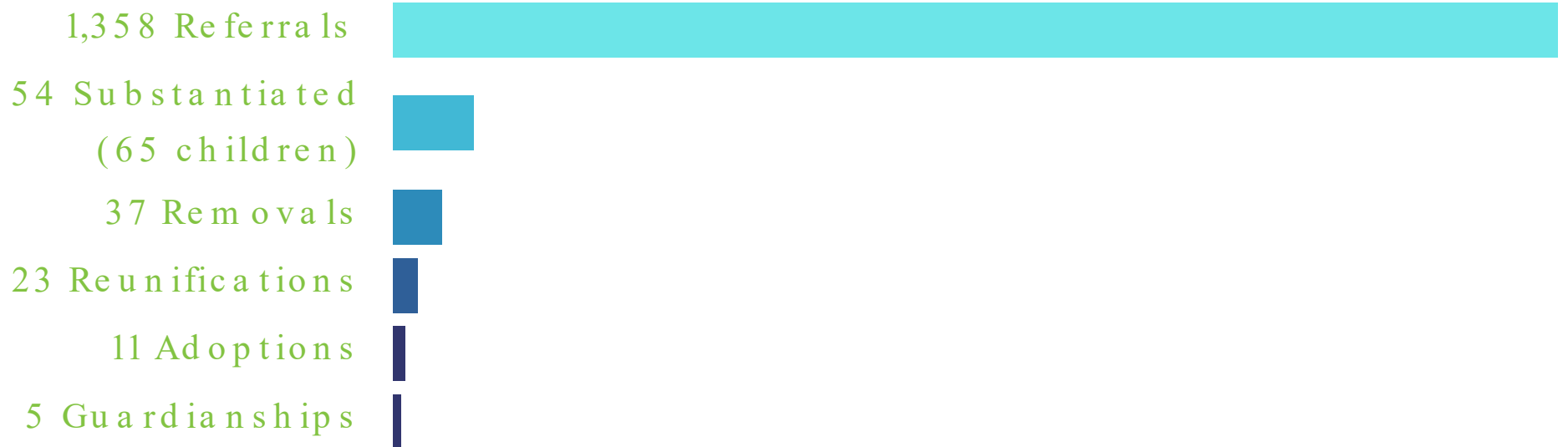
In Napa County, prevention depends on strong partnerships across County departments, schools, nonprofits, Family Resource Centers, and the broader community.

Continued investment in prevention, public awareness, and coordinated services helps keep children safe by strengthening the families who care for them.

Child and Family Well-Being in Napa County

In 2025, Child Welfare Services received 1,358 referrals related to concerns about child safety and well-being. Most were evaluated out or resolved without formal intervention, reflecting ongoing efforts to connect families with resources rather than relying solely on investigative responses.

Of those, 54 referrals were substantiated, involving 65 children, indicating that only a small portion of reports met the legal threshold for abuse or neglect.



What Drives Referrals

Many referrals to Child Welfare are connected to family stress, not intentional harm.

When families lack basic stability or support, the risk of crisis increases.

This is why Napa County has invested in a prevention system, not just a response system.

Financial Hardship - difficulty meeting basic needs such as food, transportation, and utilities

Housing Instability - overcrowding, frequent moves, or risk of losing housing

Lack of Childcare, limited access to safe, affordable care for young children

Mental Health Challenges stress, depression, substance use, and untreated behavioral health needs

Immigration Fear / Policy Uncertainty fear of seeking help due to changing policies or enforcement concerns

A Prevention System Built on Partnership

CAPC coordinates prevention efforts across Napa County - and connects locally to statewide and regional networks



Local Partners

Napa County HHSA / Child Welfare

Napa County District Attorney

NCOE / School Districts

Family Resource Centers

Nonprofit Partners

First 5 Napa

Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Faith Leaders

Aligned with

CA Office of Child Abuse Prevention

Greater Bay Area CAPC Network

What Prevention Looks Like in Napa County

CAPC's work spans awareness, training, policy, and direct family support – a comprehensive continuum that shifts the county from reacting to preventing.

Comprehensive Prevention Plan
County-wide roadmap aligning goals, data, and action across partners.

Mandated Reporter Training
Updated curriculum with resource referral pathways built in.

Public Awareness & Outreach
Year-round campaigns and Child Abuse Prevention Month activation.

Policy & Advocacy
Championing prevention-first approaches at the local and state level.

Family Resource Centers
Accessible hubs where families find support before crises occur.

Community Awareness & Prevention Month

April's Child Abuse Prevention Month is Napa County's largest public demonstration that prevention is community work.



Blue Ribbon Campaign - Paint the Town Blue
30+ businesses participated

Community Displays to raise visibility/awareness

Board of Supervisors Proclamation

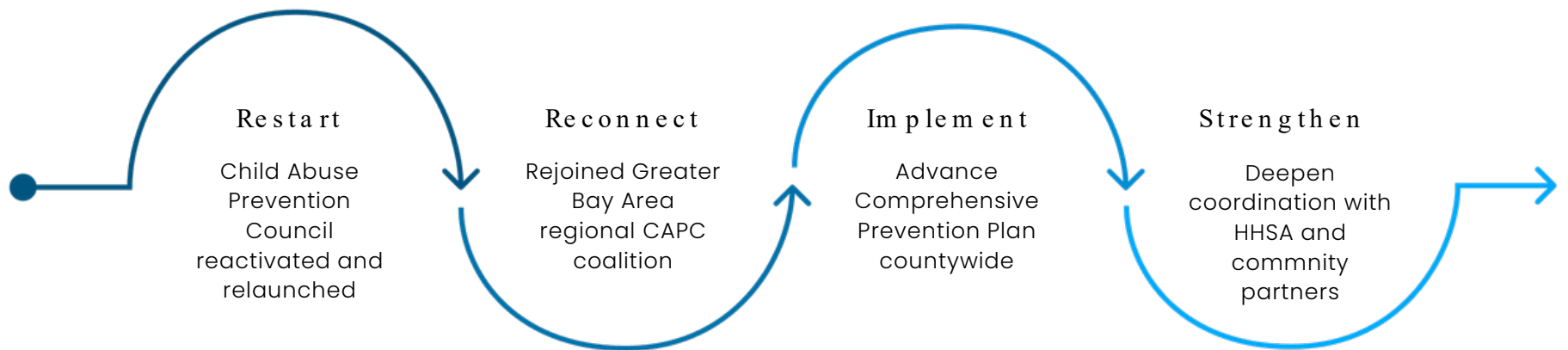
Outreach across county and on social media

Kids Day - hosted by Cope Family Center
500+ attended

Advocacy efforts

CAPC Leadership & Current Priorities

Rebuilding Strong Infrastructure



CAPC is actively rebuilding the prevention infrastructure Napa County families depend on — with renewed leadership, regional alignment, and a clear plan for the road ahead.

Priorities for County Leadership

CAPC respectfully asks for your continued partnership in building a prevention system that protects every child and strengthens every family in Napa County.

Prevention Funding - Maintain stable, dedicated resources for prevention programs and infrastructure.

Strengthen Family Resource Centers - Expand access to community - based hubs where families get help early.

Advance the Comprehensive Prevention Plan - Support full implementation of Napa County's coordinated prevention roadmap.

Support Public Education & Training - Invest in awareness campaigns and expanded Community Supporting training.

Champion Cross - Agency Collaboration - Model the coordinated, prevention-first approach families deserve.

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Prevention works.

Partnership works.

Local leadership makes the difference.

Napa County has built a strong prevention system through collaboration between the Board of Supervisors, Health and Human Services, community partners, and Family Resource Centers. Continued investment in early support helps keep children safe, families stable, and our community strong.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Napa County's children and families.



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