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Parents by Choice recognized as the "**Child Abuse Prevention Agency of the Year**" in San Joaquin County.

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Stockton, CA - Representatives from **Parents by Choice** have announced that the organization has been named the "Child Abuse Prevention Agency of the Year" in San Joaquin County, by the Children's Services Coordinating Commission. The agency was honored at the Commission's annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium on April 10, 2024 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca, CA.

Parents by Choice is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 2006 and provides an array of services for children and families in crisis, including foster care, transitional housing, youth employment, mental health, prevention and adoption services. The organization currently has an annual budget of \$7.2 million and employs 80 staff.

The **Children's Services Coordinating Commission** was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1986 to coordinate community efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse. Representatives are from the Public Child Welfare Agency, Community-based organizations dealing with children, the Juvenile Probation Department, Mental Health, Medical Services, Education, Law Enforcement, Licensing Agency, District Attorney's Office, Coroner, Civic Organization, Religious Community, Community Volunteers, Consumers and five supervisory district representatives.

"Our organization is honored and proud to be selected for this recognition," said **Tony Yadon**, Founder and Executive Director of Parents by Choice. "I am thankful for the amazing work our staff is doing in all of our agency's programs. We are proud to be part of the safety net of services available to children and families in San Joaquin County.

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