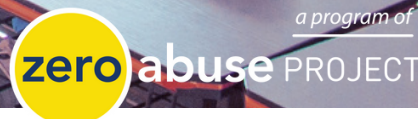


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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



PROGRAM UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

CAST Program Continuation Funding

Zero Abuse Project is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has awarded the CAST Program supplemental funding to develop and provide additional resources in conjunction with the forthcoming CAST toolkits and CAST facilitation guide to be launched in 2023. With this funding, Zero Abuse will create an online simulation hub for use by its CAST program, and will develop content for new CAST pathways focused on alternative education and continuing education learners. Keep an eye out for more details in the new year!

"CASTing Call" Video Series

If you haven't viewed them already, please take a moment to check out our "CASTing Call" videos on Zero Abuse Project's [YouTube channel](#). The video series premiered this year and has been a hit with our community, promoting greater CAST visibility and awareness alongside championing our amazing collaborative partners and the work they do to keep children safe. If your agency would be interested in partnering with us and being a part of this monumental series, please contact the CAST Director at tyler@zeroabuseproject.org today, and follow us on social media to see future videos!

Cast Data Collection Update

The CAST Team at Zero Abuse Project would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of the CAST faculty members who submitted their program information for our CAST Data Collection project. This information is critical to better understanding the current challenges and greatest successes to the CAST movement in the nation and beyond. We are happy to announce that we exceeded our data entry goal by 10% this year! We will also be launching our second annual CAST Impact Report, which explores the major trends and information resulting from this survey, in Q1 of 2023.

2022: THE YEAR IN HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome!



CAST Manager Spotlight: Nicole Davis

The CAST team is thrilled to introduce our community to the newest member of our staff: Nicole Davis! Nicole has over 20 years experience working in nonprofits, where she has held various positions in Operation Management, Administration, Fundraising, Grant Coordination, and Event Planning. She has a strong passion for community, the wellness of others, and positive development of children and their rights. She holds a BA in Communications from Hofstra University and an AAS degree in Radio and Television Broadcasting from Herkimer County Community College.

Nicole will be instrumental in helping Zero Abuse continue the important work necessary to provision CAST and expand its reach to new colleges and universities.

2022 was another banner year for CAST. We received federal funding to create new resources to make CAST easier to instruct and teach, and will continue to build upon this incredible opportunity to empower our CAST Community like never before. We have implemented the curriculum into 92 programs across the U.S. and abroad. Our first annual [CAST Impact Report](#) was launched alongside the deployment of a [CAST-centric journal](#). New and continued partnerships and new resources from some of our colleagues--[NPEIV](#), [AVA](#), [REAL Academy](#), [APSAC](#), [PACEs Connection](#), [Fontana Center](#)--have been created to empower CAST students and faculty like never before. CAST continues to be recognized globally through outstanding [publications](#), as well.

In closing, the CAST Team is thankful for each of you within our growing community, and for all you do to make this world a better, safer place for children. We look forward to 2023, where we will continue to explore how we connect with our CAST community in deeper, more meaningful ways; be that through Think Tank meetings and virtual Seminars, to continuing to host our CAST Conversational Events and broadening the ways in which we can directly interact with each of you--our CAST Champions--who continue to redefine CAST education and help us to evolve the program to stay on the cutting edge of child maltreatment prevention and intervention.

We truly wish the best for each of you as we round out 2022, and look forward to seeing you in the new year as we embark upon another exciting period in CAST history!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM THE CAST TEAM

