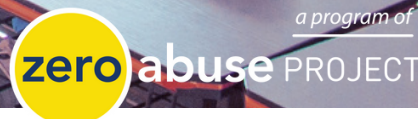


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## PROGRAM UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

### **NEW** CAST Website Available Now!

CAST continues to grow and flourish in the realm of higher education! Explore our newly expanded online hub for enhanced learning about CAST. The **updated site** offers valuable resources for prospective faculty, partners, and CAST Champions. Visit today to discover innovative elements and support for your programming needs.

### **CAST Seminar a Major Success!**

In November, the CAST Team hosted a successful inaugural Virtual Seminar with nearly 150 attendees, including faculty, administrators, and child-serving professionals. The event covered CAST Program insights, federally funded materials, and deployment strategies. A recording is accessible on our website for those who missed the live session. Watch the CAST Virtual Seminar video to catch up on this valuable information!



***click here to view the recording!***



# 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

The CAST Program at Zero Abuse Project had a stellar year, expanding to **over 90** deployed programs of study. Many colleges and universities are gearing up to launch the program in the coming year. Additionally, federal funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, resulted in crucial CAST resources:

- [CAST Toolkits](#) for streamlined implementation and enhanced instruction.
- A [CAST Portal](#) for easy access to Toolkits and upcoming resources.
- The [CAST Field Report](#), summarizing research by the CAST Team and faculty experts, aiding child-serving professionals and CAST faculty in understanding the prevalence of child maltreatment education in the U.S.
- The [CAST National Plan](#) to address current challenges in child maltreatment preparation, outlining a bold path forward for growth and national deployment.



## THE FUTURE OF CAST: A PREVIEW OF 2024

You can expect continued growth in resources and support for CAST affiliates in 2024:

- The launch of new CAST learning materials, focusing on alternative education, continuing education, and more.
- CAST Graduate Toolkits crafted by experts for training future faith-based, legal, and clinical professionals.
- Access to new experiential learning resources for real-world engagement for CAST faculty.
- A Faculty Implementation Guide featuring success stories from faculty champions nationwide.

*In short, 2024 promises to be another empowering year for CAST!*

# CONTACT US



We are delighted to inform you that the CAST Team at Zero Abuse Project has expanded its outreach capabilities to better serve you. We wanted to take a moment to share some of the new avenues through which you can engage with us for assistance. Please note that these contact options are also conveniently available on the recently updated CAST website and CAST portal page.

- **[CAST Implementation Assistance](#)**: For prospective CAST colleges and universities bringing the curriculum to their programs of study.
- **[CAST Collaboration](#)**: Discuss potential partnerships, grant collaboration, and cooperative endeavors with the CAST Team and your organization.
- **[CAST Training & Technical Assistance](#)**: Use this form for CAST-focused training, technical assistance, or inquiries related to curriculum, resources, and troubleshooting.
- **[CAST Enhancement](#)**: Share ideas for new courses, resources, experiential concepts, research, or more. We're dedicated to continual enhancement and expansion.

## *Stay Connected:*

You can also stay in touch by **[subscribing](#)** to our latest news updates for CAST and other Zero Abuse programs, or by **[following us on social media](#)** for the most current information available as we continue to grow and flourish!





# HAPPY holidays

*No matter where you are or how you celebrate, we wish you purposeful, resilient, and affirming holidays. Thank you for championing CAST and initiatives ensuring children's safety.*



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CAST TEAM**

*Tyler, Victor, Shannon, Nicole, Ariana, Mike, & Stephanie*