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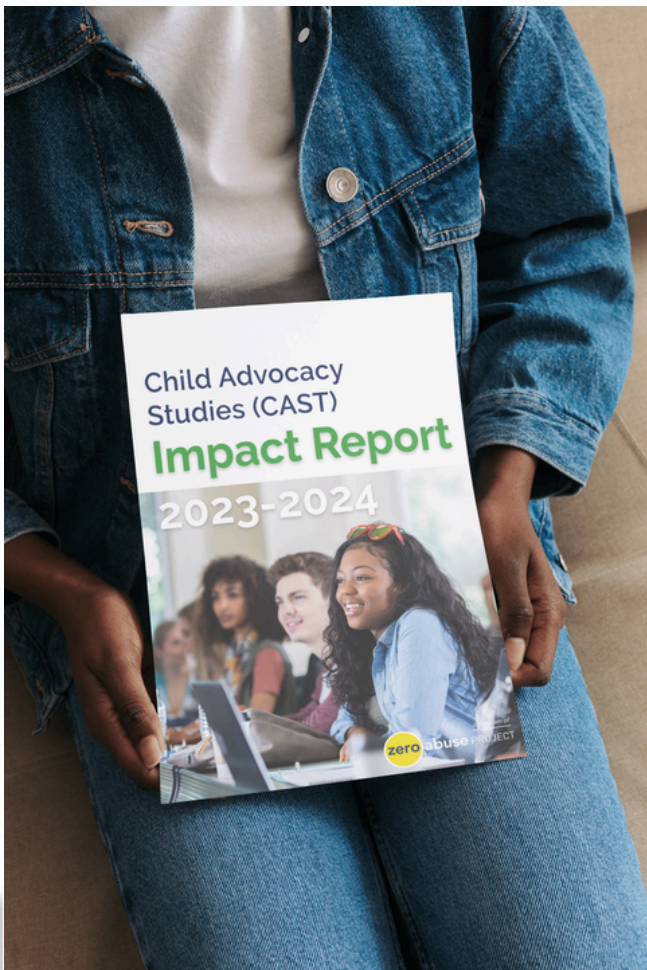
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



PROGRAM UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

2023-2024 CAST Impact Report

Zero Abuse is proud to share the **2023-2024 CAST Impact Report**, showcasing how CAST continues to shape the future of child protection through higher education. This report highlights nationwide growth, student outcomes, faculty feedback, and how CAST is meeting the evolving needs of future frontline professionals. Whether you're a current CAST faculty member or just exploring implementation, the data and stories in this report demonstrate CAST's proven impact in classrooms and communities. Read the full report [here](#).



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CREATE Toolkit Office Hours

Zero Abuse Project meets critical demands for educators to better prepare current and the future workforce with the online **CAST Responsive Education and Training Engagement (CREATE) Train-the-Trainer Course**. Join us for virtual “office hours” to learn about five emerging topics impacting child-serving professionals. We will then discuss the process for accessing the CREATE Train-the-Trainer self-paced course and the subsequent implementation of the content into your institution's existing programs.

REGISTER NOW for **August 12th** or **December 4th**!

New CAST Toolkits & Resources

Zero Abuse has added **three new undergraduate CAST Toolkits**: Survivor Perspectives, Male Survivor Perspectives, and Global Child Advocacy Studies. CAST Faculty can download these ready-to-deliver resources from their CAST Portal account.

We've also launched a new simulation in SHEL titled **"Child Safety in the Context of Hoarding,"** which helps students identify risk factors, practice trauma-informed communication, enhance reporting skills, and work through multidisciplinary team approaches.

Additionally, we've reviewed and fixed all broken links in existing CAST Toolkits. [**Log into the CAST Portal today or request access for more information.**](#)

2-and 4-year Schools Ease CAST Education Pathways

Zero Abuse celebrates the partnership with **Northwest Arkansas Community College** (NWACC). NWACC recently signed a 2+2 transfer agreement with **Missouri Southern State University** (MSSU), streamlining the path for students to earn their bachelor's degrees.

This partnership supports CAST students pursuing careers in child advocacy by reducing credit loss, lowering costs, and creating a clear path from associate to bachelor's programs—further strengthening the child-serving workforce pipeline. [**Learn more here.**](#)

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CAST Institutional Training:

Equipping Faculty to Empower Future Professionals

The CAST Team continues to focus on equipping faculty with the tools and knowledge needed to prepare future child-serving professionals. Through **CAST Institutional Training**, faculty gain a strong foundation in CAST principles course instruction best practices, and strategies for delivering engaging activities while promoting self care. A well-prepared educator leads to a better-prepared student, and an investment in this training provides educators with the opportunity to maximize their CAST instructional proficiency and optimize student learning to ensure career readiness when they enter the workforce.

Offered virtually or in-person, this training includes guidance on CAST instructional best practices and utilization of CAST Toolkits and resources. This training is tailored to each institution's needs and is available as a full- or half-day investment.

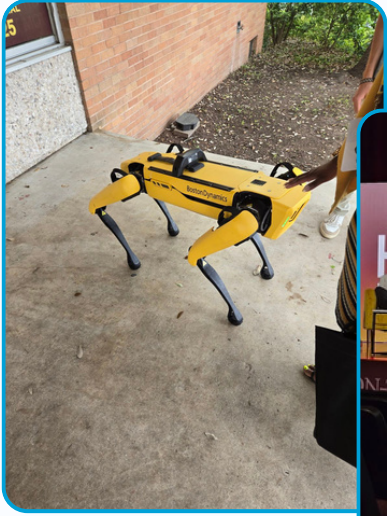
Ready to bring CAST Institutional Training to your faculty? [**Contact us today to learn more!**](#)



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CAST ACROSS THE COUNTRY



1st HBCU AI Conference

Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX



APSAC Colloquium

New Orleans, Louisiana

CAST Manager Nicole Davis with Zero Abuse Chief Program Officer Victor Vieth (L), and CAST Faculty Member Viola Davis of Norfolk University (R)



National Title IV-E Roundtable

University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
CAST Manager Nicole Davis with CAST Partner Kevin Marino of REAL Academy

Showcasing **CAST's National Reach** at Conferences & Events

CONNECT WITH US



Contact Us!

Need help with CAST? Our **streamlined contact form** makes it easy to reach our team about program implementation, partnerships, curriculum resources, or to provide feedback on the CAST program.

Access the form **here**, on the CAST webpage, or through the CAST Portal.

Share Your Story

Your success stories inspire our entire CAST community! Share your achievements, new developments, and learning opportunities with fellow CAST faculty members.

Contact our team to be featured in the next newsletter:

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