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The Front Door to the Field

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



PROGRAM UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

FORECAST for Florida Pilot Cohort Looking Bright

June rounded out the final training for our **FL CAST institutions** (Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida State University and University of South Florida). We are so thrilled to have these institutions working towards CAST deployment for their students with FORECAST simulations. Thank you so much to **Dorothy Haskell, Matt Kliethermes, and Katelyn Anderson** at the **University of Missouri St. Louis** for hosting the FORECAST training event. Click here for more information on [FORECAST](#).

'Show-Me' State Showing Outstanding Growth

We want to congratulate **University of Missouri-St. Louis** on their recent growth and successes with their CAST program. This institution has been able to expand their CAST program to a [Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology of Child Advocacy Studies](#). Zero Abuse Project would also like to extend congratulations to University of Missouri- St. Louis CAST Professor Dr. Jerry Dunn in her new role as one of the [2021 Board of Directors for the National Children's Alliance](#). Dr. Dunn is the Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis; Clinical Professor, University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Continued Collaboration for CAST Community Resources

Zero Abuse Project is happy to announce that it is continuing its strong partnership with the **American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)** and the **New York Foundling** in 2021 as it pertains to supplemental materials for use in your CAST programs. You can learn more about this opportunity, including the potential for discounts exclusive to CAST faculty [here](#).

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Friendly Reminder: CAST Profile Pages

At Zero Abuse Project, we want to continue to share information about your CAST program with the larger community. Information about your program also helps us with congressional meetings and can strengthen our strategic efforts to find federal and state-based funding for CAST and, more specifically, for both your CAST program and new ones yet to join the growing CAST family. The best way for us to highlight your program is through creating a **CAST Profile Page**. In under 10 minutes, you can customize and create your own unique marketing and page that succinctly captures your program at a glance. Prospective students, administrators, local/state/federal leaders, and others from within the CAST network can quickly access and explore what your program offers and reach out rapidly to explore resource sharing, funding collaborations, and research. Please click [here](#) to let us learn more about your CAST program!

Grant Funding Opportunity for CAST Students

The American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) is currently accepting proposals for small grants to fund undergraduate research. Specifically, the Div. 41 Undergraduate Research Grants-in-Aid Committee is accepting proposals up to **maximum of \$1,000** to support empirical undergraduate research that addresses psycholegal issues. Details can be found [here](#). This is a great opportunity for CAST students to fund their important research endeavors. Special thanks to CAST Professor and Grants In-Aid Committee Chair **Dr. Travis Conradt** (Florida Institute of Technology) for passing along this information.

News? Updates?

Collaborations? Contact Us!

If you have a news story to share, would like to write an article for our newsletter/website, or have ideas for funding collaboration and research, please contact the CAST Director at tyler@zeroabuseproject.org. The next newsletter will deploy in June and we'd love to share your stories and opportunities!



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