



The Front Door to the Field

Quarterly Newsletter

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CAST Community,

I hope that you and yours are safe and healthy as we work through this challenging time. From all of us at Zero Abuse Project, know that we are grateful for your dedication to educating future child-serving professionals and, ultimately, making your communities safe for children. Below you will find the contents of our first newsletter, one we'd like to release quarterly. The goals of this document are simple: We want to connect you to CAST related news and events, empower you with information on resources, and keep you informed on any major news coming from CAST institutions across the nation and beyond. We hope you find use in this newsletter and will contribute to the content herein as your time allows. Thank you for all you do for children and higher education.

Tyler Council, CAST Director

#### Zero Abuse Project Video Library

The Zero Abuse Project video library is live and can be found [here](#). This page will be regularly updated with topical content from Zero Abuse Project professionals. As such, feel free to peruse the page and consider utilizing the videos herein when exploring CAST program content needs.

#### Open Education Resource for CAST Faculty

This [open education resource](#) hub was created with the goal of sharing resources widely available and in-use by other CAST programs to provide quality education through the rapid transition to distance learning and beyond. Feel free to take the content you need and please consider sharing additional resources or content you may be using but which may be lacking on the drive. Zero Abuse Project does not endorse any particular source for content and not all items have been vetted by our organization. Please also be mindful of copyright/intellectual property restrictions (e.g. creative commons licensing, public domain) or institutional policies before posting items and ensure that what is posted is legally permissible and adheres to your institutional rules.

#### IVAT Poster Submissions

IVAT is currently seeking submissions for virtual poster presentations for their 25th San Diego Virtual Summit. Many of the submission themes present avenues for showcasing one's CAST programming. Details can be found [here](#). Please contact us if there's anything we can do to help you with your submission.

#### Contact Information

For technical assistance, or general CAST program information, you can connect with Tyler Council, CAST Director, via email at [Tyler@zeroabuseproject.org](mailto:Tyler@zeroabuseproject.org)

#### Program Profile Pages

To better support and promote awareness of your program at the national level, we have provided CAST leadership with access to an institutional CAST profile page—a customizable website to tout one's CAST program. CAST institutions will now be able to more robustly represent their program nationally through our website at no cost. This is a great tool for raising awareness to your program.

An example of what a standard profile page will look like for an institution is available here: [Sample Profile Page](#)

To create your institution's profile page, use this:  
[Profile Submission Form](#)

#### APSAC & New York Foundling Online Course

Zero Abuse Project, through the Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) program, is pleased to announce a collaboration with the [American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children \(APSAC\)](#) and the [New York Foundling](#). This collaborative endeavor will provide CAST faculty with an optional, supplemental source of materials for their CAST programming. APSAC and the New York Foundling have created an eight module, certificate-bearing course available through the New York Foundling's Online Training Academy. Course modules can be flexibly assigned to students based on the topics with course exams being used for student assessment. Additionally, there are a bevy of reference materials in each module that could be used as a resource to fuel further course augmentation (e.g. new readings, topics, assignments). CAST instructors have a unique opportunity to review the course, at no cost, before deciding if and how they might incorporate it into their curriculum. Faculty are also eligible for CAST-only discounts on course access and APSAC membership.

To learn more about the course, follow [this link](#). For instructor access, please contact Ilana Feldman at [Ifeldman@apsac.org](mailto:Ifeldman@apsac.org). To learn more about discount plans for course access and APSAC memberships, contact Tyler Council.