**2021-2022 Impact Report**

We are happy to share the 2021-2022 CAST Impact Report which showcases the incredible effect CAST is having in higher education.

The data captured explores the major trends and information from the field. Over half of our CAST programs contributed to the 2021-2022 Annual Survey disseminated by Zero Abuse Project and here are some of the highlights:

- **36%** of faculty respondents have seen increased CAST enrollment from the previous year.
- An estimated **2,200** graduates entered the workforce in 2022 prepared to protect children and respond to abuse.
- Across CAST programs, we are impacting the education of almost **10,000** students each year.
CAST Winter Roundtable Update

The CAST Team held its first Winter Roundtable event on March 7th. Florida CAST faculty and Florida State University College of Social Work, Florida Institute of Technology, and the University of South Florida, alongside advocates from the Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers, shared why it is essential to expand CAST in all two and four-year schools in Florida. These institutions also shared success stories and strategies that helped them launch the curriculum at their institution. In case you missed it, here is the recording for you to view and share at your convenience. To get an update on our next CAST Roundtable, please subscribe to our mailing list.

Zero Abuse Project & Strategic Collaborations

Zero Abuse Project hosted the January ACEs Health Champions Gathering, where Dr. Betsy Goulet led a 'Hot Topic' discussion entitled, "Why Didn’t I Know This Sooner?" The Impact of CAST Education on the Next Generation of Frontline Professionals. The recording can be found on the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) website.

We also held a state-centric Wisconsin Coffee & CAST discussion with University of WI-Eau Claire CAST Faculty, state Child Advocacy Center affiliates, and the WI Department of Justice to discuss statewide implementation ideas. If you’d like to host a state-centered CAST event, please contact us.

Zero Abuse Project Seeks CAST Testimonials

Zero Abuse Project is seeking stories of faculty or student success as it pertains to a given CAST program and its impact on its learners, frontline agencies, and the larger community. If you have a testimonial (or several) to share that you’d like to have highlighted, please feel free to share these with us or contact us to discuss recording testimonials for dissemination.

We appreciate CAST impact stories and would love to hear from you!

Donations

We envision a world without child sexual abuse, and your gift can make that happen. Your donations will provide support to Zero Abuse Project, and directly fund programs such as Child Advocacy Studies, that will help protect children from abuse. As part of our mission to utilize technology in our fight to protect children, we are happy to accept cryptocurrency donations through our partnership with The Giving Block.
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!