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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## PROGRAM UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

### 3rd Annual CAST Data Collection

The Zero Abuse CAST Team is excited to start our 2023 data collection project with the CAST Community.

All CAST institutions must **complete the data collection form** by October 18, 2023. This data is crucial for understanding CAST program trends, student success, and best practices, as well as securing funding and resources to support CAST growth and child safety. Your contribution is vital in this effort.

### Grant Updates

We're progressing with the CAST Toolkits, thanks to **funding** from the U.S. Department of Justice. Join us for the CAST Virtual Seminar on November 8th and 9th to discover these valuable resources that can enhance your CAST coursework. **Register now** to secure your spot!

Additionally, we're launching a national report that examines child abuse education and highlights the need for CAST education across postsecondary institutions in the U.S. If you're considering becoming a CAST institutional affiliate or expanding your offerings, this report provides essential support. Stay tuned for more updates!

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## Request for Research Assistance

The Daviess County (Indiana) Taskforce on Homelessness Prevention & Intervention is looking for research partners to study homelessness trends in relation to child and family well-being, child maltreatment risk factors, and negative outcomes in education, economic success, health, and resilience for children in the region. This is a great opportunity for CAST faculty and student groups interested in capstone or research projects to help a rural community understand the connections between homelessness and vulnerable populations, including issues like [abuse, neglect, and Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#). For more information, contact the CAST Director at [tyler@zeroabuseproject.org](mailto:tyler@zeroabuseproject.org).

## CAST Community Collaborators

Our CAST Community is growing! We welcome these new CAST Community Collaborators:

- [Daviess County Health Department](#)
- [Fostering Care](#)
- [Georgia Southern University National Youth Advocacy and Resilience Research Center](#)
- [National Children's Alliance](#)
- [Tennessee Department of Children's Services](#)
- [Trauma Informed Educator's Network](#)

If your agency wants to join our CAST Community Collaborators network to work with the Zero Abuse CAST Team in promoting program awareness, advocating for best child protection practices, creating resources, and more, please contact our CAST Director at [tyler@zeroabuseproject.org](mailto:tyler@zeroabuseproject.org).

## CAST Technical Assistance

Need help with your CAST program deployment plan? Questions about best instructional practices? Interested in integrating CAST Toolkit materials into your programming? The CAST Team is here to support you! We're ready to provide technical assistance to help you meet your grant deliverables and make your CAST program launch smoother. Whether you're starting a new program or enhancing an existing one, reach out to us for assistance. Simply [submit a request for Technical Assistance](#), and one of our experts will be in touch shortly to help you.

