

# *Child Abuse Training and Coordination “CATC”*

## *Oklahoma State Department of Health*

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### **Purpose:**

The mission of the CATC Program is to:

- Improve the response to child abuse and neglect and domestic violence through the promotion of multidisciplinary and discipline specific training for professionals with responsibilities affecting children, youth and families;
- Facilitate in the development of multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect teams in counties throughout Oklahoma;
- Promote greater collaboration among individuals who serve children.

### **Program Description:**

- Make available discipline-specific multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect and domestic violence training for professionals with responsibilities for children.
- Assist Oklahoma counties in developing and maintaining multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect teams.
- Assist and cooperate with professional organizations/associations in the development and implementation of ongoing training programs.
- Encourage professionals from across the state to participate in the on-going trainings.
- Assist the Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council by providing staff support.

### **Activities of the CATC Program for Fiscal Year 2006-2007:**

- Increased the professional expertise to investigate and prosecute child abuse and neglect by providing twenty free trainings to 1,124 professionals at fifteen different locations;
- Co-sponsored nine statewide Conferences (overall registrations 3,150) to promote professional expertise in investigating child abuse and neglect;
- Collaborated with local MDT's to provide five nationally known forensic interviewing, investigation and poverty trainings to an estimated 300 professionals;
- Collaborated with three Child Advocacy Centers to assist with site locations and refreshments for local trainings;
- Collaborated with the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect to provide recruitment and evaluation of the Interdisciplinary Training Program on Child Abuse and Neglect.

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