

CATC: Child Abuse Training & Coordination Program

Who We Are

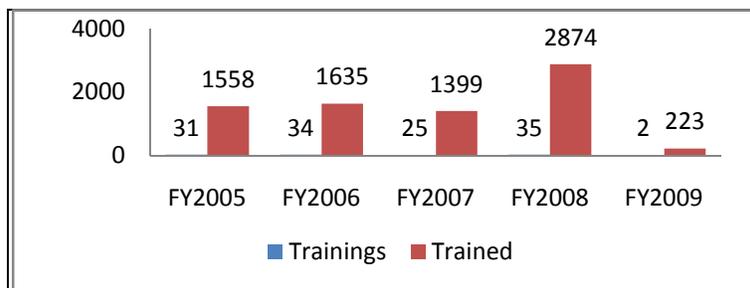
In 1990, the Child Abuse Prevention Act was modified to establish the Child Abuse Training and Coordination Program (CATC). CATC was charged with facilitating the development of multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect teams in counties throughout Oklahoma. CATC also provides state-of-the-art training on child abuse and neglect to professionals. The Act called for multidisciplinary and discipline-specific training on child abuse and neglect and domestic violence for professionals with responsibilities affecting children, youth, and families. Professionals such as district attorneys, judges, lawyers, medical professionals, law enforcement, school personnel, child welfare workers, youth services agencies, and court-appointed special advocates are to be accommodated with ongoing general and extensive training opportunities. Such trainings have been provided at no cost.

What We Do

- 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;
- Provide annual review of multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect teams to determine functional status;
- Promote greater collaboration among individuals who serve children.
- Assist the Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council by providing staff support;
- Increase the professional expertise to investigate and prosecute child abuse and neglect by providing free trainings to professionals statewide;
- Co-sponsor statewide Conferences to promote professional expertise in investigating child abuse and neglect;
- Research and contract with national speakers and experts to provide training in the fields of: Forensic Interviewing, Joint Investigations, Child Trauma, Technology Facilitated Crimes, Indian Child Welfare Act, Team Building, Offender & Non-Offender Interviews, and Bringing Your Investigation to the Courtroom

Who We Serve

- Law Enforcement
- School Personnel
- Youth Services Agencies
- Court-Appointed Advocates
- Tribal Child Welfare
- Attorneys/Prosecutors/Judges
- Investigators
- Forensic Interviewers
- Medical Professionals
- Mental Health Professionals
- DHS Child Welfare



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