



National Child Protection Training Center -Southwest Region-

The National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC*) works to end child abuse and neglect through training, education, awareness, prevention and advocacy. The Southwest Region Training Center (SW-NCPTC) is committed to serving child-focused professionals working in NM, AZ, West TX and Southern CA and students whose careers will bring them into contact with children.

* NCPTC is an affiliate of Gunderson Health System

The SW-NCPTC offers state-of-the-art training and education to prepare current and future professionals to more effectively intervene in cases of child abuse and neglect.

For CURRENT Professionals

- Provide evidence-based training and technical assistance to prosecutors, law enforcement officers, child protection workers, therapists, advocates and others who work with children.
- Develop and disseminate evidence-based child maltreatment prevention programs.

For FUTURE Professionals

- Promote Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) within NMSU.
- Disseminate CAST to other institutions of higher learning in the Southwest region.

For Current AND Future Professionals

- Provide "hands-on" learning laboratories (mock house, mock courtrooms, interview rooms, etc.) to reduce errors in real situations involving children.

Proposed Trainings

**Investigation & Litigation of
Civil Child Protection Cases**

**Investigation & Prosecution
of Child Abuse**

**Child Abuse & the Law
(Online)**

From Crime Scene to Trial

Interviewing Young Children

Forensic Interviewer at Trial

**Failure to Protect:
Institutional Response to
Child Sexual Abuse**

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CAST

Child Advocacy Studies

CAST Program Facts

CAST enhances the professional capacity of students majoring in

- ❖ Family and Child Science
- ❖ Public Health
- ❖ Criminal Justice
- ❖ Social Work
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Psychology
- ❖ Sociology

and other disciplines that involve interaction with children.

- At NMSU, CAST is an 18-hour interdisciplinary undergraduate minor.
- CAST core courses (9 hours) may be taken by students from any department who are not able to complete the minor.
- CAST will soon be available to graduate students.
- CAST programs are in more than 50 universities in the U.S., Japan and Colombia. NMSU's program was the 18th to develop and is one of only two programs in the western U.S.

Core Courses (9 credit hours):

- ❖ Family & Child Welfare Policy
- ❖ Professional & Systems Responses to Child Maltreatment
- ❖ Prevention, Trauma Informed Treatment & Advocacy

Electives (9 credit hours):

Select one course from each category. Each category has 5-14 courses from which to choose.

- ❖ Category 1: Diversity & Cultural Sensitivity
- ❖ Category 2: Family & Child Development
- ❖ Category 3: Legal & Medical Issues

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