

**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Component: 40.20.354, 40.20.451**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Child Sexual Abuse Training and Technical Assistance (CATT) Program came into existence from a legislative mandate pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) §18275, over 17 years ago.

The CATT Program is designed for two training centers to provide specific training to improve the knowledge of professionals who provide treatment services to victims of child sexual abuse and their families; and to increase the knowledge and skills of professionals, including child advocacy centers and direct service providers, who provide services related to child sexual abuse.

The training centers must develop, implement, and maintain a current training plan on child abuse for reaching all counties. The Northern Child Sexual Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Center is responsible for a service area of forty-eight counties and the Southern Child Sexual Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Center is responsible for a service area of ten counties.

The training centers are required to develop programs designed to train interagency teams of service providers and individual service providers throughout the State on child sexual abuse issues, including public and private personnel, who shall in turn duplicate the training in their communities. However, the statute does not limit the activities of the training centers to dealing with child sexual abuse issues.

**FUNDS AWARDED**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2014/15	State General Fund (SGF) FY14	\$ 272,000
	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) FFY14	\$ 75,000
FY 2015/16	SGF FY15	\$ 272,000
	VOCA FFY15	\$ 75,000
FY 2016/17	Unknown	

**2014/15 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS (#/Participants)**

**Training Delivery**

- 6 1-Day Multi-Disciplinary Team Response to Child Abuse Investigations Training.
- 6 3-Day Child Forensic Interview Training.
- 12 1-Day regional prevention training events for service providers.

- 4 Statewide electronic 2-hour webinar.
- 13/980 Recorded webinars available for online viewing; number of viewers.
- 12 Technical assistance provided to agencies throughout the State.
- 92% Counties that sent participants to one CATTA training.
- 34% Report increase in knowledge across all workshops.
- 2 1-Day Specialized trainings for therapists.

### **Capacity Building**

- 1 Face-to-face meetings which serve the California Networks of Child Advocacy Centers (CNCAC).
- Collaborative Training Events provided to the coalitions:
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  - 1 Prevention is Key: Cyber Crimes, Human Trafficking and Secondary Trauma
  - 1 Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Behavior Problems in Children: A Family-Based Treatment Model;
  - 1 Peer Review for Spanish Speaking Child Forensic Interviewers;
  - 1 Cyber Crimes and Human Trafficking: Current Trends and Practices.
- Annual needs assessment survey to assess training and technical assistance needs (online and via meetings). To be completed Fall 2015.

### **Information Development and Dissemination**

- 27,194 Listserv announcements provided information on training events to child sexual abuse professionals; have mailing list of over 25,349 people.
- 2,627 CATTA website visitors per month; view online training announcements.

### **2015/16 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS**

Not Applicable

### **2016/17 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS**

Not Applicable