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**HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION
2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

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1998 – 2025

Patricia Louise Hope Rasmussen
Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board

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2025 Annual Report Chairman's Letter Hope for Children Foundation



**Patricia L. Hope
Kirby Rasmussen**

Dear Friends, Supporters, Volunteers, and Advocates for Children,

As I reflect on 2025, I am reminded of a simple truth: One person can make a difference. One family can make a difference. One organization can make a difference. Hope is rarely built in a single extraordinary moment; more often, it is built one faithful step at a time. Faith plants the seed. Hope tends the garden. Love shares the harvest.

For more than twenty-seven years, Hope for Children Foundation has remained steadfast in its mission to protect children, strengthen families, educate professionals, and prevent child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and family violence. While many organizations measure success by the size of their budgets, we measure success by the lives we touch, the victims we help, the professionals we educate, and the hope we provide for those who feel forgotten.

This year was another year of perseverance. Like many nonprofit organizations, we faced financial challenges. Yet through the generosity of caring individuals, volunteers, community partners, and supporters who believe in our mission, Hope for Children Foundation continues to move forward. We remained committed to providing educational resources, online training, community outreach, and charitable programs designed to improve the lives of children and families across America.

One of the greatest blessings of 2025 was witnessing the continued impact of our educational mission. Since our founding in 1998, Hope for Children Foundation has worked tirelessly to educate law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, medical professionals, educators, social service agencies, parents, and community leaders about recognizing, preventing, and responding to abuse. Our belief has always been simple: When we educate those who protect children, children are safer.

This report is intended to serve not only as Hope for Children Foundation's 2025 Annual Report, but also as a historical record documenting twenty-seven years of educational leadership, public service, and child protection initiatives. Throughout our history, our programs have earned recognition from state and federal leaders, professional organizations, and thousands of training participants. That legacy continues to inspire us today as we expand our online educational resources to reach new audiences nationwide.

We are also proud of the joy we continue to bring to children through our annual Christmas toy distribution efforts. Seeing the smiles on children's faces reminds us why this work matters. Every child deserves to feel valued, loved, and protected. As Chairman of the Board, I am often asked what motivates our organization to continue despite obstacles that would cause many to quit.

The answer is simple. We know there are children who still need help. We know there are families searching for answers. We know there are victims who need hope. And we know there are professionals who want to protect children more effectively and deserve access to quality training and resources.

For my husband, Ed, and me, this mission has never been about personal recognition. It has always been about protecting children. Over the years, we have personally sacrificed significant time, energy, and financial resources to ensure Hope for Children Foundation remained available to those who needed it most. We do so because we believe every child deserves an advocate.

Looking toward the future, our vision remains bold. We seek to expand our educational outreach, strengthen our online training programs, increase public awareness efforts, grow our partnerships, and continue developing resources that empower communities to prevent abuse before it occurs. The challenges facing children today are significant, but so is our determination. Together, we can create safer communities. Together, we can strengthen families. Together, we can protect children.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, supporters, and the families we serve, thank you for believing in our mission. The greatest legacy we can leave is not measured by what we build for ourselves, but by the lives we help protect, the hope we help restore, and the opportunities we create for generations yet to come.

Thank you for standing with us. May the work of your hands be established and may hope to continue to grow wherever your efforts reach.

Thank you for helping us build a safer and brighter future for children. May hope continue to grow. May children continue to be protected. May we continue this mission, together.

With gratitude and hope,

Patricia L. Hope Kirby Rasmussen

Chairman of the Board – Co-Founder

Hope for Children Foundation



From One Mother's Fight to a National Mission



Guided by Faith. Driven by Hope. Protecting Children Together.

The Story Behind Hope for Children Foundation

Every organization has a beginning. Some begin with a business plan. Others begin in response to a community need.

Hope for Children Foundation began with a mother's love for her child. It is a story of heartbreak, perseverance, faith, determination, and hope. Most importantly, it is a story about refusing to give up.

1998 – 2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Guided by Faith. Driven by Hope. Protecting Children Together.

A Life Changed Forever



Years ago, I became a mother. Like countless parents, I dreamed of giving my child a safe home, a loving family, and every opportunity to succeed in life.

Instead, my daughter and I found ourselves facing circumstances I never imagined possible.

As a young mother, I became involved in legal proceedings that would consume years of my life. During that process, I became painfully aware of how difficult it could be for families to obtain specialized assistance when abuse concerns arise. I witnessed firsthand how confusing and overwhelming the system can be for parents trying to protect a child. What began as a deep personal struggle gradually revealed a much larger problem. Across America, thousands of families face similar challenges every year.

Many feel alone. Many feel powerless. Many do not know where to turn for help. I realized my daughter and I were not the only ones.

Discovering a Critical Need

As I searched for answers, I began meeting professionals from many different disciplines, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, physicians, counselors, educators, victim advocates, and social workers.

What became clear was that most cared deeply about protecting children.

Yet many had not received comprehensive multidisciplinary education focused on child abuse, domestic violence, victim trauma, offender behavior, investigative techniques, or accountability.

The more I learned, the more I realized that protecting children requires more than good intentions.

It requires education. It requires collaboration. It requires leadership. And it requires a willingness to improve systems that affect the lives of vulnerable children. That realization became the foundation of Hope for Children Foundation.



Building Hope from Adversity

In 1998, Hope for Children Foundation was established with a mission to protect children and support families through education, awareness, prevention, and accountability.

What started as a small nonprofit with a big vision soon began attracting respected leaders from law enforcement, medicine, education, criminal justice, and the legal profession.

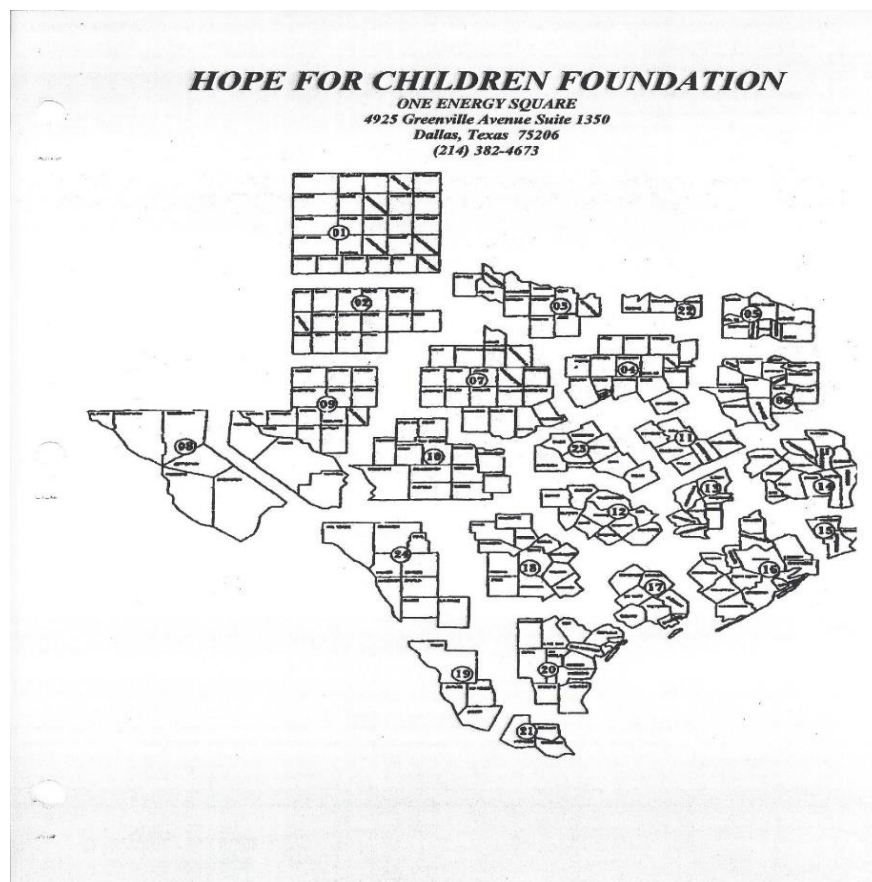
Together, we developed training programs designed to bring professionals from multiple disciplines into one room to learn from each other and improve outcomes for children and victims.

The response exceeded expectations and it was overwhelmingly positive.

Training participants consistently praised the quality and relevance of the programs.

Continuing education accreditation was approved by numerous professional organizations and agencies, including entities serving judges, attorneys, law enforcement officers, probation officers, and criminal justice professionals throughout Texas.

What had begun as a local effort evolved into a statewide Texas movement.



Reaching Across Texas

Hope for Children Foundation's training programs eventually reached communities throughout Texas on a state and federal level.

Participants included:

- Victims
- Judges
- Prosecutors
- Law enforcement officers
- Medical professionals
- Probation officers
- Educators
- Community leaders
- Victim advocates
- Families
- Clergy

The goal was simple: Help professionals understand abuse better, improve responses to victims, increase accountability, and reduce the likelihood that children would be overlooked by the systems designed to protect them. The educational objectives were:

- (1) To present clinical manifestations bridging gaps between medical professionals, the legal system, law enforcement, victim advocates, victims and their families, educators, and clergy.
- (2) To demonstrate distinguishing features that bridge the gap between domestic violence & child abuse.
- (3) To review changes in law and assist participants with a better understanding of the use and availability of Federal and State statutes designed to protect the rights of women and their children.
- (4) To enhance the quality of life for children and women and those charged with protecting them.

Former Texas Governor George W. Bush praised the charity's educational efforts and encouraged participation in the training programs.

Federal and state leaders likewise recognized the value of multidisciplinary approaches to combating violence against women and children.

The mission was no longer one child. It was becoming a mission for thousands of children.

Mission of Hope for Children Foundation:

To help prevent cruelty to children and adults through proactive prevention & intervention education to victims and survivors, 1st Responders including state and federal law enforcement officers, teachers, staff at educational institutions - schools - colleges - universities, medical professionals, hospital staff, charities - such as shelters - rape crisis centers - sexual assault charities, domestic violence charities, CASA, SANE, government agencies such as child protection workers known as CPS, state and federal prosecutors - judges, attorneys concerning family and criminal law, adult and juvenile probation officers on a state and federal level, military personnel, and parents, offering a shield of protection to help prevent victims from falling through the cracks of the legal system concerning sexual assault and domestic violence.

We offer several free services to professionals charged with protecting children and adults. In addition, the following services are offered free to the public through seminars and via our Web site:

- (1) Provide free seminars and free online video training intended to reduce crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence against children and adults;
- (2) Provide free online resources and referrals to victims, survivors, and the public to help prevent sexual assault and domestic violence against children and adults;
- (3) Provide free online behavior modification resources and referrals to offenders;
- (4) Provide free online job availability in Texas (and expanding to other states where this project is funded);
- (5) Fund raising to support these free programs; via all types of solicited forms of fund raising legally on a national basis including but not limited to various sporting events, Gala's, concerts, mail, phone calls, Internet, television, and email.

These services are intended to be accessed online through our Web site:
<https://www.hopeforchildrenfoundation.org>

Since 1998, with headquarters in Texas, Hope for Children Foundation has provided educational services to state and federal law enforcement personnel, medical professionals, judges, attorneys, probation officers – as well as to the public regarding child abuse prevention and related concerns.

Hope for Children Foundation helps sexually and physically abused children and adults throughout the nation by facilitating widespread access to legal, medical, and mental health experts so that all appropriate resources are available to victims and their families.

We believe that abuse is a learned behavior often connected to stress points, not limited to financial instability. As a nation, we can create a cultural safety net for children and adults at risk through extensive awareness campaigns, education, and training.

Mission of Hope for Children Foundation Continued:

Hope for Children Foundation provides educational material to the public, families, federal and state law-enforcement officials, members of the judiciary, educators, medical professionals, criminal justice professionals, family shelters, rape crisis centers, and other community organizations about sexual and physical abuse and its prevention.

Ours is a 'systems' approach whereby we identify and fill critical voids that threaten the well-being of children who are at risk of 'falling through the cracks'. Living an abuse-free life is more than a hope or a dream – it is a child's right.

We began by assembling experts to provide citizens throughout the nation with uniform state and federal child abuse training. This statewide training project was partially funded through a grant provided by the United States Department of Justice, Violence against Women Fund, and the Office of the Texas Governor Criminal Justice Division. The training program was very well received, and, because of its success, we have significantly expanded our impact.

Hope for Children Foundation's website was once designed to include the option to translate key training materials into over 60 languages. Many of the same video training courses provided to state and federal law enforcement officers, child protection services workers, medical professionals, judges, and other First Responders are provided free online to the public.

These videos cover important healing steps for child victims and their families; how to better protect children and adults from crimes of domestic violence; and elderly abuse.

Reports from Google Analytics show that Hope for Children Foundation's website is viewed by people from all 50 states in the U.S. as well as from over 41 different foreign countries. Support from Google Inc. has been a tremendous boost in Hope for Children Foundation's effort to ensure that children are protected from child abuse and will receive much needed support.



A Vision for the Nation

As Hope for Children Foundation grew, so did its vision.

The organization developed proposals for nationwide educational initiatives capable of reaching more than 136,000 professionals through state, regional, and national training programs.

Imagine the impact, consider the ripple effect:

One trained police officer may protect hundreds of children during a career. One trained prosecutor may secure justice for countless victims.

One trained judge may influence thousands of decisions affecting families. One trained educator may recognize warning signs that save a child's life. Education creates a ripple effect that extends far beyond a single classroom.

That belief continues to guide our mission today.



Why We Never Quit

Over the years, Hope for Children Foundation has faced many challenges.

Like most nonprofit organizations, funding has often been uncertain.

There were times when continuing would have been easier to abandon than sustain.

Yet we refused to quit.

Today The Mission Continues

Patricia Rasmussen and her husband Ed have supported Hope for Children Foundation because they believe deeply in its mission. They believe children are worth fighting for because families deserve hope, prevention of child abuse is attainable, and the need to protect children still exists. Every day, children experience abuse.

Every day, families seek help. Every day, professionals seek training and resources to improve their ability to protect those who are vulnerable.

That continuing need drives Hope for Children Foundation forward every day.



Hope for Children Foundation continues its commitment to education, prevention, and awareness.

Our vision is not simply to respond after abuse occurs.

Our vision is to help prevent abuse before it begins.

We envision a future where every professional responsible for protecting children receives the best training available.

We envision a future where families have access to resources and support. We envision communities working together to identify risks, intervene early, and protect children from harm. Most importantly, we envision a future where fewer children suffer abuse because caring people chose to act.

A Message to Our Supporters



None of this would have been possible without the generosity of donors, volunteers, board members, educators, professionals, and community partners who believed in our mission. You have helped transform one mother's fight into a mission that has touched countless lives.

You have helped provide hope where there was despair.

You have helped turn pain into purpose.

And because of your support, the mission continues.

The story of Hope for Children Foundation began with one child. Today, this story belongs to every child whose life has been touched by hope.

And with your help, the best chapters are still being written. ❤️



HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION HISTORY



HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION is named in honor of:

Mr. James Waid Hope Sr., and Mrs. Fannie Louise Hope, the parents of the Co-Founder, Patricia L. Hope Kirby Rasmussen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope were blessed with six more children, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, who are all loved dearly. The loving legacy of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hope Sr. lives on, as does the loving legacy of Hope for Children Foundation.

Two Hearts, One Mission



Hope for Children Foundation®



♥ The Hope for Children Foundation® heart logo was created in honor of Patricia Rasmussen's two children, **Alicia Louise** and **Jonathan Mark**.



♥ The outer red heart represents a mother's enduring love.



♥ The inner white heart symbolizes the innocence and purity of childhood.



♥ The candle at the center represents a light that continues to shine through adversity, illuminating a path of hope, healing, and protection.



♥ While originally inspired by two beloved children, the logo came to represent something **else**—a commitment to protecting children everywhere and helping families build safer, brighter futures.



What began as a mother's love for two children became a mission of hope for children everywhere.

HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION®

Protecting Children ♥ Strengthening Families ♥ Building Hope

Seven Candles: A Legacy of Love



Hope for Children Foundation ®



James
Bentley Hope



Mary
Kathleen Hope



James
Waid Hope, Jr.
("Jim")



Robert
H. Hope



Patricia
L. Hope
Rasmussen



Samuel
Hope



Maurice
Hope

The seven candles above represent the seven children of
James Waid Hope, Sr. and Fannie Louise Hope.



Each candle is a symbol of the love, faith, and values they received from their parents—principles that shaped their lives and continue to inspire generations.

These candles illuminate a legacy of family, compassion, and commitment to others.

From a home built on faith and hard work, the Hope children learned the importance of loving God, loving family, and helping those in need.

Those lessons became the foundation for Hope for Children Foundation.



The light of these seven candles symbolizes more than family—it represents the enduring belief that every child deserves to be loved, protected, valued, and given the opportunity to thrive.



Carrying a legacy of love forward to protect children and strengthen families.

The Beginning: Building a Texas Statewide Training Program Through Collaboration, Experience, and Purpose

Hope for Children Foundation's early statewide training initiatives grew from Patricia Hope's deep personal understanding of how children can fall through the cracks when legal, medical, investigative, and judicial systems do not work together effectively. Motivated by her own experiences, Patricia founded Hope for Children Foundation in 1998. The attorney Patricia selected to assist with forming the organization advised her to include at least three individuals in its establishment. At Patricia's request, J. Douglas Crowder, M.D., and James "Jim" Barnett graciously agreed to assist with its formation. Hope for Children Foundation subsequently received recognition from the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity.

A series of painful experiences led Patricia to take these actions. After she and her daughter encountered serious injustices while seeking protection from abuse, Patricia recognized that meaningful change would require more than public awareness. Professionals responsible for identifying, investigating, prosecuting, treating, and adjudicating cases involving child abuse and family violence needed opportunities to learn together. They needed training that addressed not only statutes and professional standards, but also the real-life consequences that can occur when warning signs are overlooked, jurisdictional questions are misunderstood, evidence is not evaluated, or the concerns of a protective parent are dismissed.

Patricia brought to this undertaking decades of practical experience in administration, education, negotiation, business development, community service, and project coordination. Before founding Hope for Children Foundation, she had worked as a licensed Texas real estate broker, business owner, school administrator, educator, program director, and community leader. Her professional responsibilities required her to manage budgets, negotiate complicated agreements, coordinate numerous parties, supervise projects, analyze legal and contractual issues, communicate with professionals from many disciplines, and carry major initiatives from initial planning through successful completion.

Her experience in commercial and residential real estate was especially valuable. Over the years, she participated in negotiations involving substantial commercial and residential transactions, coordinated work among purchasers, property owners, builders, contractors, lenders, title companies, insurers, and other professionals, and addressed matters involving contracts, appraisals, financing, property taxes, zoning, investments, and risk management. These responsibilities helped develop the organizational discipline, persistence, and attention to detail later required to coordinate a serious multidisciplinary training program.

Her background in education provided another important foundation. Patricia served as an instructor, school administrator, music director, and owner of a bilingual Christian school. She developed educational programs, supervised instruction, taught children of different ages, coordinated school activities, directed large productions, and worked to build leadership, character, and confidence in students. These experiences strengthened her understanding that effective education must be thoughtfully organized, clearly presented, and responsive to the needs of the audience.

When Hope for Children Foundation began developing its professional training conferences, Patricia did not attempt to present herself as the sole authority. Instead, she sought out experienced professionals who could provide the specialized knowledge necessary to make the program credible, accurate, and useful. She listened carefully to their advice, asked questions, incorporated their recommendations, and worked to integrate their individual areas of expertise together into one coordinated educational program.

Physicians, mental-health professionals, attorneys, judges, law-enforcement representatives, prosecutors, victim advocates, probation professionals, educators, and other specialists helped shape the substance of the training. Their professional guidance strengthened the program and ensured that participants received information from multiple disciplines rather than from a single point of view.

Patricia's role was to recognize the need, assemble the appropriate professionals, coordinate their contributions, and keep the program focused on a central purpose: improving the ability of systems and practitioners to protect children and families.

Under her guidance, Hope for Children Foundation designed and organized a comprehensive two-day training program that would be duplicated throughout the State of Texas and potentially to all states of this nation. The work included identifying subjects that needed to be addressed, recruiting qualified instructors, coordinating presentations, arranging facilities, preparing training materials, obtaining professional reviews, securing funding assistance, communicating with participants, and pursuing continuing-education approval from appropriate agencies.

The training ultimately received continuing-education recognition or approval from major Texas professional and governmental entities, including the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, the Texas Center for the Judiciary, the Texas Criminal Justice system's adult probation division, and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. Continuing medical education credit was also approved through The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas for the Tyler training program. The initiative received support through the United States Department of Justice, Violence Against Women funding administered through the Texas Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division.

These achievements were possible because many respected professionals were willing to share their knowledge, experience, and recommendations. Hope for Children Foundation remains deeply grateful to the individuals and institutions that helped strengthen the training and bring it to professionals across Texas.

At the same time, successful collaboration requires someone to see the larger picture and coordinate the many individual parts. Patricia's contribution was her ability to bring people together, remain focused on the needs of children, and continue moving the program forward despite limited resources and significant personal challenges.

Her early musical training also influenced her approach. As a young violinist and orchestra concertmaster, she learned that harmony is created when many different participants contribute their individual abilities while following a shared purpose. In much the same way, Hope for

Children Foundation’s training program brought together professionals from different disciplines, each contributing essential knowledge to a united effort to improve child protection.

The statewide training initiative therefore represents neither the achievement of one person nor the work of one profession alone. It reflects a partnership between a determined founder who understood the human consequences of systemic failure and the many dedicated professionals who helped transform that understanding into constructive education.

The experience continues to guide Hope for Children Foundation today. Its work is grounded in the belief that children are best protected when professionals communicate across disciplines, understand one another’s responsibilities, recognize the warning signs of abuse, respect the concerns of protective family members, and act before another child is lost within gaps in the system.



The Hope for Children Foundation Principles

Every child has inherent worth and dignity.

Every child deserves to live free from abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation.

Prevention is more effective than responding after abuse occurs.

Education is one of the most powerful tools for protecting children.

Strong families build strong communities.

Professionals working together save lives.

Every citizen has a role in protecting children.

Hope begins when people choose to act.



FROM TRAUMA TO HOPE

Healing Is Possible. Recovery Is Real.

"A child who experiences trauma should never lose hope. With safety, compassion, and evidence-based support, healing is possible, resilience can grow, and lives can be transformed."

Trauma Changes Lives - But It Does Not Have to Define Them

Child abuse, neglect, sexual assault, domestic violence, and exposure to chronic fear can affect every aspect of a child's development.

Trauma may influence emotional well-being, learning, relationships, physical health, and behavior well into adulthood if left unaddressed.

Children may experience:

- Anxiety and depression
- Difficulty trusting others
- Sleep disturbances
- Problems concentrating in school
- Anger or emotional withdrawal
- Low self-esteem
- Increased risk of substance misuse
- Long-term physical health challenges

Yet these outcomes are not inevitable.

With caring adults, early intervention, trauma-informed services, and supportive communities, children can recover, thrive, and build healthy futures.

The Science of Hope

Modern neuroscience tells us something encouraging:

The brain continues to grow and adapt throughout life.

When children experience safety, stability, positive relationships, and appropriate therapeutic support, new neural pathways can strengthen resilience and reduce the long-term effects of trauma.

Hope is not simply an emotion.

Hope is strengthened through relationships, opportunity, education, and community.

Healing Happens Together

Recovery is rarely the work of one person.

Healing often begins when children are surrounded by caring adults who believe them, protect them, and help them rebuild trust.

Healing may involve:

- | | |
|---|--|
|  Loving family members |  Prosecutors and judges |
|  Medical professionals |  Teachers and school counselors |
|  Mental health professionals |  Faith communities |
|  Law enforcement officers |  Mentors and volunteers |

Each person becomes part of a child's pathway toward healing.

Resilience Can Be Built

Resilience is the ability to recover, adapt, and move forward despite adversity.

Protective factors include:

- Safe and nurturing relationships
- Healthy faith and community support
- Stable homes and communities
- Opportunities to succeed
- Access to counseling & mental health care
- Positive school environments
- Hope for the future

Every positive relationship increases a child's opportunity to heal. Our mission is to help build communities where prevention, education, accountability, and healing work together.

Through professional education, public awareness, collaboration, and evidence-based practices, we strive to strengthen the adults who protect children and support families on the journey toward recovery. Every child deserves: • Safety • Justice • Healing • Hope



**Hope for Children
Foundation®**

Guided by Faith. Driven by Hope.

**1998–2025
Twenty-Seven
Years of Hope**

The Journey from Trauma to Hope

HEALING IS POSSIBLE. RECOVERY IS REAL.

A child who experiences trauma should never lose hope.

With safety, compassion, and evidence-based support, healing is possible, resilience can grow, and lives can be transformed.



The Impact of Training

- ♥ Awareness & Compassion
- ♥ Fear & Uncertainty
- ♥ Knowledge & Strength
- ♥ Healing & Support
- ♥ Diversity & Inclusion
- ♥ Community & Unity
- ♥ Empowerment
- ♥ Safer Environments
- ♥ System & Policy Behavior
- ♥ Physical & Mental Health

But most of all, Love for One Another.

Healing Happens Together

- ♥ Children & Family Members
- ♥ Medical Professionals
- ♥ Mental Health Specialists
- ♥ Law Enforcement Officers
- ♥ Prosecutors & Judges
- ♥ Teachers & Schools
- ♥ Social Workers & Agencies
- ♥ Ministers & Volunteers
- ♥ Community & Neighbors
- ♥ The Courts & Child Advocates



*“The effects of trauma can last a lifetime—
but so can the power of compassion, justice, and hope.”*

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HEALING CHILDREN • STRENGTHENING FAMILIES • PROTECTING COMMUNITIES



Jaye Douglas Crowder, M.D.

Co-Founder ♥ Leader ♥ Mentor
Champion for Children

*H*ope for Children Foundation proudly honors Jaye Douglas Crowder, M.D., Co-Founder, Leader, Mentor, and Champion for Children, whose dedication, professional expertise, and unwavering commitment helped shape the organization from its earliest days.

Dr. Crowder stood beside the organization during its formative years and played a vital role in establishing its credibility, educational programs, and professional standards. His guidance and support helped transform a vision for protecting children into a respected public charity dedicated to prevention, education, and advocacy.

Dr. Crowder is a distinguished Forensic Psychiatrist and Clinical Volunteer Professor at the University of Texas Medical School at Dallas. Throughout his career, he earned recognition for his expertise in forensic psychiatry and his work assessing criminal defendants and persons involved in civil litigation. His testimony and professional evaluations assisted courts, attorneys, and law enforcement agencies in understanding the psychiatric aspects of individuals interacting with the legal system.

One of Dr. Crowder's most significant contributions to Hope for Children Foundation was his assistance in securing professional medical accredited curricula that would go on to benefit professionals, parents, educators, law enforcement personnel, and communities seeking to better understand child abuse prevention, victim protection, and family violence.

Although Dr. Crowder's contributions often occurred behind the scenes, his impact was profound. He generously donated his time, knowledge, and professional reputation to support the mission of Hope for Children Foundation whenever called upon to help. After years of distinguished service as the President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Crowder continued his commitment to the organization through service on the National Advisory Board, ensuring that his wisdom and guidance would remain available to future generations of leaders and advocates.

For more than two decades, Dr. Crowder has exemplified the spirit of service that defines Hope for Children Foundation. His dedication reminds us that meaningful change is achieved when knowledgeable professionals generously share their talents to protect the vulnerable and strengthen our communities.



Dr. Crowder sharing his expertise during one of Hope for Children Foundation's professional training programs. His leadership has helped establish the educational credibility that has enabled Hope for Children Foundation to provide accredited training to professionals across Texas and beyond.

The Board of Directors, National Advisory Board, volunteers, supporters, and friends of Hope for Children Foundation extend their deepest gratitude to Jaye Douglas Crowder, M.D. for his years of leadership, service, friendship, and commitment to protecting children and families.

His legacy will forever remain part of the charity he helped build.



HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION®
Protecting Children ♥ Strengthening Families ♥ Building Hope

Bonnie J. Campbell, Former Director of the Violence Against Women Office

The following correspondence reflects the federal encouragement and support received for multidisciplinary training initiatives designed to improve the response to violence against women and children.



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Violence Against Women Office

Washington, D.C. 20531

September 9, 1999

Ms. Patricia L. Hope, President
Hope For Children Foundation
47 Highland Park Village, Suite 208
Dallas, Texas 75205

Dear Ms. Hope:

I am writing to commend you on your excellent work as the President and Founder of Hope for Children Foundation. The mission and activities of the Foundation are critical to protecting our nation's children from sexual and physical abuse.

I have heard horror stories from many parents across the country who allege that their children were unjustly placed in the homes of child abusers. Too often, there is no place for these parents to turn as they try to reclaim their children. We have referred a number of these parents to Hope for Children Foundation, and we have heard that you were extremely helpful.

Thank you very much for your dedication to this important cause. I wish you luck as you continue to expand the services of Hope for Children Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie J. Campbell".

Bonnie J. Campbell, Director
Violence Against Women Office

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Gary Price, Criminal Justice Planner, East Texas Council of Governments

Gary welcomes attendees to the Hope for Children Foundation Training Conference, leads the Pledge of Allegiance and recites the "The Touch of The Master's Hand." Gary was instrumental in helping Hope for Children Foundation coordinate its first Texas Statewide Training Conference in Tyler, TX.

"CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION & JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY"



"The Touch of the Master's Hand" is a classic poem written by Myra Brooks Welch in 1921. It tells the story of an old, battered violin at an auction whose value skyrockets after a gray-haired man plays a beautiful melody on it, illustrating how God can transform a person's life.

The Touch of the Master's Hand

'Twas battered and scarred, And the auctioneer thought it hardly worth his while to waste his time on the old violin, but he held it up with a smile. "What am I bid, good people," he cried, "Who starts the bidding for me?" "One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?" "Two dollars, who makes it three?" "Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But "No," from the room far back a gray bearded man came forward and picked up the bow, Then wiping the dust from the old violin and tightening up the strings, He played a melody, pure and sweet as sweet as caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer with a voice that was quiet and low, said "What now am I bid for this old violin?" As he held it aloft with its' bow. "One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?" "Two thousand, who makes it three?" "Three thousand once, three thousand twice, Going and gone," said he.

The audience cheered, but some of them cried, "We just don't understand." "What changed its' worth?" Swift came the reply. "The Touch of the Masters Hand."

And many a man with life out of tune All battered with bourbon and gin Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd Much like that old violin A mess of pottage, a glass of wine, A game and he travels on. He is going once, he is going twice, He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand, the worth of a soul and the change that is wrought By the Touch of the Master's Hand." ~Myra Brooks Welch

2000 – 2001 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

This document is an exact copy of the Hope for Children Foundation first Statewide Training Conference, now 26-years old. Hope for Children Foundation was awarded a grant that originated from the United States Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Office in the years 2000 and 2001 for the purpose of statewide training in Texas. The following schedule and topics were developed for the first training held at The University of Texas in Tyler, Texas. Similar training conferences were conducted throughout the State of Texas and most of them were certified for Continuing Education Credits. These credits were authorized by six Texas State Agencies, seven Texas colleges and The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The original training certifications for the training conferences are included.

Hope For Children Foundation
requests the pleasure of your company at our
TRAINING CONFERENCE
The twenty sixth and the twenty-seventh of July, Two Thousand at eight o'clock a.m. at the Cowan Center
The University of Texas in Tyler, Texas, provided for the

Made possible by a grant:
State of Texas
Office of the Governor
Criminal Justice Division
Violence Against Women Act
US Department of Justice

**East Texas Council of
Governments**
**Crimes Against Women &
Their Children**
Law Enforcement & Prosecution
Judicial Accountability

SOUTHWESTERN
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, the accredited sponsor, is jointly sponsoring this activity with Hope For Children Foundation.

Wednesday, July 26th
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

8:15 – 8:20 a.m.

8:20 – 8:25 a.m.

8:25 – 8:40 a.m.

8:40 – 10:00 a.m.

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

10:45 – 11:45 p.m.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 – 3:27 p.m.

3:28 – 3:37 p.m.

3:38 – 3:45 p.m.

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

4:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 27th
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

11:15 – 11:45 p.m.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 – 4:35 p.m.

4:35 – 4:50 p.m.

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.

Schedule of Speakers and Topics

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.
Welcome, Overview of Activity and Introduction to Hope For Children Foundation - J. Douglas Crowder, MD, President, Hope For Children Foundation; David Westgate, HFCF. David Applewhite, Director - East Texas Police Academy

Overview & Pledge of Allegiance, Gary Price, East Texas Council of Governments, Criminal Justice Planner

Read letter to the audience from Governor George W. Bush.

Pre Awareness Written Assessment.

Keys to Avoiding Mistakes - Charles Campbell, Attorney at Law in Private Practice, Dallas, TX. Pg. 1-311.

Continuation - Keys to Avoiding Mistakes.

Surviving Abuse, My Personal Story, Decreasing Crimes Against Women & Their Children - Linda Evans - East Texas Crisis Center

Promising Practices for Women Affected by Violence - Sarah Buel, Law Pro., University of Texas, Austin, TX. 312-338

Victim's Services Update - Joye Whatley, Office for Victims of Crimes, US Department of Justice, Washington, DC. 339.

Use of DNA in Fighting Crimes of Sexual Violence - Honorable Howard Safir, NY City Police Commissioner, NY, NY.

Advances in Photographic Documentation - Sgt. Mark Wynn, Nashville Metro Police Dept., DV Unit.

Attention Law Enforcement - Sheriff Marvin Van Haaften, Dr. Carol Warshaw, Prosecutor Candice Mosley.

"Real" Experts vs. "Hired Guns" - J. Douglas Crowder, MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, President, Hope For Children Foundation, Dallas, TX. Pg. 340-341.

Please circle the correct answer to the twelve written questions.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for those who missed the first day.

Investigation, Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Protective Orders - Brian Kingston, Assistant District Attorney, Travis County District Attorney Family Justice Unit. Pg. 603-621.

The Benchmark and People Helping People - Betty Whitten, Victim's Services Director, Smith County District Attorney's Office. Pg. 474-602 and the insert inside the back flap of the training manual.

Federal Services Provided - Becky Smith, Director, Victim's Services, United States Attorney's Office, Tyler, TX.

Legal Solutions - Ways to Better Serve Adult Female Victims - Honorable Judge Diane DeVasto, Tyler, TX.

Psychological Damage Inflicted on Adult Female Victims - Randy Noblitt, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Dallas, TX. Pg. 473.

Appellate Review of Cases Involving Crimes Against Adult Females - Honorable Charles McGarry, a Former Chief Justice of The Court of Appeals Fifth District of Texas at Dallas, TX. Pg. 342-472.

Violence Against Women Act - Mike McCrum, former Assistant US Attorney, Western District of Texas. 622-635.

Post Awareness Written Assessment

Training Conference Evaluation.

Please circle the correct answer to the twelve written questions.

Patricia L. Hope Kirby, HFCF VAWA Project Director, Executive Director, President Emeritus and Founder of HFCF.

RSVP mailing address: PO Box 191028, Dallas, TX 75219 (972) 392-3449 FAX (972) 392-1955 e-mail patricia@patriciahope.net



100% CONVICTION RATE



WHEN OFFICIALS FOLLOW OUR TRAINING AND COLLECT COMPLETE, QUALITY EVIDENCE,
JUSTICE IS ACHIEVED. CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED.

For more than 25 years, Hope For Children Foundation has trained thousands of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, medical professionals, and judges nationwide. When trained professionals apply our proven investigative and documentation methods, offense cases are stronger, victims are safer, and conviction rates are **100%**.

Our evidence-based training integrates law, forensic science, child trauma, and best practices from top national experts to ensure no critical element is missed.



***"Proper Training.
Complete Evidence.
Justice Delivered.."***

WHEN OFFICIALS FOLLOW OUR TRAINING AND COLLECT:

- Assault Investigation Report
- Photos of the Crime Scene
- Photos of the Victim
- DNA Collection
- Recorded Interview of Victim
- Recorded Interview of Perpetrator
- Medical Examination Findings
- Chain of Custody Documentation



SCENE INVESTIGATION



VICTIM INTERVIEW



DNA COLLECTION



MEDICAL EXAMINATION



PERPETRATOR INTERVIEW



CHAIN OF CUSTODY



PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION



STRONG CASE
STRONG JUSTICE

RESULTS THAT MATTER

100% CONVICTION RATE

When our training methods are followed and full evidence is collected, cases are strong, prosecutors are confident, and justice is served—**100%** of the time.

Why our approach works:

- Comprehensive Evidence:** Every critical element is collected and documented.
- Expert Training:** Built on best practices from law, medicine, forensics and psychology.
- Protecting Children:** Strong cases stop offenders and prevent future abuse.
- Our Promise:** Equip professionals. Strengthen communities. Protect children. Deliver justice.



TOGETHER, WE CAN END THE CYCLE OF ABUSE
AND BUILD A SAFER TOMORROW FOR EVERY CHILD.

Learn more. Get trained. Make a difference.
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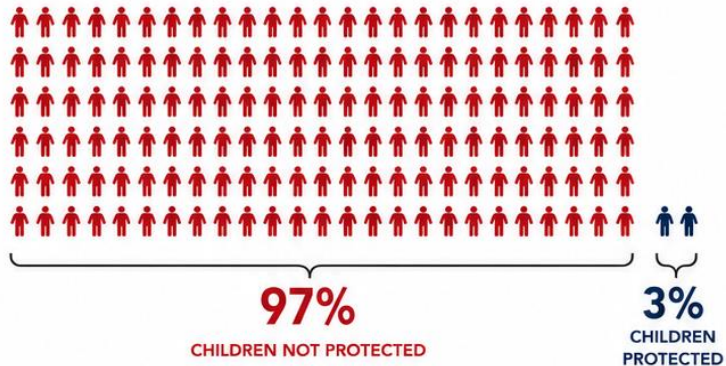


97% NOT PROTECTED BY THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Millions of children are courageous enough to tell. Families, teachers, doctors, and concerned friends report.
Yet the vast majority are not protected.

OUR CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IS FAILING TOO MANY CHILDREN.

When allegations of abuse enter the legal system, most children do not receive the protection they need to be safe. Gaps at every stage—investigation, prosecution, court decisions, and enforcement—leave children vulnerable and abusers free to harm again.



THE PATH FROM REPORT TO PROTECTION

Where children are lost in the system



97 OUT OF 100 CHILDREN
REPORTED TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM
ARE NOT PROTECTED.

These are not just numbers—these are children whose voices were heard, but whose safety was not secured.

We must do better. Every child deserves protection.



TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THIS.

Stronger training. Better collaboration.
Accountable systems. Consistent enforcement.
Every child matters. Every child deserves protection.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



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For Change



STAND
With Children



Learn more. Get trained. Make a difference.

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Education can change these outcomes.

2000 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION TRAINING CERTIFIED

One of the charity's earliest achievements was obtaining continuing education approval from numerous professional organizations. Copies of the approvals are provided below and on the next several pages. These certifications enabled physicians, judges, attorneys, law enforcement officers, juvenile and adult probation professionals, other medical professionals, and others to receive recognized continuing education credit while participating in multidisciplinary child protection training.



D.C. Jim Dozier, J.D., Ph.D.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Patricia L. Hope Kirby
Executive Director
Hope For Children Foundation
47 Highland Park Village, Suite 208
Dallas, Texas 75205

Dear Director Kirby,

We have evaluated the Hope for Children training manual and nine videotapes. Your message is important for today's peace officers and everyone within the criminal justice field. The Hope for Children Foundation, working with Commission approved training providers, may use the materials to train Texas peace officers.

To help keep your costs down, training providers will not be required to maintain the complete copy of the training materials at their site; a copy of this letter and the course outline will suffice as that document. However, they must maintain all other course information they would normal have. Officers completing the course of instruction may receive sixteen hours of TCLEOSE continuing education credit upon satisfactory completion.

As we discussed, you may continue to use this material with periodic updates until October 31, 2003 at which time we would like to review the course to determine its need and effectiveness by Texas Peace Officers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis R. Graffious".

Dennis R. Graffious
Program Administrator
Professional and Curriculum Development

Phone: (512) 936-7760
Fax: (512) 936-7766

6330 U.S. Highway 290 East, Suite 200
Austin, Texas 78723



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MARI KAY BICKETT, Executive Director • TANA J. PETRICH, Associate Director

CJE/Family Violence Course Accreditation Form

Accreditation is sought through the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. for Continuing Judicial Education credit according to the Rules of Judicial Education.

Course/Activity Name: Crimes Against Women & Their Children, Law Enforcement & Prosecution, Judicial Accountability
Sponsor Name: Hope for Children Foundation, The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, and The Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy
Contact: Patricia Kirby
Course Date: 01-23-01
Location: Midland, TX (other various sites in Texas - course to be repeated.)
Hours requested for approval: 15 (MCLE Approved)

Is this course compliant with the Family Violence requirements as listed by Government Code 22.110?



Yes



No

See attached material for details.

This program has been approved for 15.00 hours of Continuing Judicial Education Family Violence credit.

Mari Kay Bickett
Executive Director

Date

1/19/01

Judicial Excellence Through Education



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Minimum Continuing Legal Education

P.O. BOX 18007 / AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-3007 / 1-800-204-2222, EXT 2106 / FAX: 512-463-1498
e-mail: mcle@texasbar.com



Patricia L. Hope Kirby
Hope for Children Foundation
47 Highland Park Village #208
Dallas, TX 75205

05/25/2001

COURSE TITLE: Crimes Against Women and Children-Law Enforcement,
Prosecution and Judicial Accountability
COURSE DATE(S): 07/25/2000 TO 06/07/2001 COURSE LOCATION: Various, X
COURSE NO: 000007754 SPONSOR NO.: 10168 EXP. ATTEND.: 0

NOTIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION OF CLE ACTIVITY

The above referenced CLE activity that your organization submitted for accreditation in Texas has been reviewed and ACCREDITED as follows:

	PARTICIPATORY HOURS	ETHICS HOURS
MCLE AND STATE BAR COLLEGE	15.00	03.50

The application shows Option A as the method for calculating the MCLE Accreditation fee. Under this option, the fee is calculated at the rate of \$10 per credit hour with a minimum, non-refundable fee of \$25.00. As of this date, our records show the following payment information toward this fee, and the late filing fee (if applicable):

ACCRED. FEE	LATE FEE	AMOUNT PAID	CREDIT DUE
\$150.00	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$40.00

Please contact our office to request either a refund check or a credit to be applied to a future application.

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TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

P.O. Box 12437, Austin, Texas 78711-2437 • 505 E. Highland Dr., Ste. 400, L.B. 28, Austin, Texas 78752
1-800-204-2222 ext. 1454 • 512-453-7266 • Fax: 512-453-7220
e-mail: tble@tble.com • www.tble.org

August 24, 2000

Patricia L. Hope Kirby
Hope for Children Foundation
47 Highland Park Village #208
Dallas, TX 75205

COURSE TITLE: Crimes Against Women and Children-Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Judicial Accountability

COURSE NO.: 7754

COURSE DATE: 7/25/2000 - 1/25/2001

The Texas Board of Legal Specialization has approved the aboved referenced course. You can state your approval with the following language:

"This course has been approved by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for certification and recertification continuing legal education requirements for attorneys and legal assistants in the following specialty fields:"

<u>APPROVED HRS</u>	<u>SPECIALTY FIELD</u>
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15.00	Criminal Law
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15.00	Family Law
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Please list the number of approved hours in each specialty area since not all courses are approved in their entirety.

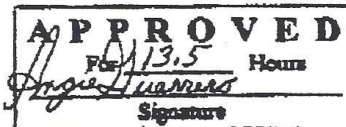
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact TBLS at 1-800-204-2222, ext. 1454 or 512-453-7266.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Community Justice Assistance Division
2015 IH-35 South, #3, Austin, Texas 78741-3832

PROFESSIONAL/SKILL BASED TRAINING HOUR APPROVAL REQUEST

- I. Title of Program: Crimes Against Women and their Children
Law Enforcement + Prosecution
Judicial Accountability
- II. Date(s) of Program: July 26th through August 31, 2001
annual training 1 year after year
- III. Location of Program (City/State): State wide
- IV. Program Sponsor: Hope For Children Foundation
- V. Total Clock Hours Requested for Approval: 15 hours
- VI. Brief description of program (purpose, learning objectives, needs addressed, audience for which program is intended):

(1) To better protect adult female victims and
their children crime victims (2) to bridge the
communication gap between law enforcement, the
medical community and other agencies (3) to bridge
the gap between domestic violence and child
abuse



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TEXAS JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION

P.O. Box 13547, Austin, Texas 78711

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Vicki Spriggs

January 4, 2001

Ms. Patricia L. Hope Kirby
Hope for Children Foundation
P O Box 191028
Dallas, Tx 75219

Fax: 972/392-1955

Dear Ms. Hope:

In response to your request, the following training is approved by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission for the number of training credit hours shown:

<u>Training</u>	<u>Hrs. Approved</u>
Crimes Against Women and Their Children	
Law Enforcement & Prosecution	
Judicial Accountability	13 hrs.

Since juvenile probation staff document training in their own departmental files, you do not need to send a list of the participants to this agency. Thank you for making this training opportunity available for juvenile justice personnel.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Quiros
(eh)

Ronald J. Quiros
Director of Training

RJQ:eh

4900 North Lamar, Austin, Texas 78751

Hope For Children Foundation
and Its Joint Sponsor
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
July 26th and 27th, 2000
Crimes Against Women and Their Children
Law Enforcement & Prosecution, Judicial Accountability

CJD Grant: This activity is made possible by a grant from The US Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Division, State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Violence Against Women Act Fund. **No fee will be charged for this activity.**

Medical Course Director: J. Douglas Crowder, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS.

Target Audience: Physicians, judges, law enforcement, prosecutors, district and US attorneys, child protective service workers, counselors and therapists, other medical professionals, community agencies, organizations and advocates responsible for protecting women and their children crime victims.

Concept and Methods: Video tapes and line speakers will use lecture formats, case presentations and audiovisual resources as well as question and answer discussions.

Educational Objectives: Our overall goal is to enhance the apprehension, prosecution, adjudication of individuals who commit violent acts against women and their children on a state and federal level. At the conclusion of this conference, participants will be able to discuss Federal and State statutes designed to protect the rights of women and their children involved in cases of domestic violence or abuse. This training should effect the overall increase of better protection for adult females and their children crime victims.

Off Label Uses: Because this course is meant to educate physicians with what is currently in use and/or what may be available in the future there may be "off label" or unapproved uses discussed in presentations.

Conflict of Interest: It is the policy of UT Southwestern Medical Center, that participants in CME activities should be made aware of any affiliation or financial interest that may affect the speaker's presentations. Each speaker has been requested to complete a conflict of interest statement. The names of presenters declaring potential conflict of interest will be listed in the activity handout.

MCLE: The State Bar of Texas approves MCLE Credit, 15 Participatory hours of which three hours and fifty minutes include ETHICS.

TCLEOSE Credit: The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and the East Texas Police Academy approve 16 TCLEOSE hours.

Accreditation: "This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and Hope For Children Foundation. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians."

Credit Designation: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas designates this educational activity for a maximum of 14 hours in category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, a regionally accredited institution approves this activity for 16.7 Type II Nursing Contact Hours. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is an accredited university, and therefore this continuing education activity is acceptable for 14 C.E. credits for licensed professional counselors under Rule 681.174(6). The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is an approved provider of social work CMEs. This offering is approved for 1.4 CMEs. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is a regionally accredited institution of higher education and is therefore, under Board Rule 461.11(a)(1)(A) able to assign CE credits for psychologists. The Office of Continuing Education assigns 14 credit hours for psychologists.

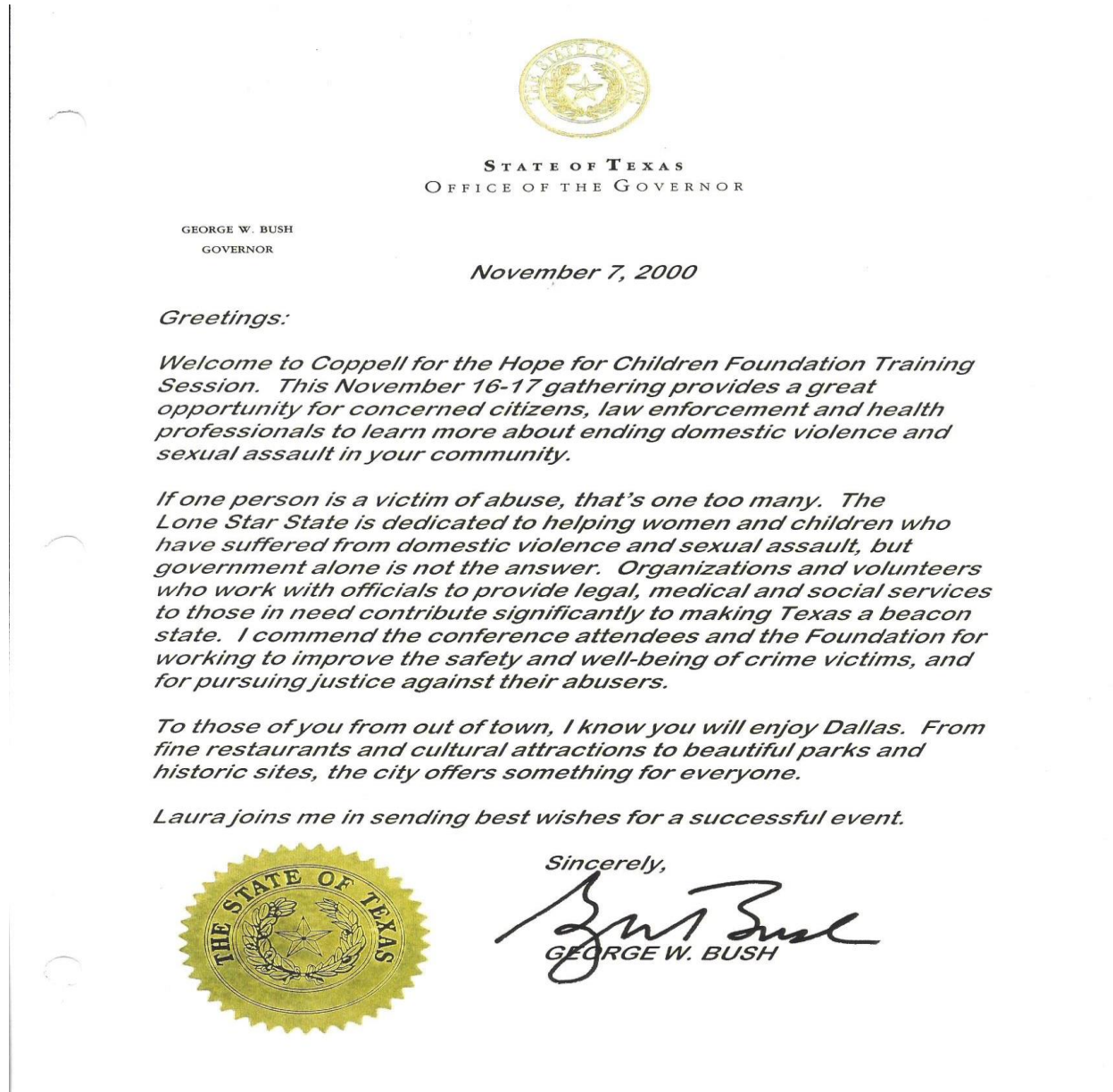
Commercial Support acknowledgement: Johnson Printing Service provided one hundred and fifty training manuals at no cost to HFCF.

Those who request CME credit must complete the CME request form and submit it with a \$15 fee payable to UT Southwestern Medical Center by the close of the last day of training.

Pre/Post Assessment: Accountability is essential and attendees must sign an attendance roll after every break to receive continuing education credit from the accrediting institutions. A pre and post assessment shall be administered to determine the effectiveness of the activity. It is not necessary to place your name on the assessment. **Evaluation:** The evaluation of the effectiveness of the training is very important. Your participation is requested to complete the Training Evaluation Form. An activity evaluation will be administered for determination of the overall training effectiveness.

2000 – 2001 FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE W. BUSH

He provided welcoming letters to be read to the attendees of the Hope for Children Foundation Training Conference encouraging participation in the multidisciplinary training conference.



Former Texas Governor George W. Bush provided multiple similar letters to Hope for Children Foundation to be read at each training conference conducted by Hope for Children Foundation during the years 2000 and 2001. He named the following cities in Texas independently in each letter: Amarillo, Austin, Combs, Coppel, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Dennison, Lufkin, Harlingen, Houston, Killeen, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland, San Angelo, San Antonio, Temple, Tyler, Uvalde, Victorio, and Waco.

2000 – 2001 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Patricia L. Hope Kirby Rasmussen

“CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION & JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY”

Patricia welcomes attendees to the Hope for Children Foundation Training Conference. Patricia shares her personal case, The Patricia Hope Story. Her unfortunate experiences motivated her to establish Hope for Children Foundation for the prevention of cruelty to children. Attorney Charles Campbell is the instructor that shares the important details of her case in hopes to prevent other children and protective parents from falling through the cracks of the legal system. In her case, some system participants acted unlawfully. The evidence is overwhelming. Hope for Children Foundation’s multidisciplinary training model brought together nationally respected professionals whose combined expertise strengthened both the educational experience and the credibility of the statewide training program.



Instructor Attorney Charles Campbell, Keys to Avoiding Mistakes

Charles Campbell provides important details about the Patricia Hope court case. Mr. Campbell’s training curricula created the depth of understanding for each of the two-day training conferences.



Together, Patricia Rasmussen and Attorney Charles Campbell helped bridge the gap between victim advocacy and legal accountability by combining personal experience with practical legal education. The brief introductions transform documents into shocking but true stories.

2000 – 2001 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Training Continued
Instructor Attorney Sara Buel, Law Professor, University of TX, Austin, TX
**“CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
PROSECUTION & JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY”**

Promising Practices for Women Affected by Violence

Review Video Training: <https://hopeforchildrenfoundation.org/training-videos/>



Attorney Sara Buel brought nationally recognized expertise in domestic violence law and victim advocacy, providing participants with practical legal guidance grounded in years of experience.

Some attendees during Hope for Children Foundation Training Conference



1998 – 2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Guided by Faith. Driven by Hope. Protecting Children Together.

2000 – 2001 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Training Continued

Instructor J. Douglas Crowder, M.D. “Real” Experts vs. “Hired Guns”

“CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION & JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY”

Forensic Psychiatrist: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

President, Hope for Children Foundation

Review Video Training: <https://hopeforchildrenfoundation.org/training-videos/>



J. Douglas Crowder, M.D. was a Co-Founder of Hope for Children Foundation and substantial volunteer.

Instructor and Honorable Judge Diane DeVasto

Judicial/Legal Solutions to Protect Victims of Violent Crimes in Texas

Review Video Training: <https://hopeforchildrenfoundation.org/training-videos/>



Judge Diane DeVasto offered valuable judicial insight into the challenges courts face in protecting children and families while ensuring fairness within the legal process.

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2000 – 2001 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Training Continued

Randy Noblitt, PhD Clinical Psychologist

**“CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
PROSECUTION & JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY”**

Psychological Damage Inflicted on Adult Female Victims

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Randy Noblitt, Ph.D.’s work is nationally recognized regarding victim abuse healing & recovery.

Becky Smith, Director Victim Services, U. S. Attorney’s Office Tyler, TX

Federal Services Provided for Victims of Federal Crimes

Review Video Training: <https://hopeforchildrenfoundation.org/training-videos/>



Becky Smith provides a wealth of information including recovery resources to victims of crime.

1998 – 2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Guided by Faith. Driven by Hope. Protecting Children Together.

2000 – 2001 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Training Continued
Former Assistant United States Attorney Mike McCrum

**“CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN, LAW ENFORCEMENT,
PROSECUTION & JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY”**

Western District of Texas

Violence Against Women Act Making a Federal Case for Victims of Abuse

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Federal Court Sometimes Offer Greater Benefits to Victims When the Victim Qualifies



2003 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Hope for Children Foundation is honored to accept and approve community leaders as members of the Board of Directors. Doctors were primarily selected to participate as board members due to their wealth of knowledge relating to injuries to victims of violence. Dr. Maynard F. Ewton, Jr., M.D., Medical Director of Presbyterian Healthcare System was a member of the Board of Directors of Hope for Children Foundation. Many Medical Directors and/or the Chiefs of Emergency Services of hospitals located in the Dallas Texas area served as members of the Board of Director along with various other members throughout the years. Please review the Board of Director information in this report for a complete list of members who have served Hope for Children Foundation.



8440 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 830
Dallas, TX 75231

March 3, 2003

Patricia L. Hope Kirby
Executive Director
Hope for Children Foundation
P.O. Box 191028
Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear Ms. Hope Kirby:

I am delighted to accept the invitation to be considered for membership on the Board of Directors for the Hope For Children Foundation. I have reviewed the materials and activities of the organization and consider them extremely important to bring more visibility to the critical issues of domestic violence. You have my permission to use my name on stationary and promotional materials as a member of the Board.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maynard F. Ewton, Jr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Maynard F. Ewton, Jr., M.D.
Medical Director
Presbyterian Healthcare System

MFE/lg

2003 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION 1st Liberty & Justice Walk

The Liberty & Justice Walks united families, professionals, elected officials, volunteers, and community organizations in raising public awareness about child abuse prevention and the importance of protecting vulnerable children.

Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Big “D” Band Performed during the Walk



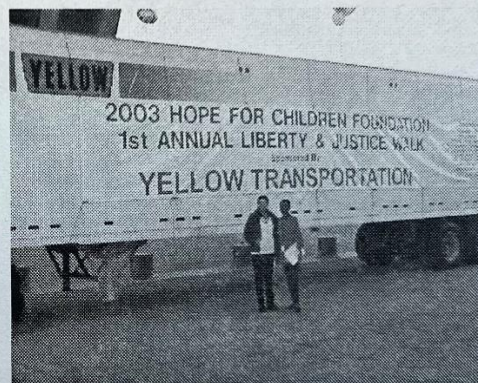
2003 Yellow Transportation supporting the Hope for Children Foundation
1st Liberty & Justice Walk (Copy from internal newspaper.)

Doing Right By Children Gets Help From Yellow

Company Pitches In During Foundation's Dallas Fund-Raiser

DALLAS,
Texas - City Hall Plaza in downtown Dallas was buzzing with activity Saturday, Oct. 25. A child advocacy organization launched a major effort to raise more than \$1 million to support its work.

Yellow, in cooperation with



Yellow assisted at a recent charitable event in Dallas, Texas. The company supported Hope For Children Foundation, a child advocacy group. Yellow loaned equipment, and employees gave their time. Patricia L. Hope Kirby, the foundation's executive director, presides in front of a Yellow tractor. Rolayne Vanbuskirk, city sales manager – DAL, is with an event coordinator in front of a banner-festooned trailer.

2004 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Hope for Children Foundation 2nd LIBERTY & JUSTICE WALK
Uniting families, professionals, elected officials, volunteers, and community organizations in raising public awareness about child abuse prevention.



AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER, Dallas, TX

2005 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION TOY DRIVE

The Toy Drive benefited children in Dallas, TX. The Dallas Police Department Santa Cops were instrumental in the safe and joyful distribution of the toys to local children.



2006 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Instructor Clarice Grimes, M.D., a former board member and Officer of Hope for Children Foundation. The training initiatives she supported help strengthen the charity's growing network of professionals committed to protecting children through education, collaboration & prevention.

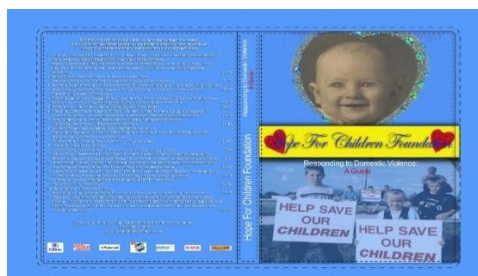


2003 – 2019 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness events were conducted throughout the State of Texas. In addition, the toy drives and Galas helped spread awareness while celebrating the lives of children, teens, families, and other adults. We thank Walmart Stores, Sam's Clubs, and other businesses for offering their facilities to conduct Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Events.

2009 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The Hope for Children Foundation training curricula was created and distributed in the form of a DVD. The following is a sample of the cover for the container in which the DVD was distributed. A Guide: Domestic Violence Prevention was created for distribution with the DVD.



2012 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The Hope for Children Foundation website was redesigned. Additional free online video training was added to enhance the quality of life and benefit children, teens, families, and other adults.



2013 – 2018 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

When Hope for Children Foundation was incorporated in 1998, the Founders believed that all appropriate legal filings necessary to establish and protect the organization's identity had been completed. As the charity's educational outreach expanded nationally, it was brought to the organization's attention in late 2012 that multiple entities were using the names "Hope for Children" and "Hope for Children Foundation." During that review, the charity also learned that a federal trademark registration had been issued to another entity for a conflicting mark.

Recognizing the importance of protecting the charity's long-established identity and reputation, Hope for Children Foundation retained attorneys John and Diana Cone to represent the organization in legal proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Over several years, they generously devoted their highly specialized legal expertise to defending the charity's trademark rights and preserving the integrity of its public identity. Their dedication and perseverance resulted in the successful protection of Hope for Children Foundation's trademarks in International Classes 36 and 41.



Patricia L. Rasmussen

John Cone and Diana Cone

John and Diana Cone specialize in Trademark law. John Cone was also a professor at SMU, (Southern Methodist University) located in Dallas, Texas, specializing in Trademark Law.

Thank you, John and Diana, for your exceptional professionalism, generosity, compassion, unwavering dedication, and steadfast commitment to protecting children. We are especially grateful for your tireless efforts in preserving the Hope for Children Foundation's name, identity, and trademarks through their successful protection and registration with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2018 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The registration shown on this page represents the first of several significant federal trademark registrations secured through the dedicated legal work of John and Diana Cone. Their diligence and perseverance helped protect Hope for Children Foundation's identity and mission, preserving the charity's ability to continue serving children, teens, families, and professionals throughout the United States. Additional registrations are presented in this report.

United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Reg. No. 5,409,810

Registered Feb. 27, 2018

Int. Cl.: 41

Service Mark

Principal Register

Hope For Children Foundation (TEXAS non-profit corporation)
4925 Greenville Ave. Suite 200
Dallas, TEXAS 75206

CLASS 41: Educational and entertainment services, namely, providing in person and online video streaming training and education in the form of classes, seminars, and workshops to first responders and the general public to better protect children and adult victims from violent crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence in the field of crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence

FIRST USE 4-2-1998; IN COMMERCE 6-1-1998

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT STYLE, SIZE OR COLOR

No claim is made to the exclusive right to use the following apart from the mark as shown: "FOUNDATION"

SER. NO. 85-673,965, FILED 07-11-2012



Andrei Iancu
Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office

2018 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION TOY DRIVE

Beyond education, Hope for Children Foundation believes bringing hope directly to children and families is an essential part of its mission.

Hope for Children Foundation Toy Drive with Santa Cops Dallas Police



2018 HOPE FOR CHILDREN GALA Continued

The A+ Academy Choir entertained kids and families!



1998 – 2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION Guided by Faith. Driven by Hope. Protecting Children Together.

2019 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Protecting the Hope for Children Foundation's identity ensures that future generations can continue building upon its mission with confidence and integrity. The official United States Trademark name HOPE FOR CHILDREN was approved and Registered with the International Class of 36 and 41, through the generous services of John and Diana Cone.

United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office

HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Reg. No. 5,731,475

Registered Apr. 23, 2019

Int. Cl.: 36, 41

Service Mark

Principal Register

Hope For Children Foundation (TEXAS non-profit corporation)
4925 Greenville Ave. Suite 200
Dallas, TEXAS 75206

CLASS 36: charitable fundraising services in the field of child abuse assistance to underprivileged children, sexual assault and domestic violence

FIRST USE 6-1-1998; IN COMMERCE 6-1-1998

CLASS 41: providing training and education in the form of classes, seminars and videos in the fields of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence

FIRST USE 6-1-1998; IN COMMERCE 6-1-1998

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT STYLE, SIZE OR COLOR

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 5409810

SER. NO. 87-904,097, FILED 05-02-2018



Andrei Iancu

Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office

2019 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Hope for Children Foundation received a federal trademark registration from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for its official logo featuring two hearts and a central candle in International Classes 36 and 41. This important protection was secured through the generous pro bono legal services of attorneys John and Diana Cone.

Hope for Children®



United States of America
United States Patent and Trademark Office



Reg. No. 5,719,413

Registered Apr. 09, 2019

Int. Cl.: 36, 41

Service Mark

Principal Register

HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION (TEXAS non-profit corporation)
4925 Greenville Ave., Suite 200
Dallas, TEXAS 75206

CLASS 36: charitable fundraising services

FIRST USE 2-1-2018; IN COMMERCE 2-1-2018

CLASS 41: providing training and education in the form of seminars in the fields of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence

FIRST USE 2-7-2018; IN COMMERCE 2-7-2018

The color(s) red, white, and yellow is/are claimed as a feature of the mark.

The mark consists of a red candle with a yellow flame in a white heart, all of which is surrounded by a red heart.

SER. NO. 87-800,256, FILED 02-16-2018



Andrew K. Lerner
Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office

2019 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The Hope for Children Foundation's official seven-candle logo was granted federal trademark registration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in International Classes 36 and 41. This important protection was made possible through the dedicated pro bono legal services of attorneys John and Diana Cone. attorneys John and Diana Cone.

Hope for Children Foundation®



United States of America

United States Patent and Trademark Office



Reg. No. 5,719,428

Registered Apr. 09, 2019

Int. Cl.: 36, 41

Service Mark

Principal Register

HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION (TEXAS non-profit corporation)
4925 Greenville Ave., Suite 200
Dallas, TEXAS 75206

CLASS 36: charitable fundraising services

FIRST USE 9-1-2017; IN COMMERCE 9-1-2017

CLASS 41: providing training and education in the form of seminars in the fields of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence

FIRST USE 9-1-2017; IN COMMERCE 9-1-2017

The color(s) red, orange, cream, tan, coral, burgundy, yellow orange, black, gray and blue is/are claimed as a feature of the mark.

The mark consists of seven candles in cream, burgundy, coral, burgundy, tan, red and orange with a black wick and flames in yellow orange, all of which are sitting on top of blue and gray colored rocks.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 4423974

SER. NO. 87-803,149, FILED 02-20-2018



Andrew Kamen
Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office

2019 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION TOY DRIVE

The Hope for Children Foundation Toy Drive brought together volunteers, community leaders, law enforcement, businesses, and generous donors to ensure that children and families experienced the joy, hope, and kindness of the Christmas season. More than the distribution of gifts, the event reminded children that they are valued, cared for, and supported by a community committed to their well-being. The following photographs capture the spirit of generosity, partnership, and joy that made this special event possible.

Hope for Children Foundation Toy Drive with Santa Cops Dallas Police & U.S. Marines



2019 HOPE FOR CHILDREN GALA

The Gala was more than an evening of celebration. It was a gathering of compassionate hearts united by a shared purpose. These photographs capture the friendships, laughter, and spirit of generosity that continue to inspire Hope for Children Foundation's mission of protecting children and strengthening families.



The Party Machine Band with Emerald City Band brought the music for kids and families to dance!



Pamela Mason, Patricia Rasmussen
Dr. Brenton White, Dr. J. Douglas Crowder



Robert Hope, Santa & Fannie Hope
Charity Named in Honor of Mrs. F. Hope



Sheree Baur
Charity Board Member



2020 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Hope for Children Foundation gratefully received a non-cash contribution from Google Inc. in the amount of \$368,164 through the Google Ad Grants program. This generous advertising grant expanded awareness of the charity's free online educational resources, helping connect children, teens, parents, educators, medical professionals, law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and other professionals throughout the United States with training designed to help prevent child abuse, domestic violence, and related forms of victimization.

IS CHILD ABUSE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY?

Year of Child Abuse Reports	Estimated & Rounded Child Abuse Referrals	Rounded Number of Confirmed Child Victims	Estimated Number of Affected Children
2020	3,135,000	618,000	6,000,000
2019	3,476,000	656,000	6,000,000
2018	3,534,000	677,000	6,000,000
2017	3,501,000	674,000	7,500,000
2016	3,500,000	676,000	6,000,000
2015	3,358,000	683,000	6,000,000
2014	3,261,000	675,000	6,000,000
2013	3,500,000	678,932	6,000,000
2012	3,400,000	686,000	6,000,000
2011	3,081,000	658,000	6,000,000
2010	3,300,000	436,321	5,900,000
2009	3,300,000	729,300	6,000,000
2008	3,700,000	772,000	6,000,000
2007	3,200,000	806,400	6,000,000
2006	3,573,000	905,000	6,000,000
2005	3,598,000	899,000	6,000,000



2021 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Google Inc. provided Hope for Children Foundation with a non-cash advertising grant valued at \$454,064, significantly expanding the charity's ability to reach individuals and professionals across the United States. Through this support, the charity promoted its free online training and educational resources, helping advance child abuse prevention, domestic violence awareness, and family safety nationwide.

2022 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Google Inc.'s continued generosity through a non-cash advertising grant valued at \$507,701 strengthened Hope for Children Foundation's ability to share its free educational resources with communities throughout the United States. This partnership helped extend the charity's mission by directing individuals and professionals to online training focused on child protection, domestic violence prevention, and family safety.

2023 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION's Website & Online Presence



2024 HOPE FOR CHILDREN GALA

Celebrating Children and Their Families



2024 Hope for Children Gala Continued

Bringing hope directly to children!



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2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN GALA

A Celebration of Hope, Joy, and Community - Bringing Purpose, Protection, and Opportunity



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2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN GALA Continued

Every Child Deserves to Smile... Together, volunteers, educators, law enforcement, families, and community partners made Christmas brighter for over 1,400 children during multiple days of the Hope for Children Galas.



Google Ad Grant (Non-Cash): \$2,595,754

Supporting Hope for Children Foundation (During Years 2015 – 2025) in America

Google Ad Grants

Year	Amount
2015	\$ 69,808
2016	\$ 212,543
2017	\$ 456,136
2018	\$ 63,785
2019	\$ 73,825
2020	\$ 368,164
2021	\$ 454,064
2022	\$ 507,701
2023	\$ 349,928
2024	\$ 25,700
2025	\$ 14,100

For every dollar (whether non-cash or cash) contributed to Hope for Children Foundation, we have leveraged substantial additional resources to educate and protect children first in the United States, via the Internet, and around the world. Unlike a cash grant, Google Ad Grants provides qualified nonprofit organizations with donated online advertising that helps educational resources reach millions of people searching for information and assistance. This extraordinary support expanded Hope for Children Foundation's ability to provide free education nationwide.



National Recognition Beyond Texas Sheila and Larry Barr

Friends and National Supporters of Hope for Children Foundation

Throughout its twenty-seven-year history, Hope for Children Foundation has been blessed by remarkable individuals whose friendship, generosity, and belief in its mission opened doors that might otherwise never have existed. Among those special friends are Sheila and Larry Barr, founders of Country Thunder USA, one of America's premier country music festivals.



The charity's relationship with Sheila and Larry began during preparations for Country Thunder Texas in Ennis, Texas. Hope for Children Foundation was approved to participate as a nonprofit organization, providing educational information and resources to festival attendees. Although unusually heavy flooding rain created difficult conditions that year, leaving much of the festival grounds covered in mud and significantly affecting cancellations, something far more valuable emerged, a lasting friendship built on mutual respect and a shared commitment to helping others.

As Patricia Rasmussen came to know Sheila better, she learned that Sheila had previously served as a law enforcement officer whose responsibilities included investigating sexual assault. Having witnessed firsthand the devastating impact abuse has on children and families, Sheila immediately understood the importance of Hope for Children Foundation's mission to prevent abuse through education, awareness, and early intervention. Believing deeply in the charity's work, Sheila encouraged Larry to support the organization, and together they became valued friends and advocates for the Hope for Children Foundation mission.

Recognizing the importance of Hope for Children Foundation's educational outreach, Larry and Sheila invited the charity to participate during an annual Country Thunder USA festival in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. That invitation introduced Hope for Children Foundation to one of the nation's largest country music festivals, attended by tens of thousands of people from across the United States. The attendance was estimated to be about 50,000 people per day.

Throughout the multi-day festivals, Hope for Children Foundation received exceptional visibility. The charity was provided a premier booth location near the main entrance, where thousands of visitors passed each day. A large professionally designed Hope for Children Foundation display welcomed festival attendees, while volunteers shared educational information and resources promoting child abuse prevention and family safety.

Sheila and Larry Barr – Continued: The charity's name appeared repeatedly on the festival's giant JUMBO TRON video screens, and announcements from the main concert stage regularly invited attendees to visit the charity's exhibit. Hope for Children Foundation also hosted family-friendly dance activities that brought children, parents, and festival guests together in a fun, welcoming environment while introducing them to the mission of Hope for Children Foundation.

Beyond the festivals, Sheila generously shared her creative talents by volunteering to help design the cover of the 2009 Hope for Children Foundation Annual Report. Her thoughtful design beautifully reflected the charity's vision by portraying children, caring professionals, positive relationships with law enforcement, and the hope that every child deserves to live free from abuse. Her helpful creativity became another lasting contribution to the charity's history.

Larry and Sheila's friendship extended beyond festival participation. Their confidence in Hope for Children Foundation's leadership led to discussions regarding additional opportunities that reflected their sincere desire to help strengthen the charity's future. Although changing business circumstances prevented those opportunities from moving forward, their confidence in the charity demonstrated the trust and respect that had developed through years of friendship.

Larry Barr was widely respected as an innovative entrepreneur whose vision helped build Country Thunder USA into one of America's premier country music festivals. Those who knew him personally also knew him as a man of integrity, generosity, kindness, and genuine compassion for others. Sheila's servant's heart, combined with her professional understanding of the realities faced by abused children and families, made her an especially meaningful friend and supporter of Patricia and the Hope for Children Foundation.

Hope for Children Foundation gratefully honors the memory of Larry Barr and extends its heartfelt appreciation to Sheila Barr for her enduring friendship, encouragement, generosity, and unwavering belief in the charity's mission. Their kindness helped expand Hope for Children Foundation's national visibility and became a treasured chapter in the charity's twenty-seven-year journey of protecting children.



2009 Hope for Children Foundation Annual Report

The cover design was created with the help of Sheila Barr, whose friendship, creativity, and steadfast support helped advance Hope for Children Foundation's mission of protecting children through education, prevention & hope.

The friendship of Sheila and Larry Barr serves as a lasting reminder that when compassionate people from different professions and different parts of the country unite around a common purpose, together they can bring hope, healing, and greater protection to children and families.

Thank you, Sheila and Larry, for your unwavering love and dedication to helping children. Larry, your kindness, generosity, and faithful service continue to inspire us. We miss you dearly. Sheila, we love you and deeply appreciate all you continue to do to help protect children. With our love and gratitude, your friend, Patricia and everyone at Hope for Children Foundation.

THE STATE OF CHILD PROTECTION IN AMERICA

Behind every statistic is a child with hopes, dreams, and unlimited potential. Although the challenges described in this section are significant, they are not beyond our ability to address. Education, collaboration, early intervention, and informed public policy continue to offer hope for lasting change.

More Than Half a Million Children Identified as Victims in One Year



The most recent national data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reveal that child abuse and neglect remain a serious and persistent threat to children throughout the United States. During federal fiscal year 2024, child protective services agencies received millions of referrals concerning the possible abuse or neglect of children. Approximately 4.37 million referrals were received, and 2,058,720 were accepted, or “screened in” for an investigation or an alternative response by child protective services.

Following these investigations and assessments, an estimated 532,228 children were determined by state child protection agencies to be victims of child abuse or neglect. This represents a national victimization rate of 7.2 children for every 1,000 children in the United States. These figures represent only the children whose circumstances became known to child protective services and whose maltreatment was substantiated, indicated, or otherwise classified as victimization under state reporting systems. They do not include every child who experienced abuse but was never identified, reported, investigated, or confirmed by authorities.

2024 NATIONAL CHILD MALTREATMENT STATISTICS

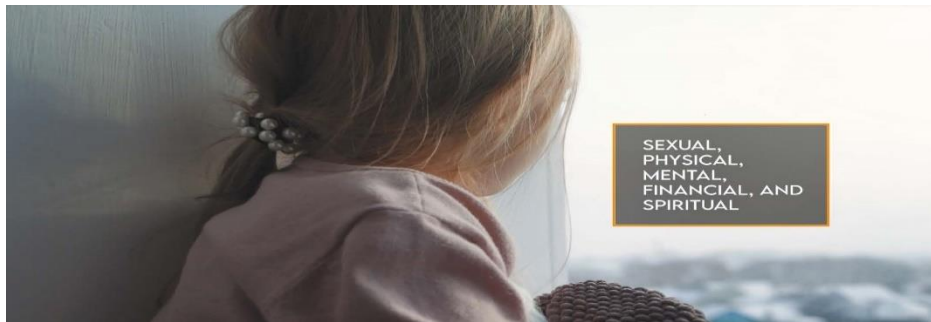
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- The national victimization rate was 7.2 victims for every 1,000 children.
- 376,818 children, approximately 70.8 percent of all identified victims, were first-time victims.
- Children from birth through age two accounted for approximately 26 percent of all identified victims.
- Infants younger than one year experienced the highest victimization rate, at approximately 20.1 victims for every 1,000 infants.
- An estimated 1,773 children died from abuse or neglect during 2024.

THE VARIOUS FORMS OF MALTREATMENT

Recognizing these forms of abuse is the first step toward preventing them.



Children may experience more than one form of maltreatment. Consequently, categories may overlap and percentages should not be added together as if each child experienced only one type.



Neglect remained the most frequently identified form of maltreatment. Federal data indicate that approximately 79.3 percent of victims experienced neglect, either alone or in combination with another form of maltreatment.

Physical abuse was reported for approximately 19 percent of identified victims, representing more than 101,000 children.

Sexual abuse was reported for approximately 9.4 percent of identified victims, representing 50,000 children.

Psychological or emotional maltreatment was reported for approximately 7.7 percent of identified victims, representing more than 41,000 children.

Other reported forms of maltreatment included medical neglect, threatened abuse or neglect, sex trafficking, and categories defined under individual state laws and reporting systems.

Neglect should never be mistaken for an insignificant or harmless condition. It can involve the failure to provide adequate food, shelter, medical care, supervision, protection, or other necessities essential to a child's safety and development. At the same time, poverty by itself is not child neglect. Families facing hardship may require practical assistance and supportive services rather than punishment.

THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN FACE THE GREATEST DANGER

The federal data demonstrate that the youngest and most dependent children remain especially vulnerable. Protecting our youngest children requires vigilance, education, and communities willing to act before tragedy occurs.

Infants younger than one year had the highest rate of identified victimization of any age group. They also face a disproportionate risk of fatal maltreatment because they are physically fragile, entirely dependent upon adults, and often unable to communicate what has happened to them.

Children from birth through age two represented approximately one-fourth of all identified victims in 2024. This reality underscores the need for early prevention, caregiver education, home-visiting and family-support programs, responsible medical observation, and prompt action when warning signs are present.

CHILD FATALITIES

An estimated 1,773 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in 2024. This represents almost five children being lost every day.

Young children continue to constitute a large share of these fatalities. Their age, physical vulnerability, and complete dependence upon caregivers can make severe maltreatment especially difficult to detect before it becomes life-threatening.

Each fatality represents far more than a statistic. It represents a child whose future was taken, a family and community permanently changed, and a failure of protection that must compel continued action.

WHAT THE STATISTICS DO - AND DO NOT - TELL US

The Child Maltreatment report is the nation's principal source of information concerning abuse and neglect known to state child protective services agencies. However, the statistics should be interpreted carefully.

State definitions, laws, screening practices, investigative standards, information systems, and methods of classifying maltreatment differ. States also participate in the federal reporting system and submit administrative information collected through their own child welfare systems.

For these reasons, changes in reported victimization may reflect several factors, including changes in reporting, screening, staffing, investigations, policies, data systems, or access to children, not necessarily an equivalent change in the actual occurrence of child abuse.

The federal statistics also cannot measure the full extent of hidden maltreatment. Many children cannot disclose abuse, do not understand what is happening, fear retaliation, are not believed, or have no safe adult to whom they can turn.

Other cases may be reported but screened out, remain unsubstantiated because evidence is unavailable, or never reach the attention of child protective services.

WHY PREVENTION AND EDUCATION MATTER

Hope for Children Foundation was established on this very principle, which educating those who protect children is one of the most effective forms of prevention.



The 2024 findings reinforce the continuing need for effective prevention, public education, professional training, early recognition, responsible reporting, and coordinated responses among medical professionals, law enforcement officers, educators, social-service personnel, prosecutors, judges, caregivers, and community organizations.

No single agency or profession can protect children alone. Children are safest when the adults and institutions surrounding them understand the warning signs, communicate responsibly, respond promptly, and place the safety and well-being of the child first.

Hope for Children Foundation believes education is an essential part of prevention. By making child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, victim-support, and family-resource information available without charge, the organization seeks to help individuals and professionals recognize danger, understand available resources, and take responsible action before another child is harmed.

Behind every number is a child. Every child deserves to be heard. Every child deserves to be believed. Every child deserves protection. Every child deserves hope.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, Child Maltreatment 2024, released January 16, 2026. Data represent child maltreatment known to state child protective services agencies during federal fiscal year 2024.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE CHILDREN LIVING IN ITS SHADOW

Domestic violence is far more than a conflict between adults. It is a public health and public safety issue that can profoundly affect every member of a family, especially children. Children living in homes affected by domestic violence often become the unseen victims of trauma, even when they are not the direct targets of abuse.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines intimate partner violence as physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, or psychological aggression committed by a current or former intimate partner. Millions of Americans experience intimate partner violence during their lifetimes, making it one of the most widespread forms of violence in the United States.

Although many children are never physically assaulted, they often become silent victims by witnessing violence in their homes. Exposure to repeated fear, threats, intimidation, or assaults can affect a child's emotional well-being, physical health, learning, relationships, and sense of security.

Research has shown that children exposed to domestic violence are at greater risk of anxiety, depression, behavioral difficulties, poor academic performance, substance abuse, and future involvement in violent relationships if intervention does not occur. Exposure to violence during childhood is also recognized as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE), which can contribute to long-term health challenges throughout adulthood.

Domestic violence frequently overlaps with child abuse. While not every family experiencing intimate partner violence has child abuse, the presence of violence in the home can increase risks for neglect, emotional harm, physical injury, and trauma affecting children.

Protecting children therefore requires more than responding after violence occurs. It requires education, healthy relationships, early intervention, coordinated community responses, and support services that strengthen families before violence escalates.

Hope for Children Foundation believes that educating parents, professionals, and communities about domestic violence is an essential component of protecting children. Every child deserves to grow up in a home where love replaces fear, respect replaces intimidation, and hope replaces violence.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: EXPLOITATION HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Awareness, education, and coordinated community action remain among the strongest tools available for identifying victims, preventing exploitation, and restoring hope.

Human trafficking is one of the most serious forms of exploitation affecting children and vulnerable adults throughout the United States and around the world. It often occurs in places where people least expect it—including neighborhoods, schools, hotels, businesses, online platforms, and even within relationships that appear trustworthy.

Federal law recognizes two primary forms of human trafficking: sex trafficking and labor trafficking. Children who are exploited in commercial sex acts are legally considered victims of trafficking regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion can be proven.

Traffickers frequently target individuals who are especially vulnerable, including children who have experienced abuse, neglect, family instability, homelessness, foster care placement, poverty, substance abuse within the home, or social isolation. They often use manipulation, deception, emotional dependency, threats, intimidation, or promises of love, protection, employment, or financial security to gain and maintain control over victims.

Because trafficking is intentionally hidden, the true number of victims remains unknown. Many victims never report their exploitation due to fear, shame, trauma, threats against themselves or their families, or distrust of authorities. As a result, reported cases represent only a portion of the problem.

Preventing trafficking begins long before exploitation occurs. It begins by protecting children from abuse, strengthening families, educating young people about grooming and manipulation, training professionals to recognize warning signs, and creating communities where vulnerable individuals are seen, valued, and protected.

Hope for Children Foundation believes that education is one of the strongest tools available to prevent exploitation. By increasing public awareness, promoting healthy relationships, encouraging responsible reporting, and providing free educational resources, we seek to reduce the circumstances that allow traffickers to prey upon vulnerable children and families.

Every child deserves the freedom to grow, learn, dream, and live without fear of exploitation. Protecting children from trafficking is not solely the responsibility of law enforcement, it is a responsibility shared by families, educators, healthcare professionals, community leaders, faith communities, businesses, and every citizen willing to recognize the warning signs and take action.

WHAT CAN BE DONE? FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION

The statistics presented in this report show far more than numbers. Behind every report is a child whose life may be forever changed by abuse, neglect, domestic violence, or exploitation.

The good news is that child abuse is not inevitable.

Research, experience, and the work of thousands of dedicated professionals have demonstrated that many forms of child maltreatment can be prevented through education, early intervention, coordinated community responses, and public awareness.

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe home, attend a safe school, and live in a community where adults understand how to recognize abuse, respond appropriately, and protect vulnerable children before tragedy occurs.

Preventing abuse requires more than reacting after a child has already been harmed. It requires a national commitment to strengthening families, educating communities, supporting professionals, and investing in prevention.

Hope for Children Foundation was established upon one simple belief:

The best way to protect children is to prevent abuse before it occurs whenever possible.

For more than twenty-seven years, Hope for Children Foundation has worked to make prevention resources available without charge by providing educational materials, professional training, public awareness initiatives, and online resources that help children, families, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges, counselors, and community leaders recognize danger and respond appropriately.

Protecting children cannot be accomplished by one organization alone. It requires families. Schools. Healthcare professionals. Law enforcement. The courts. Faith communities. Businesses. Community organizations. Government agencies. And ordinary citizens who are willing to recognize the warning signs and take responsible action.

When communities work together, children are safer. When professionals work together, children are safer. When education reaches families before violence occurs, children are safer. When prevention becomes a national priority, countless children may be spared the lifelong consequences of abuse. Hope begins when people choose to act.



A National Call to Protect America's Children

Every generation is remembered for the causes it chose to confront. Protecting children must be one of ours. Hope for Children Foundation respectfully encourages policymakers, community leaders, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and citizens to work together toward a stronger national commitment to protecting children.

Among the initiatives deserving serious national consideration are:

Increase Public Awareness

Develop sustained national awareness campaigns that educate families and communities about recognizing abuse, reporting concerns, and accessing available resources.

Expand Prevention Education

Increase age-appropriate prevention education in schools while providing parents and caregivers with practical tools to strengthen families and reduce risk factors.

Strengthen Professional Training

Expand multidisciplinary training opportunities for law enforcement officers, medical professionals, educators, prosecutors, judges, counselors, and child advocacy professionals.

Improve Services for Victims

Increase access to trauma-informed counseling, advocacy services, medical care, legal assistance, and long-term recovery resources for child victims and their families.

Invest in Mental Health

Expand access to evidence-based mental health services for children, families, and survivors whose lives have been affected by abuse or violence.

Support Research

Continue federal and state research that improves our understanding of child abuse prevention, early intervention, treatment, and long-term outcomes.

Invest in Prevention Organizations

Increase public and private investment in nonprofit organizations that provide education, prevention programs, community outreach, and support services designed to reduce child abuse before it occurs.

National Recommendation to Congress and the President of the United States

Declare Child Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation a National Emergency

Potential reasons:

- Millions of child abuse reports annually.
- Long-term mental health impacts.
- Increased risk of substance abuse.
- Increased risk of suicide.
- Increased risk of homelessness.
- Increased risk of criminal victimization.
- Enormous economic costs to society.

Potential actions:

- National awareness campaign.
- School-based prevention programs.
- Enhanced victim services.
- Increased law enforcement training.
- Expanded mental health services.
- Federal research initiatives.
- Grant funding for prevention organizations.

These issues align directly with Hope for Children Foundation's mission.

Answers to Resolving the Child Abuse Epidemic in Every State

A National and State Call to Action

For more than two decades, federal agencies, national task forces, child-development specialists, medical professionals, legal experts, educators, law-enforcement leaders, survivors, and child advocates have repeatedly explained how the United States can prevent child abuse and respond more effectively when it occurs.

The recommendations have not been hidden. They have been studied, published, presented to government officials, and made available to the public. Yet implementation has remained fragmented. Programs are frequently temporary, professional training varies widely, state definitions and investigative standards are inconsistent, prevention services remain underfunded, and children continue to encounter systems that too often operate separately rather than together.

The 2012 Attorney General's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence described children's exposure to violence as a national crisis and warned that abuse can produce lifelong physical, developmental, emotional, educational, and behavioral consequences. The Task Force

called for coordinated leadership, universal public awareness, professional education, early identification, trauma-informed treatment, multidisciplinary collaboration, stronger institutional reporting policies, and meaningful participation by young people.

Earlier prevention guidance from the Child Welfare Information Gateway emphasized that preventing maltreatment is not solely the responsibility of child protective services. Parents, relatives, neighbors, educators, health-care providers, faith communities, businesses, civic organizations, law enforcement, courts, and government leaders all have a role in strengthening families and protecting children.

The following actions combine the strongest recommendations contained in these reports and laws into a practical framework that **every state should adopt and fully fund**.

1. Establish Permanent State Leadership and Accountability

Every governor and state legislature should formally recognize child abuse, child sexual exploitation, trafficking, domestic violence exposure, and other forms of violence against children as urgent public-health and public-safety concerns.

Each state should establish a permanent *Children's Safety and Violence Prevention Council* with sufficient authority to coordinate:

- Child protective services;
- Law enforcement and prosecutors;
- Courts and court-appointed representatives;
- Medical and mental health professionals;
- Public and private schools;
- Domestic violence and sexual assault programs;
- Children's advocacy centers;
- Tribal governments;
- Disability advocates;
- Faith-based and community organizations;
- Survivors, parents, and youth representatives.

The council should publish an annual public report identifying measurable progress, continuing failures, unmet needs, funding levels, child fatalities, repeat maltreatment, investigation delays, service shortages, and corrective actions.

The Attorney General's Task Force specifically urged leadership at the highest levels of government and coordinated implementation rather than isolated programs or short-term initiatives.

2. Make Prevention the First Priority

States must stop treating child abuse prevention as a secondary program that receives attention only after a tragedy occurs.

Every state should provide stable, multi-year funding for:

- Evidence-informed parent education;
- Voluntary home-visiting programs;
- Family resource centers;
- Affordable childcare;
- Respite care and crisis nurseries;
- Substance-use and mental-health treatment;
- Domestic violence services;
- Housing, food, transportation, and emergency assistance;
- Parenting support for families of children with disabilities;
- Programs for fathers and other caregivers;
- Services in rural and underserved communities.

Economic hardship alone should not be confused with neglect. When a child can remain safe with a loving family through food, housing, medical care, childcare, transportation, or another concrete support, the appropriate response should be assistance, not unnecessary family separation. Current federal guidance recognizes that concrete economic support can strengthen families and reduce conditions associated with maltreatment.

3. Provide Age-Appropriate Safety and Prevention Education

Every state should require developmentally appropriate education that instructs children:

- That their bodies belong to them;
- The difference between safe, unsafe, and confusing behavior;
- How grooming and manipulation may occur;
- That abuse is never the child's fault;
- How to identify trusted adults;
- How and where to seek help;
- Basic digital and online safety;
- Healthy relationships, boundaries, consent, empathy, and respect.

Education must be adapted for children of different ages and abilities, including children who are nonverbal, developmentally delayed, or living with disabilities. Children with disabilities may face increased vulnerability because of dependence upon caregivers, communication barriers, isolation, inadequate safety education, and limited access to services.

Parents and guardians should be given access to the curriculum and encouraged to reinforce the lessons at home. Programs should never place the entire burden of prevention on children; adults and institutions remain responsible for protecting them.

4. Require Comprehensive Professional Training

Every professional whose work brings him or her into contact with children should receive meaningful preservice and continuing education concerning:

- Child abuse and neglect;
- Child sexual abuse and grooming;
- Domestic violence and children exposed to violence;
- Human trafficking and online exploitation;
- Trauma and child development;
- Medical indicators of maltreatment;
- Delayed disclosure and recantation;
- Proper interviewing practices;
- Mandatory reporting requirements;
- Evidence preservation;
- Cultural and disability considerations;
- The effects of bias;
- Victim-centered and trauma-informed responses.

Training should be required for judges, attorneys, prosecutors, law-enforcement officers, child-protection workers, educators, physicians, nurses, mental-health professionals, child-care workers, foster parents, guardians ad litem, court-appointed special advocates, clergy, coaches, youth volunteers, and residential-care personnel.

A brief online presentation or signed acknowledgment should not be treated as sufficient professional preparation. Competency should be demonstrated and periodically renewed. The Attorney General’s Task Force called for professional education across disciplines and recommended that all professional serving violence-exposed children learn to provide trauma-informed care.

5. Identify Abuse and Trauma as Early as Possible

Professionals in health care, education, mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, domestic violence services, and other child-serving settings should be trained to recognize exposure to violence and to respond safely.

States should establish appropriate screening and referral procedures while protecting children from unnecessary, repetitive, or suggestive questioning. Screening should not become a substitute for a qualified forensic interview or a complete investigation.

When abuse or exposure to violence is suspected, children should receive prompt access to:

- A professionally trained forensic interviewer;
- A medical evaluation when indicated;
- Trauma and mental health assessment;
- A safety plan;
- Victim advocacy;
- Legal assistance when necessary;
- Evidence-informed treatment;
- Support for the nonoffending protective parent or caregiver.

The national Task Force recommended that children exposed to violence be identified, screened, and assessed and that professionals who encounter children be prepared to connect them with trauma-informed services.

6. Strengthen Multidisciplinary Investigations

Every state should require genuine multidisciplinary cooperation among child protective services, law enforcement, prosecutors, medical personnel, mental-health specialists, children's advocacy centers, domestic violence professionals, schools, and victim advocates.

A child should not be required to tell the same traumatic story repeatedly because agencies failed to coordinate.

State protocols should require:

- Prompt referral to law enforcement when criminal conduct is alleged;
- Timely and recorded forensic interviews by professionally trained personnel;
- Medical examinations by qualified professionals;
- Preservation of digital, physical, documentary, and testimonial evidence;
- Review of prior reports involving the alleged offender or household;
- Assessment of risks to siblings and other children;
- Coordination across county and state lines;
- Written explanations when a case is closed without action;
- Supervisory review of high-risk and repeat-report cases.

The Attorney General's Task Force recommended local coalitions composed of law enforcement, courts, health care, schools, family services, child protection, domestic violence programs, rape crisis programs, children's advocacy centers, families, and community members.

7. Protect the Child Without Punishing the Protective Parent

A parent who makes a good-faith effort to protect a child should not be discredited merely because the allegation arises during divorce, custody, visitation, or another family-court proceeding.

States should prohibit courts and investigators from presuming that an allegation is false because:

- The child disclosed during a custody dispute;
- The protective parent sought emergency restrictions;
- The alleged offender appears respectable or influential;
- Criminal charges have not yet been filed;
- Physical evidence is absent;
- The child delayed disclosure;
- The child disclosed gradually or inconsistently;
- The child later recanted under pressure, fear, dependency, or family influence.

At the same time, all allegations must be investigated fairly and objectively, with due process for every party. Decisions should be based upon competent evidence, child-development knowledge,

safety assessments, and credible professional evaluation, not stereotypes or assumptions.

No child should be ordered into unsupervised contact with a credibly alleged offender before a meaningful safety assessment and investigation have been completed.

8. Reform Statutes of Limitations and Access to Justice

Every state should eliminate criminal statutes of limitations for child sexual abuse and provide survivors with sufficient time to bring civil claims.

States should also consider:

- Permanent elimination of civil filing deadlines;
- Revival or “lookback” periods for previously expired claims;
- Protection against unfair application of governmental or institutional immunity;
- Expanded authority when offenders move children or commit acts across state lines;
- Tolling when abuse, threats, coercion, incapacity, concealment, or fraudulent conduct prevented timely filing;
- Civil accountability for institutions that knowingly concealed abuse or failed to act;
- Access to counsel and victim advocacy.

The federal Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex Abuse Victims Act was a major advancement, but it applies to specified federal civil claims. It does not, by itself, eliminate the deadlines governing state law claims or revive every previously barred case. Each state must therefore examine and strengthen its own laws.

9. Strengthen Institutional Responsibility

Every institution entrusted with children, including schools, churches, athletic organizations, youth groups, child-care facilities, residential programs, medical facilities, camps, and foster-care providers, should maintain enforceable child-protection policies.

Those policies should include:

- Appropriate background checks;
- Reference verification;
- Codes of conduct;
- Restrictions against isolated one-adult/one-child situations;
- Rules governing transportation, overnight activities, electronic communication, and photography;
- Procedures for reporting boundary violations;
- Immediate safety measures following credible allegations;
- Preservation of records and evidence;
- Prohibition against retaliation;
- External reporting to authorities rather than internal overseeing alone;
- Independent review of serious allegations;
- Appropriate notice to families when a known risk exists.

The 2012 Task Force specifically urged improved reporting policies in every institution entrusted with the care and nurturing of children.

Institutions should not be permitted to conceal allegations through confidential agreements, internal transfers, resignation arrangements, destruction of records, or failure to notify appropriate authorities.

10. Guarantee Trauma-Informed Treatment and Long-Term Healing

Protection does not end when an investigation closes or a criminal trial concludes.

Every child affected by abuse or violence should have access to timely, qualified, developmentally appropriate treatment regardless of the family's income, insurance status, county of residence, race, language, disability, or immigration status.

States should fund:

- Evidence-informed trauma treatment;
- Family therapy with safe, nonoffending caregivers;
- Specialized services for sexual abuse and trafficking survivors;
- Grief counseling;
- School-based support;
- Services for siblings;
- Assistance for children exposed to domestic or community violence;
- Long-term care when trauma symptoms reappear at later developmental stages.

Treatment should be available in communities where children live and spend their time—not only in distant metropolitan centers. The Task Force recommended making treatment available in schools, youth centers, health-care settings, community programs, and, when appropriate, children's homes.

11. Improve State Data, Transparency, and Independent Oversight

The nation cannot correct failures it does not accurately count or publicly examine.

Although all states provide information to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, state definitions, screening rules, reporting practices, investigative standards, and classifications differ. These differences can affect reported maltreatment rates and make state comparisons difficult.

Every state should publish consistent, understandable information concerning:

- Reports received;
- Reports screened out;
- Investigation response times;
- Substantiated and unsubstantiated findings;
- Repeat reports;

- Repeat maltreatment;
- Child fatalities and near fatalities;
- Cases involving prior agency contact;
- Services offered and received;
- Staff vacancies, caseloads, and turnover;
- Racial, geographic, disability, and economic disparities;
- Outcomes following family preservation, reunification, foster care, and adoption;
- Complaints against child-serving agencies;
- Corrective actions and disciplinary findings.

States should establish an independent child advocate, inspector general, ombudsman, or review authority with access to complete records and authority to investigate systemic failures. Child fatality and near-fatality reviews should result in public recommendations and tracked corrective action, while preserving the privacy of surviving children.

12. Restore and Strengthen Federal–State Commitment

Congress should enact a comprehensive reauthorization and strengthening of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act that preserves the strongest provisions proposed in the 2021 Stronger CAPTA legislation.

The federal government should:

- Provide substantially increased and dependable prevention funding;
- Establish clear national minimum standards;
- Require transparent state reporting;
- Improve the quality and comparability of data;
- Support manageable child-welfare caseloads;
- Fund professional education and multidisciplinary training;
- Expand evidence-informed treatment;
- Support rural, tribal, and underserved communities;
- Require corrective action when states fail to meet federal child-protection requirements;
- Fund independent evaluation of federally supported programs.

Federal funding should encourage effective state action, but states should not wait for Congress before strengthening their own laws, programs, professional standards, and systems of accountability.

A Standard of Protection for Every State

Children should not receive radically various levels of protection simply because they live on opposite sides of a state or county line.

Every child in the United States should be entitled to the same foundational safeguards:

1. A safe way to disclose abuse.
2. A prompt and competent investigation.

3. Protection from further contact with a credibly alleged offender while danger is assessed.
4. A properly conducted forensic interview.
5. Appropriate medical and mental health care.
6. Support for safe and protective caregivers.
7. Coordinated action by child-serving systems.
8. Fair judicial proceedings informed by child development and trauma.
9. Meaningful accountability for offenders and institutions.
10. Long-term assistance in healing and rebuilding a healthy life.

Conclusion: From Knowledge to Action

The child abuse epidemic cannot be resolved by one agency, one profession, one law, or one awareness campaign. It requires a permanent, coordinated national commitment carried into every state, county, city, school, courtroom, medical facility, faith community, neighborhood, and home.

The United States has studied this crisis repeatedly. Experts have explained what must be done. Survivors have courageously described what happens when institutions fail. Children continue to pay the price when recommendations are praised but never fully implemented.

The central question is no longer whether America knows how to respond.

The question is whether its leaders and institutions possess the commitment, courage, and perseverance to act.

Preventing child abuse requires more than responding after a child has been harmed. It requires strengthening families before a crisis, educating adults and children, training professionals, coordinating investigations, treating trauma, holding offenders and negligent institutions accountable, correcting systemic failures, and ensuring that every child, regardless of where that child lives, is protected by a competent and compassionate system.

Every child deserves to be heard.

Every child deserves to be believed enough to receive a competent investigation.

Every child deserves protection, healing, justice, and hope.

Hope for Children Foundation offer these recommendations after decades of practical experience collaborating with professionals from multiple disciplines. Understanding the challenges is only the beginning. Lasting change requires vision, commitment, and the willingness to work together. For more than twenty-seven years, Hope for Children Foundation has remained committed to helping build that future, one child, one family, one professional, and one community at a time. We demonstrate the need remains great, the work continues, and the charity's mission is as important today as it was in 1998.

Looking Toward the Future

Child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking affect millions of lives and impose enormous human and economic costs upon our nation. They contribute to mental health challenges, substance abuse, homelessness, chronic health conditions, criminal victimization, lost educational opportunities, and diminished quality of life for generations.

Hope for Children Foundation believes these issues deserve recognition as among America's most significant public health and public safety challenges. The next decade offers an opportunity to build upon protecting our nation's children in even greater ways.

As our nation continues seeking solutions, we encourage leaders at every level to consider comprehensive strategies that place prevention alongside intervention, strengthen families, support survivors, and make the protection of children a continuing national priority.

Because every child deserves not only protection from harm, but also the opportunity to reach his or her God-given potential.



VISION FOR 2027 – 2037

The following is a scholarly curriculum framework designed to be developed for continuing-education approval. It is not yet an accreditation application; each profession and jurisdiction will require its own approval process. Drawing upon nearly three decades of educational leadership, Hope for children Foundation plans to develop state-of-the-art education curricula, provide and distribute this initiative to all states within America, intending to reduce crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence against children, teens, women, and men nationwide.

National Interdisciplinary VAWA Continuing-Education Training

Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022: Law, Investigation, Health Care, Prevention, Victim Safety and Coordinated Community Response

Proposed Course Description

This interdisciplinary continuing-education program examines the Violence Against Women Act, with primary emphasis on the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022.

The training prepares professionals and community members to recognize and respond appropriately to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, technology-facilitated abuse, economic abuse, and related forms of coercive control.

Participants will examine:

- The history and purposes of VAWA;
- The statutory changes enacted in 2022;
- Victim safety and confidentiality;
- Trauma-informed and victim-centered practices;
- Criminal investigation and prosecution;
- Medical and forensic response;
- Judicial decision-making;
- Housing protections;
- Tribal jurisdiction;
- Technology-facilitated abuse;
- Nonconsensual distribution of intimate images;
- Institutional and workplace responsibilities;
- Prevention and education;
- The effects of violence on children;
- Coordinated community responses;
- Professional ethics and due process.

The training will emphasize that victim-centered practice and due process are not opposing principles. A competent response treats victims with dignity, investigates thoroughly, preserves all relevant evidence, avoids gender or cultural bias, and protects the legal rights of every person involved.

Intended Participants

The core curriculum is appropriate for:

- Federal, Tribal, state, and local law-enforcement officers;
- Prosecutors;
- Criminal and civil attorneys;
- Judges and judicial personnel;
- Physicians;
- Nurses;
- emergency medical personnel;
- Sexual-assault forensic examiners;
- Mental-health professionals;
- Social workers;
- Educators and school administrators;
- Title IX and campus personnel;
- Child-welfare professionals;
- Victim advocates;
- Probation and corrections personnel;
- Clergy and faith-community leaders;
- Housing and social-service personnel;
- Parents, caregivers, and community members.

Because professional authority differs substantially among these groups, the course must clearly distinguish between recognition, reporting, medical treatment, forensic examination, investigation, prosecution, adjudication, and victim advocacy.

Recommended Course Length

Our recommendation is to develop two versions:

Professional Certification Course

Twelve instructional hours are offered over two days.

This version would be submitted for professional continuing-education approval.

Public and Community Course

Four instructional hours.

This version would educate parents, clergy, volunteers, and community members without presenting them as investigators, medical evaluators, or legal authorities.

The public course should not award the same certificate or use the same competency language as the professional course.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the professional training, participants should be able to:

1. Explain the history, purposes, and major provisions of VAWA.
2. Identify the principal changes enacted through VAWA 2022.
3. Differentiate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, technological abuse, economic abuse, and coercive control.
4. Recognize how trauma may affect memory, communication, conduct, reporting, and participation in legal proceedings.
5. Apply victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive practices without prejudging the facts.
6. Identify and avoid gender, racial, cultural, disability and socioeconomic bias.
7. Conduct or support an evidence-based investigation that does not depend entirely on victim participation.
8. Recognize high-risk indicators, including stalking, strangulation, firearm access, escalating threats, and separation-related danger.
9. Explain the federal housing protections available to survivors in covered housing programs.
10. Identify the civil remedy created for certain nonconsensual disclosures of intimate images.
11. Describe the federal sexual-misconduct statutes strengthened or created by VAWA 2022.
12. Explain the expansion of special Tribal criminal jurisdiction.
13. Describe the responsibilities of medical and forensic professionals.
14. Explain appropriate responses when children are exposed to domestic or sexual violence.
15. Develop a coordinated community response among law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, health-care providers, advocates, schools, clergy, and social-service agencies.
16. Apply confidentiality, informed-consent, documentation, and records-management requirements.
17. Distinguish federal VAWA requirements from state criminal, civil, reporting and licensing laws.
18. Demonstrate competency through case exercises and a written examination.

Two-Day Professional Agenda

Module	Subject	Time
1	History, purposes, and structure of VAWA	45 minutes
2	VAWA 2022: principal statutory changes	75 minutes
3	Dynamics of domestic and dating violence	60 minutes
4	Sexual assault, consent, and trauma	60 minutes
5	Stalking, technology, and intimate-image abuse	60 minutes
6	Law-enforcement investigation and evidence	75 minutes
7	Prosecution, defense, judicial ethics, and due process	75 minutes
8	Medical and forensic response	60 minutes
9	Children exposed to violence and family safety	60 minutes

Module	Subject	Time
10	Housing, economic security and community stabilization	45 minutes
11	Tribal sovereignty and special Tribal criminal jurisdiction	45 minutes
12	Prevention, institutions, and coordinated response	45 minutes
13	Multidisciplinary case laboratory	75 minutes
14	Examination and course evaluation	45 minutes
Total instructional time		12 hours

Breaks, lunch, and registration time should not be included in the instructional-credit calculation unless the accrediting authority expressly permits them.

Module 1: History, Purposes and Structure of VAWA

Instructional material

The original Violence Against Women Act was enacted in 1994. Congress subsequently reauthorized and amended it in 2000, 2005, 2013 and 2022. VAWA established and expanded programs designed to improve responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women administers many of its grant programs and provides national leadership in these areas.

Participants should understand that VAWA is not an isolated criminal statute. It is a broad collection of:

- Grant programs;
- Criminal law provisions;
- Civil protection;
- Housing protections;
- Tribal-jurisdiction provisions;
- Victim-service requirements;
- Prevention initiatives;
- Training requirements;
- Research and reporting provisions;
- Institutional reforms.

Essential teaching principle

VAWA does not replace state domestic-violence, sexual-assault, stalking or child-protection laws. Professionals must apply both federal law and the applicable law of the state, Tribe, territory, or locality in which they serve.

Discussion question

Why can two victims experiencing similar abuse receive different legal and service responses in different jurisdictions?

Module 2: Major Changes Enacted Through VAWA 2022

2.1 Expanded definitions and understanding of abuse

The course should explain that violence may involve more than physical assault. Abuse may include coercive control, sexual violence, stalking, threats, isolation, economic abuse, reproductive coercion, monitoring, impersonation, digital surveillance, and the misuse of technology.

VAWA-related federal guidance recognizes economic abuse as conduct controlling or restraining a person's ability to acquire, use or maintain economic resources. Federal professional guidance also recognizes technology used to monitor, threaten, or control victims as an important component of abuse.

Training examples

Economic abuse may include:

- Preventing the victim from working;
- Taking wages or public benefits;
- Destroying the victim's credit;
- Refusing access to bank accounts;
- Creating debt in the victim's name;
- Withholding food, medication, or transportation;
- Threatening homelessness;
- Sabotaging employment or education.

Technology-facilitated abuse may include:

- Tracking a telephone or vehicle;
- Accessing accounts without permission;
- Installing spyware;
- Impersonating the victim;
- Publishing private information;
- Repeated digital harassment;
- Manipulating smart-home devices;
- Threatening to publish intimate material;
- Using children's devices to monitor a parent.

The presence of controlling behavior does not by itself establish that a specific criminal offense occurred. Professionals must compare the conduct with applicable statutes and available evidence.

2.2 Nonconsensual disclosure of intimate images

VAWA 2022 created a federal civil cause of action allowing an individual, under specified circumstances, to seek relief when an intimate image is disclosed without consent. This provision is codified at 15 U.S.C. § 6851.

Participants should learn

- The difference between consensual creation and nonconsensual distribution;
- The importance of preserving digital evidence;
- The risks of additional dissemination during investigation;
- Privacy-protective handling of exhibits;
- Available civil and criminal remedies;
- The need to examine state law, which may provide separate or broader remedies.

Evidence-preservation instruction

A victim should not be told simply to delete the material. Investigators should consider preserving:

- Original messages;
- Account identifiers;
- URLs;
- Usernames;
- Date and time information;
- Headers and Metadata;
- Screenshots showing context;
- Threats preceding publication;
- Reports made to platforms;
- Evidence of financial or other demands.

Personnel should never unnecessarily reproduce or circulate intimate evidence.

2.3 Federal criminal sexual misconduct provisions

Three federal criminal sexual-misconduct statutes connected to VAWA 2022 took effect on October 1, 2022. DOJ states that these provisions strengthened federal authority to prosecute certain sexual misconduct, particularly involving vulnerable or marginalized victims. They do not apply retroactively.

The professional course should examine:

- Sexual misconduct under color of law;
- Sexual misconduct involving federal personnel or individuals in federal custody;
- Abuse of governmental or custodial authority;
- Why purported consent may be legally invalid or unavailable as a defense in certain custodial or official-power relationships;
- Reporting and preservation requirements;
- Supervisory responsibility and retaliation prevention.

This portion should be taught by a federal prosecutor, experienced criminal-law attorney or similarly qualified instructor.

2.4 Closing the law-enforcement consent loophole

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VAWA 2022 included federal provisions addressing sexual acts by law-enforcement personnel involving persons in custody. The course should make clear that authority, custody, detention, transportation, and control can create circumstances in which apparent compliance is not lawful consent.

Agency policy requirements

Law-enforcement agencies should maintain policies that:

- Prohibit sexual conduct with people in custody;
- Define custody broadly enough to include transportation and temporary detention;
- Require prompt external or independent investigation;
- Protect complainants and witnesses from retaliation;
- Preserve body-camera, vehicle-camera, dispatch, booking, and location records;
- Prohibit informal internal resolution of criminal allegations;
- Require supervisory reporting;
- Address officer decertification and referral to appropriate authorities.

2.5 Special Tribal criminal jurisdiction

VAWA 2022 expanded recognition of participating Tribes' special Tribal criminal jurisdiction over additional covered crimes. The expanded list includes child violence, sexual violence, sex trafficking, stalking, obstruction of justice and assault of Tribal justice personnel, in addition to previously covered offenses.

The law also addressed participating Tribes in Maine and established an Alaska pilot program under which designated Alaska Tribes may exercise jurisdiction over covered conduct occurring in their villages.

Required professional understanding

Participants must understand:

- Tribal sovereignty;
- The difference between federal, state, and Tribal jurisdiction;
- Concurrent and overlapping jurisdiction;
- Victims' rights;
- Defendants' statutory and constitutional protections;
- Cross-deputization and evidence sharing;
- The importance of early jurisdictional consultation;
- The danger of assuming that Tribal authorities lack jurisdiction.

A Tribal-law specialist should review and preferably teach this module.

2.6 Housing protections

VAWA protects qualifying applicants and tenants in covered housing programs from being denied admission, denied assistance, terminated or evicted merely because they experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The law also provides for confidentiality, certain lease-bifurcation procedures, and emergency-transfer protections. A lease may, in appropriate circumstances, be divided so that an offender is removed without penalizing the victim who is also a lawful tenant.

VAWA 2022 strengthened enforcement by allowing HUD to use processes and remedies associated with Fair Housing Act enforcement for covered VAWA housing complaints. HUD states that these amended enforcement provisions became effective October 1, 2022.

Professional application

Law enforcement, attorneys, health-care personnel, and advocates should understand that a victim's immediate safety plan may fail when housing is ignored.

Participants should be able to recognize situations involving:

- Threatened eviction after repeated police calls;
- Damage caused by an offender;
- Emergency-transfer requests;
- Confidentiality of a survivor's new address;
- Lease bifurcation;
- Documentation requests;
- Retaliatory housing action;
- Denial of housing because of abuse-related history.

VAWA housing protections do not apply identically to every private rental property. The precise housing program and applicable federal, state, and local laws must be identified.

2.7 Restorative-practices pilot program

VAWA 2022 authorized a pilot program concerning restorative practices. DOJ explains that such initiatives are intended to explore additional paths to safety, accountability, healing, and justice because no single response is appropriate for every victim or community.

Critical safeguard

Restorative practice must never be presented as automatically appropriate.

It should not:

- Replace emergency protection;
- Be forced upon a victim;

- Be used to avoid criminal accountability;
- Be controlled by the offender;
- Require forgiveness;
- Proceed without careful screening;
- Ignore coercion, retaliation, stalking, or lethal danger;
- Be used when meaningful voluntary consent is absent.

2.8 Services for underserved populations

VAWA 2022 strengthened programs intended to improve access for underserved communities. DOJ has implemented, among other initiatives, an LGBT-specific services component under its Underserved Program.

The course should address barriers experienced by:

- People with disabilities;
- Older victims;
- Rural residents;
- Immigrants;
- Tribal victims;
- LGBTQ victims;
- Deaf and hard-of-hearing victims;
- People with limited English proficiency;
- Victims dependent upon caregivers;
- People experiencing homelessness;
- Victims in institutional settings.

Equal access does not mean identical treatment. It may require interpreters, accessible transportation, communication accommodation, culturally appropriate services, and modification of ordinary procedures.

Module 3: Dynamics of Domestic and Dating Violence

Core concepts

Domestic violence is often a pattern rather than a single event. The course should examine:

- Power and control;
- Physical violence;
- Sexual violence;
- Psychological abuse;
- Economic abuse;
- Threats and intimidation;
- Isolation;
- Stalking;
- Abuse through children;
- Litigation abuse;

- Immigration-related threats;
- Reproductive coercion;
- Technology-facilitated abuse;
- Abuse of pets;
- Destruction of mobility or communication devices.

Why victims may remain or return

Professionals should not interpret remaining in or returning to a relationship as proof that abuse did not occur.

Relevant factors may include:

- Fear of being killed;
- Threats against children or relatives;
- Financial dependence;
- Housing insecurity;
- Disability-related dependence;
- Immigration concerns;
- Religious or social pressure;
- Lack of transportation;
- Hope that the abuse will stop;
- Isolation;
- Shame;
- Prior institutional failure;
- Concern that reporting will make matters worse.

High-risk indicators

The training should teach recognition of:

- Escalating violence;
- Threats to kill;
- Strangulation;
- Stalking;
- Weapon access;
- Forced sex;
- Separation-related escalation;
- Suicidal or homicidal statements;
- Extreme possessiveness;
- Repeated order violations;
- Threats involving children;
- Prior attempted homicide;
- Destruction of communication or mobility equipment.

A danger-assessment instrument may support professional judgment, but it must not replace individualized assessment or emergency action.

Module 4: Sexual Assault, Consent and Trauma

Consent

Participants should understand that valid consent must be:

- Voluntary;
- Informed;
- Specific;
- Communicated by a person with legal capacity;
- Free from force, threats, coercion, or prohibited abuse of authority.

Prior intimacy, marriage, dating, previous consent, clothing, intoxication imposed by another person or delayed reporting does not automatically establish consent to the act under investigation.

Precise legal definitions must be supplied in each state supplement.

Trauma and behavior

Trauma may affect:

- Memory organization;
- Attention;
- emotional expression;
- sequencing;
- recall;
- sleep;
- decision-making;
- disclosure timing;
- willingness to participate;
- responses to authority.

A calm or emotionally flat presentation does not prove that an assault did not occur. Strong emotion does not prove that it did.

The investigation should evaluate evidence rather than require a victim to display a stereotyped reaction.

Appropriate interview principles

- Establish safety and communication needs;
- Use open-ended prompts when possible;
- Avoid blame;
- Do not repeatedly demand unnecessary details;
- Explain the purpose of questions;
- Permit breaks;
- Do not promise an outcome;

- Record exact words;
- Separate observation from interpretation;
- Document prior statements and possible influences;
- Preserve both inculpatory and exculpatory information.

Module 5: Stalking and Technology-Facilitated Abuse

Stalking course material

Stalking may consist of a course of conduct involving:

- Following;
- Surveillance;
- Repeated unwanted communication;
- Threats;
- Property interference;
- Contact through third parties;
- Appearing at employment, school, or worship;
- Digital monitoring;
- Account intrusion;
- Location tracking;
- Impersonation;
- Threatening relatives, children, or pets.

Investigators should examine the pattern. Individual incidents that appear minor in isolation may acquire a different meaning when placed in chronological context.

Technology-safety examination

Participants should learn to ask:

- Does the offender know information the victim did not share?
- Are accounts linked?
- Is location sharing active?
- Are children's accounts being used?
- Is a vehicle or personal item carrying a tracker?
- Are smart-home systems compromised?
- Is an offender controlling passwords, cloud accounts, or telephone service?
- Could changing a password immediately alert the offender and increase danger?

Safety planning should occur before making digital changes that may notify the offender.

Module 6: Law-Enforcement Investigation

Guiding principles

The Department of Justice recommends a stronger, consistent response to sexual assault and domestic violence that is trauma-informed, treats victims with humanity and preserves defendants' due-process rights. DOJ also emphasizes identifying and preventing gender bias.

Initial response

Officers should:

1. Address immediate safety and medical needs.
2. Separate involved parties.
3. Identify children and dependent adults.
4. Secure weapons when legally authorized.
5. Preserve the scene.
6. Obtain spontaneous statements accurately.
7. Identify witnesses.
8. Document injuries and damaged property.
9. Request interpreters or accommodations.
10. Evaluate stalking and strangulation concerns.
11. Provide required notices and referrals.
12. Avoid pressuring the victim into an immediate final decision about prosecution.

Evidence-based investigation

The investigation should not end because a victim is unavailable, frightened, reluctant, or later recants.

Potential evidence includes:

- Emergency calls;
- Body-camera recordings;
- Dispatch records;
- Photographs;
- Medical records;
- Witness statements;
- Digital messages;
- Location data;
- Video surveillance;
- Prior threats;
- Protection orders;
- Firearm records;
- Financial records;
- Damaged property;
- Statements by the suspect;
- Statements made for medical treatment;
- School and workplace observations;
- Evidence involving children or pets.

Every item must be obtained and used lawfully. Constitutional, statutory, and evidentiary requirements remain fully applicable.

Gender-bias prevention

Agencies should prohibit assumptions such as:

- A “real victim” would immediately leave;
- A victim who contacted the offender cannot have been assaulted;
- Domestic violence is merely a private family matter;
- Sexual assault cannot occur within marriage or dating;
- A victim with mental illness or substance use is inherently unreliable;
- Men cannot be victims;
- LGBTQ relationships do not involve domestic violence;
- A person with a disability cannot provide reliable information.

Module 7: Attorneys, Prosecutors, and the Judiciary

Prosecutorial instruction

DOJ’s current prosecutor framework encourages prosecutors to use the evidentiary value of the victim’s account to frame the investigation, anticipate behavior that may appear counterintuitive and build provable cases in a trauma-informed manner while preserving due process.

Prosecutors should evaluate:

- Evidence beyond the victim’s testimony;
- Admissibility;
- Authentication of digital evidence;
- Hearsay exceptions;
- confrontation rights;
- Expert testimony;
- Prior acts where legally admissible;
- Victim privacy;
- Witness intimidation;
- Protective measures;
- Discovery obligations;
- Exculpatory evidence;
- Ethical charging standards.

Defense Counsel

A balanced continuing-legal-education course should recognize defense counsel’s essential role.

Defense attorneys must be permitted to:

- Evaluate the reliability of evidence;

- Challenge unlawful searches;
- Examine suggestive interviews;
- Contest unreliable expert opinions;
- Review exculpatory information;
- Challenge improper character evidence;
- Protect constitutional rights.

Trauma-informed practice does not eliminate the presumption of innocence or lower the government's burden of proof.

Judicial education

Judges should receive instruction concerning:

- Applicable federal and state law;
- Protection-order proceedings;
- Firearm-related restrictions;
- Risk and lethality;
- Trauma and courtroom participation;
- Interpreter and disability access;
- Evidentiary rules;
- Self-represented litigants;
- Confidentiality;
- Victim safety at the courthouse;
- Stalking through litigation;
- Judicial neutrality;
- Findings supported by evidence;
- Due process and notice.

Judges should neither dismiss allegations because a victim's behavior appears counterintuitive nor presume the allegation is true because trauma is asserted. Evidence and governing burdens of proof remain controlling.

Module 8: Medical and Forensic Response

Medical priorities

Medical professionals should:

- Treat urgent injury and illness;
- Obtain informed consent;
- Explain options;
- Preserve patient autonomy;
- Assess pregnancy and infection risks as appropriate;
- Conduct evidence collection according to protocol and consent;
- Document objectively;
- Address strangulation concerns;

- Evaluate mental-health and suicide risk;
- Provide referrals and follow-up;
- Comply with applicable reporting law.

Medical forensic examination

A medical forensic examination serves both health and potential evidentiary purposes. The patient's medical care remains central.

The course should address:

- Consent for each component;
- The patient's right to decline part or all an examination;
- Evidence-collection timeframes;
- Toxicology considerations;
- Photography;
- Chain of custody;
- Drug-facilitated assault;
- Documentation;
- Mandatory reporting;
- Confidentiality and privilege;
- Follow-up treatment.

The federal National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations should be used as a principal instructional reference, supplemented by current state protocol and licensing requirements.

Documentation

Medical records should identify:

- The patient's account, using quotations where important;
- Relevant medical history;
- Symptoms;
- Objective findings;
- Tests and treatment;
- Evidence collected;
- Persons present;
- Referrals;
- Limitations of the examination.

A medical professional should avoid legal conclusions outside the professional's expertise.

Module 9: Children Exposed to Domestic and Sexual Violence

Why this belongs in VAWA training

Children may be:

- Direct victims;
- Witnesses;
- Used to control a parent;
- Injured while intervening;
- Abducted or threatened;
- Deprived of care during violence;
- Forced to participate in surveillance;
- Pressured to carry messages;
- Exposed to sexual assault or coercion;
- Traumatized by the aftermath.

VAWA 2022's expansion of special Tribal criminal jurisdiction expressly includes certain child-violence offenses, demonstrating the recognized relationship between violence against adult victims and harm to children.

First-response principles

Professionals should:

- Determine immediate safety;
- Avoid questioning children repeatedly;
- Record spontaneous statements accurately;
- Follow mandatory reporting requirements;
- Refer forensic interviewing to trained personnel;
- Assess access to the alleged offender;
- Evaluate siblings and other children;
- Support the nonoffending caregiver;
- Avoid blaming the protective parent;
- Arrange medical or mental-health assessment when indicated.

Non-speaking children and children with disabilities

The course should incorporate the specialized training framework we developed previously concerning children who do not communicate through conventional speech.

Participants should learn to:

- Establish the child's communication baseline;
- Identify augmentative communication;
- Obtain qualified accommodations;
- Avoid suggestive interpretation;
- Document exact behavior and selections;
- Consult appropriate medical and communication specialists;
- Investigate corroborating evidence.

A child's inability to provide a conventional spoken narrative must not end the investigation.

Module 10: Housing, Economic Security and Stabilization

Participants should understand that safety planning is incomplete when it does not address:

- Housing;
- Income;
- Employment;
- Transportation;
- Childcare;
- Health care;
- Legal assistance;
- Digital security;
- School continuity;
- Pet safety.

Housing case example

A tenant calls police repeatedly because a former partner is threatening her. The housing manager begins eviction proceedings based on disturbances and property damage caused by the offender.

Participants should analyze:

1. Whether the housing program is covered by VAWA.
2. Whether the action penalizes the survivor because of the abuse.
3. Whether lease bifurcation is available.
4. Whether an emergency transfer is appropriate.
5. What documentation may be requested.
6. What confidentiality protections apply.
7. Whether HUD enforcement or state remedies are available.

Covered housing providers must preserve the confidentiality of victim information except under limited statutory circumstances.

Module 11: Tribal Jurisdiction and Culturally Responsive Practice

This module should emphasize that culturally responsive service does not mean lowering investigative, medical, or legal standards. It means delivering competent services in a manner that recognizes sovereignty, language, community, history, and barriers to access.

Case exercise

A non-Indian suspect is accused of stalking a Tribal member, assaulting her child, and obstructing Tribal justice on Tribal lands.

Participants should determine:

- Which jurisdictions may possess authority;
- Whether special Tribal criminal jurisdiction may apply;
- Which agencies should be contacted;
- How evidence will be shared;
- Which protections must be provided to the accused;
- How victim safety will be maintained.

Module 12: Educators, Clergy and Community Institutions

Educators

Educators should learn to:

- Recognize warning signs;
- Respond calmly to disclosures;
- Follow mandatory-reporting law;
- Protect student privacy;
- Avoid conducting investigations;
- Preserve communications and records;
- Address dating violence and stalking;
- Coordinate school safety;
- Avoid punishing victims for abuse-related conduct;
- Refer to qualified services.

School personnel must also understand applicable Title IX, disability, privacy, and state education requirements. These bodies of law are related but are not interchangeable with VAWA.

Clergy and faith communities

Clergy should learn to:

- Place victim and child safety above institutional reputation;
- Understand state reporting law and any clergy-privilege limitations;
- Avoid counseling that requires victims to remain in danger;
- Avoid couples counseling when coercive control makes it unsafe;
- Preserve confidentiality within legal and ethical limits;
- Refer to qualified medical, legal and advocacy services;
- Report suspected child abuse as required;
- Never conduct an internal investigation as a substitute for reporting crime;
- Prevent retaliation and spiritual coercion.

Faith should be a source of safety, truth, accountability, and healing, not a tool used to pressure victims into silence.

General public

Community members should be taught:

- How to recognize concerns;
- How to respond supportively;
- How to contact emergency and victim services;
- Why not to confront a suspected offender recklessly;
- Why not to circulate private information;
- How to preserve evidence;
- How to support without taking over the victim's choices;
- When child-abuse reporting duties may apply.

Module 13: Coordinated Community Response

VAWA's underlying model recognizes that isolated agencies cannot resolve domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking alone.

A coordinated community team may include:

- Law enforcement;
- Prosecutors;
- Courts;
- Healthcare providers;
- forensic nurses;
- Victim advocates;
- Child-protection personnel;
- Schools;
- Housing providers;
- Disability organizations;
- Tribal representatives;
- Culturally specific organizations;
- Faith leaders;
- Probation and corrections;
- Civil legal services.

Written protocol components

The team should adopt written procedures addressing:

1. Emergency response.
2. Referral pathways.
3. Confidentiality.
4. Information sharing.
5. Evidence preservation.
6. High-risk cases.
7. Children and dependent adults.

8. Disability and language access.
9. Firearms.
10. Strangulation.
11. Stalking and technology.
12. Sexual-assault medical response.
13. Housing and economic needs.
14. Victim notification.
15. Offender accountability.
16. Complaint and quality-review procedures.
17. Fatality and near-fatality review.
18. Training and competency standards.

Multidisciplinary Case Laboratory

Case One: Domestic violence, stalking, and children

A victim reports that a former partner has entered her online accounts, appeared repeatedly at her workplace, and threatened to take their children. She previously withdrew a protection-order request and recently communicated voluntarily with him.

Participants must identify:

- Stalking pattern evidence;
- Digital evidence;
- Child-safety concerns;
- Risk indicators;
- Trauma-informed interviewing;
- Housing and employment concerns;
- Due-process issues;
- Appropriate referrals.

Case Two: Sexual assault by an officer

A detained person alleges sexual contact during transportation by a law-enforcement officer. There is no body-camera recording, but vehicle-location data, dispatch records and booking times may be available.

Participants must address:

- Applicable VAWA 2022 provisions;
- Custody and consent;
- Independent investigation;
- Evidence preservation;
- Medical referral;
- retaliation prevention;
- Officer rights;
- Supervisory obligations.

Case Three: Federally assisted housing

A survivor faces termination from a housing program because an offender repeatedly damaged the unit.

Participants must evaluate:

- VAWA coverage;
- Lease bifurcation;
- Emergency transfer;
- Confidentiality;
- Documentation;
- HUD complaint procedures.

Case Four: Nonconsensual intimate images

An estranged partner posts intimate images and threatens additional distribution unless money and custody concessions are provided.

Participants must address:

- Immediate safety;
- Digital preservation;
- Federal civil remedies;
- Potential state criminal offenses;
- Extortion or coercion issues;
- Victim privacy;
- Platform reporting;
- Child-custody implications.

Case Five: Tribal jurisdiction

A case involving sexual violence, stalking and child violence occurs on Tribal lands and involves an alleged non-Indian offender.

Participants must determine:

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| • Jurisdictional questions; | • Defendant protections; |
| • Evidence-sharing responsibilities. | • Special Tribal criminal jurisdiction; |
| • Federal and state coordination; | • Victim services; |

Our Commitment to Every Donor

We are committed to using every contribution responsibly, ethically, and strategically to advance our mission of protecting children through education, prevention, and public awareness. Every gift

represents trust. We honor that trust through careful stewardship, transparent governance, and an unwavering commitment to serving children and families.

Faithful Stewardship. Lasting Impact.

Hope for Children Foundation believes that every financial gift entrusted to the organization carries with it a sacred responsibility.

Whether a contribution is five dollars or five million dollars, every donor deserves confidence that their generosity will be managed with integrity, accountability, transparency, and careful stewardship.

Since its founding in 1998, Hope for Children Foundation has remained committed to using its resources wisely while continually seeking innovative ways to maximize public benefit. Through strategic partnerships, volunteer leadership, donated professional services, technology, and efficient operations, the Foundation has been able to extend its educational reach far beyond what would normally be expected from an organization of its size.

Throughout its history, Hope for Children Foundation has worked to make child protection information available without charge whenever possible. Families, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges, counselors, students, faith communities, and concerned citizens have benefited from educational resources designed to strengthen prevention efforts and improve responses to child abuse, domestic violence, and exploitation.

The Board of Directors recognizes that donors invest not merely in an organization—they invest in children, families, and the hope of preventing future abuse.

For that reason, every significant financial decision is guided by a simple question:

Will this investment better protect children and strengthen families?

If the answer is yes, it deserves serious consideration.

Multiplying Every Dollar

Hope for Children Foundation continually seeks opportunities to multiply the value of every contribution through volunteer service, strategic collaborations, technology, donated expertise, and responsible financial management.

This approach allows many gifts to produce an impact that extends well beyond their original dollar amount.

Rather than measuring success solely by the amount of money received, the charity measures success by lives touched, professionals educated, communities strengthened, and children better protected because someone chose to help.

The greatest return on investment is measured not in financial statements alone, but in safer children, stronger families, and communities equipped to recognize abuse before another child is harmed.

A Legacy of Personal Commitment

The mission of Hope for Children Foundation has always been deeply personal.

Like many nonprofit organizations serving critical needs, there have been seasons when resources were limited. During those times, the charity's leadership chose to continue moving forward rather than allowing the mission to stop.

Over the years, the charity's founders have personally invested substantial financial resources to ensure that educational programs, outreach efforts, and organizational operations could continue while additional support was being sought.

That commitment reflects a belief that protecting children is not simply an organizational responsibility, it is a lifelong calling.

Transparency and Accountability

Hope for Children Foundation is committed to maintaining high standards of financial accountability and organizational integrity.

The charity operates as a federally recognized 501(c)(3) public charity and is governed by an independent Board of Directors dedicated to fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities.

Financial oversight includes Board review of budgets, expenditures, organizational priorities, and long-term planning to ensure that available resources are aligned with the charity's charitable mission.

Transparency is not simply a financial practice, it is an expression of respect for every donor, volunteer, partner, and child served.

An Investment in Hope

Every contribution helps make it possible:

- Free educational resources for children, parents, educators, and professionals.
- Online child protection and violence prevention education available throughout the United States and internationally.
- Public awareness initiatives promoting prevention and early intervention.
- Professional training supporting multidisciplinary collaboration.

- Community outreach programs that strengthen families and protect vulnerable children.
- Continued innovation that expands the charity's ability to reach more people through technology.

Every gift, regardless of size, helps build a safer future for children.

Your Partnership Makes the Difference

The challenges facing children today are significant. But so is the opportunity. One informed teacher can recognize the signs of abuse. One trained physician can identify injuries that might otherwise go unnoticed. One prepared police officer can intervene before violence escalates. One counselor can help a child begin healing. One caring adult can change the course of a young life forever. Your generosity makes those opportunities possible.

Together, we can educate more professionals, strengthen more families, reach more communities, and help protect more children.

Because every child deserves safety. Every child deserves dignity. Every child deserves hope. And every act of generosity becomes part of that story.



PARTNERS IN PROTECTING CHILDREN

Every Gift Creates Hope

Hope for Children Foundation's work has never been accomplished by one person or one organization alone.

For more than twenty-eight years, compassionate individuals, families, businesses, foundations, churches, civic organizations, volunteers, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers, and community leaders have joined together in a shared commitment to protect children and strengthen families.

Every act of generosity has helped make this mission possible.

Some have given financial support.

Others have donated professional expertise.

Many have volunteered countless hours of service.

Others have opened doors by introducing the Foundation to new partners, sponsors, and communities.

Each contribution, regardless of its size, has become part of something much greater than itself.

Together, these partnerships have helped educate professionals, support families, expand public awareness, and provide free educational resources that continue reaching people across the United States and around the world.

To every person who has invested in this mission, we offer our sincere gratitude.

Your generosity has helped bring hope where hope was desperately needed.



Our Gratitude

Hope for Children Foundation extends heartfelt appreciation to every individual and organization that has supported our mission throughout the years.

Whether your contribution came through financial support, volunteer service, professional guidance, donated resources, sponsorships, community partnerships, or words of encouragement, your belief in this mission has strengthened our ability to serve others. You have become part of a growing legacy dedicated to protecting children and building safer communities.

Thank you for standing with us.



Looking Ahead

The need has never been greater. Every day, children across our nation face abuse, neglect, domestic violence, exploitation, and circumstances beyond their control. Yet every day also presents an opportunity. An opportunity to educate. To prevent. To intervene. To heal. To restore hope. As Hope for Children Foundation looks toward the future, we invite others to join this mission.

Together, we can expand educational programs, strengthen prevention efforts, reach new communities, and provide more children and families with the resources they deserve. One act of generosity can change the course of a child's life.

A Legacy That Continues

Hope is not built in a single day. It is built through thousands of individual acts of compassion. It grows when ordinary people choose to do extraordinary things for children they may never meet. Every donor becomes part of that legacy. Every volunteer strengthens that legacy. Every partner expands that legacy. Every child protected becomes part of that legacy.

Together, we are building a future where more children are safe, more families are strong, and more communities understand that protecting children is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you for becoming a Partner in Protecting Children.

Founding Professional Partners & Supporters



With Gratitude We Sincerely Thank You for Your Support!

The United States Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Office, Office of the Governor State of Texas, Attorney General's Office

- * East Texas Council of Governments – representing 14 counties
- Panhandle Regional Planning Commission – representing 26 counties
- North Central Texas Council of Governments – representing 14 counties
- Ark-Tex Council of Governments – representing 9 counties
- Rio Grande Council of Governments – representing 6 counties
- Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission – representing 14 counties
- Concho Valley Council of Governments – representing 13 counties
- Capitol Area Planning Council – representing 10 counties
- Brazos Valley Development Council – representing 7 counties
- Deep East Texas Council of Governments – representing 12 counties
- Golden Crescent Bend Council of Governments – representing 7 counties
- Alamo Area Council of Governments – representing 12 counties
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments – representing 13 counties
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council – representing 3 counties
- Texoma Council of Governments – representing 3 counties
- Central Texas Council of Governments – representing 7 counties
- Middle Rio Grande Development Council – representing 9 counties

Texas Statewide Professional Partners and Supporters

Law enforcement academies jointly sponsored the Hope for Children Foundation two-day training program offered on different dates entitled:

“Crimes Against Women and Their Children, Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Judicial Accountability”

- The Temple Police Academy
- Victoria College Police Academy
- Capitol Area Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy
- The Houston Police Academy
- Victoria Police Department
- The Houston Police Department
- L. D. Morrison Houston Police Academy
- The Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy
- Amarillo College Police Academy
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Police Academy
- The Combes Police Department
- North Central Texas Regional Police Academy
- The Del Mar Regional Police Academy
- Angelina College Police Academy
- Lufkin Police Department
- The Seagoville Police Department
- Corpus Christi Police Department
- Nueces County Sheriff’s Department
- State District Judge in Corpus Christi
- Municipal Court Judge City of Freer
- Nueces County Criminal District attorney’s Office

- Nueces County Community Supervision & Correctional Department (Adult Probation)
- Nueces County Juvenile Department
- Coastal Bend Legal Services
- Nueces County Constables Office Precinct 6
- Del Mar College Staff
- Public Defender
- Department of Protective and Regulatory Services
- Nueces County Children's Advocacy Center
- Legal Advisor – Corpus Christi Police Department
- CASA of Nueces County
- County Court at Law #3 Nueces County
- Nueces County Attorney
- Ingleside Police Department
- Nueces County Juvenile Department
- Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services
- Bee County Attorney's Office
- Victim Assistant Program – Duval County Attorney
- Portland Police Department
- Coastal Bend Legal Services
- Corpus Christi District Attorney's Office
- Rockport Police Department
- Bee County Sheriff's Office
- MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers)
- Mathis Police Department
- Mediation Services for Nueces County
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments

- Dispute Resolution Services
- San Diego Police Department
- City of San Diego
- Family Counseling Service – Crime Victim Services for Nueces County
- Killeen Police Department
- Belton Police Department
- University of Mary Hardin – Baylor staff
- Bell County District Attorney’s Office
- Harker Heights Police Department
- City of Killeen staff
- Coryell County Constable
- Travis County Sheriff’s Office
- Lampasas County Sheriff’s Office
- Walker County Sheriff’s Office
- Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney’s Office
- Texas Office of Court Administration
- Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- Texas Youth Commission
- Belton District Attorney’s Office
- Fort Hood United States Army Court Chief Circuit Judge and support staff
- Infantry Division, Chief Criminal Law, United States Army
- First Baptist Church, Pastor, and staff
- State District Senior Judge 146th District Court
- Scott & White Memorial Hospital – Medical counsel
- City of Temple – Law Department
- Justice Tenth Court of Appeals

- Department of Veterans Affairs Central Texas Veterans Health Care System
- Central Texas Youth Service Bureau
- Belton Children’s Advocacy Center
- United States Attorney’s Office Western District of Texas
- Milam County Constable
- Bell County CSCD
- McLennan County Criminal District Attorney’s Office
- Hewitt Police Department
- Troy Police Department
- Bell County Sheriff’s Department
- Killeen Help Center
- Children’s Advocacy Center of Central Texas, Inc.
- Office of the Hospital Judge Advocate Darnal Army Community Hospital, Ft. Hood, TX
- Bell County Human Services – Killeen Help Center
- Central Texas Council of Government staff
- Community Supervision and Corrections Department
- United States Army Trial Judiciary 3rd Judicial Circuit
- Harlingen Family Crisis Center
- San Benito CISD Police Department
- Primera Police Department
- San Juan Police Department
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
- Hidalgo County Community Supervision & Corrections Department (Adult Probation)
- Edinburg County Community Supervision & Corrections Department (Adult Probation)
- Cameron County Sheriff’s Office
- Texas Legal Rural Aid, Inc.

- Lake Jackson Police Department
- Harlingen Police Department
- The University of Texas Pan American Police Department
- City of Rio Hondo
- City of Lyford
- Edinburg District Attorney's Office
- Brownsville Community Supervision and Corrections Dept.
- Cameron County District Attorney's Office
- Brownsville Police Department
- Cameron County State District Judge Court at Law #2
- Port Isabel Police Department
- McAllen United States District Court
- Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office
- Donna Police Department
- Rio Hondo Police Department
- Elsa Police Department
- Texas Department of PRS of Cameron County
- Palmview Police Department
- Weslaco Police Department
- Cameron County constable Pct. 5
- Angelina County Juvenile Probation
- Sabine County Sheriff's Office
- Grapeland Police Department
- Lufkin Police Department
- East Texas Legal Services
- Houston County District Attorney Office

- Houston County constable Pct. I
- Trinity County Sheriff's Office
- Pineland Police Department
- District Attorney of the 159th Judicial District & 217th Judicial District
- Crockett Police Department
- Ouston County Sheriff's Department
- San Augustine Police Department
- Angelina County District Attorney Office
- Alabama – Coushatta Tribe Social Services
- Trinity County
- Sabine County Clerk
- Deep East Texas COG Minority Representative
- Diboll Police Department
- Nacogdoches County Attorney Office
- 145th Judicial District Court Nacogdoches
- Hardin County Crime Victim's Assistance Center
- Shelby County Sheriff's Department
- FBI, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Overton Police Department
- Office of the Governor George W. Bush
- Henderson County Sheriff's Department
- Winnsboro Police Department
- City of Henderson Municipal Court
- Gregg county Juvenile Probation
- Henderson County Attorney
- The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler Police Department

- Tyler Jr. College Police Department
- Anderson Police Department
- United States District Court Tyler TX
- Gun Barrel City Police Department
- Quitman Police Department
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- The University of Texas at Tyler Police Department
- Whitehouse Police Department
- Anderson County Sheriff's Department
- Crisis Center of Anderson & Cherokee Counties
- Smith County Victim Services Division
- East Texas Crisis Center
- Women's Center of East Texas
- Luke County Area Health Education Center
- CHAD House Ministry
- Tyler Police Department
- Anderson County District Attorney's Office
- East Texas Regional Police Academy
- Church of Christ of Coppel
- University Park Police Department
- United Care USA
- Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office
- Family Crisis Center
- The Family Place
- North Central Texas of Governments
- Lewisville Police Department

- Haltom City Police Department
- United States Department of Labor Women's Bureau
- Fort Worth Police Department
- Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office
- Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District
- Texas Department of Health and Human Services of Dallas County
- Texas Department of Health and Human Services of Tarrant County
- Collin County District Attorney's Office
- Tarrant County Criminal Court at Law #5
- Haltom City Municipal Court
- Legal Services of North Texas
- Tarrant County Human Services
- Southern Methodist University – Legal Services of North Texas
- CRMI
- Lewisville Independent School District staff
- City of Dallas staff
- Arlington Police Department
- HCFA
- Genesis Women's Shelter
- Grand Prairie Independent School District
- Brighter Tomorrows
- Dallas Police Department
- Ector County District Attorney's Office
- Ector County CSCD
- Andrews County Community Supervision Division (Juvenile Probation)
- Andrews County Court House

- Wink Police Department
- Odessa Police Department
- Winkler County Adult Probation
- Crane County
- 118th Judicial District Juvenile Probation, Big Spring, TX
- Safe Place
- West Texas Legal Services
- West Texas Legal Services – Odessa Branch
- Midland County District Attorney’s Office
- Odessa Police Department
- Howard County Sheriff’s Office
- Midland county Justice of the Peace #3
- Ward county Judicial District Court of the 143rd
- Reeves County Community Supervision Department (Adult Probation)
- Howard Judicial District of the 118th Court
- Dawson County Victim Assistance
- Safe Place of the Permian Basin
- Centers for Children and Families
- Tom Green County Sheriff’s Office
- 106th Judicial District Attorney’s Office
- Kermit Police Department
- Winkler County Juvenile Probation
- City of Kerit
- Gaines County x Assessor
- 32nd Judicial District Attorney’s Office, Sweetwater, Tx
- Midland College Police Department

- Victim Assistance Coordinator, 32nd Judicial District
- Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center, Odessa, TX
- Ector County Sheriff's Office
- Tulia Police Department
- Amarillo Police Department
- CASA, Amarillo
- Women & Children's Crisis Center
- Northwest Texas Healthcare System
- City of Higgins
- Justice of Peace, Dimmitt, TX
- Dimmitt Police Department
- Justice of the Peace Castro County
- Amarillo District Attorney's Office
- Community Hospital staff
- Maud Police Department
- Municipal Court Judge City of Atlanta
- Domestic Violence Prevention, Texarkana
- Court Masters, Bowie, Cass, Morris & Red River Counties, Texarkana, TX
- Titus County Sheriff's Office, Mr. Pleasant, TX
- Bowie County Sherriff's Office, New Boston, TX
- Texas Court of Appeals, Sixth District, Texarkana, TX
- Bowie County Adult Probation
- Morris County Sheriff's Department, Dangerfield, TX
- New Boston Police Department
- Bowie County District Attorney's Office, Texarkana, TX
- Heart of Texas Council of Governments staff

- Office of the Governor George W. Bush staff
- City of Coolidge Texas
- Women’s Children’s Healthcare Center – Northwest TX Healthcare System
- McLennan County Criminal District Attorney’s Office, Waco, TX
- Constable Precinct 1, Hillsboro, TX
- Hewitt Police Department
- Texas State Technical College Police Department
- Texas Department of Health staff
- Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Waco, TX
- Hill County Crime Victims Assistance

The organizations, agencies, businesses, educational institutions, and community partners recognized in this report represent only a portion of the many individuals and entities that have generously supported Hope for Children Foundation's mission throughout Texas. Space limitations prevent us from listing every organization that participated in or supported our statewide training conferences. To those whose names do not appear in these pages, please accept our heartfelt gratitude. Your partnership, compassion, and commitment to protecting children have helped strengthen communities and improve the lives of countless children and families.

Hope for Children Foundation's educational outreach has also expanded far beyond its original statewide training conferences. Colleges, universities, and educational institutions throughout the United States utilize the charity’s free online training resources to educate students, faculty, and staff. Likewise, elementary, middle, and high schools continue to access the charity’s online educational materials to support the professional development of teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school personnel. The number of participating educational institutions is too extensive to include in this report.

What began as a two-day training conference presented throughout Texas has grown into a nationwide educational initiative through the power of the Internet. Today, Hope for Children Foundation's online training programs continue to provide free educational resources that strengthen child protection efforts and promote safer communities across the United States.

Website analytics consistently demonstrate significant engagement from educational institutions and professionals throughout the United States, reflecting the charity’s expanding national reach and educational impact.

On behalf of the children, teens, families, and other adults we serve, thank you so very much for your support!

“Crimes Against Women and Their Children, Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Judicial Accountability”

This two-day multi-conference was approved for Certification and Recertification for Continuing Education Credits by the following State of Texas Agencies:

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, for 16 hours of accredited continuing education from TCLEOSE for police, sheriff, justice of the peace, other law enforcement officers, upon satisfactory completion.

State Bar of Texas, MCLE and STATE BAR COLLEGE for 15 CLE hours of Participatory Hours and 03.50 Ethics Hours, accredited continuing education for attorneys, who completed the course.

The Texas Center for Judiciary, 15 MCLE Hours approved through the Rules of Judicial Education accredited continuing education for judges, who completed the course.

Texas State Board of Legal Specialization, 15 Hours of accredited continuing legal education certified in Family Law and 15 Hours of accredited continuing legal education certified in Criminal Law, for attorneys and legal assistants, who completed the course.

Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, for 13 hours of accredited continuing education credits for juvenile probation officers and staff, upon satisfactory completion.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Community Justice Assistance Division, for 13.5 Hours of continuing education credits for adult probation officers and staff, upon satisfactory completion.

This two-day multi-conference was Certified for Continuing Education Credits for physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, counselors, CPS workers, mental health workers, and other medical professionals; Certification and approval for this course was authorized by:

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas

This two-day multi conference was Certified for Continuing Education Credits by these Texas Colleges:

Amarillo College

Midland College

Angelina College

Victoria College

Del Mar College

Grayson County College

Kilgore College

Honoring The Volunteer Leaders Who Built Hope for Children Foundation

Since its founding in 1998, Hope for Children Foundation has been blessed with dedicated volunteer leaders who faithfully served on its Board of Directors. These individuals generously contributed their time, professional expertise, wisdom, and leadership to guide the charity through its first twenty-seven years of service to children and families.

Whether serving for one term or many years, each Board member played an important role in strengthening the charity's governance, advancing its mission, and helping build an organization dedicated to education, prevention, and hope.

Hope for Children Foundation gratefully honors every individual who accepted the responsibility of Board service. The first eleven individuals listed also served as elected officers of the charity during their respective terms.

- Patricia L. Hope Kirby Rasmussen (Co-Founder)
- J. Douglas (Jaye) Crowder, M.D. (Co-Founder)
 - The late James “Jim” Barnett P.E. (Founding Member of 3)
- Sheree Baur Keeling
- Clarice L. Grimes, M.D.
- Jerry Martinez, CPA
- Davis McCune, AIA
- Pamela Perskin Noblitt
- Bre Saldi
- Sharon L. Walker, RN, PhD.
- David Westgate
- Gary E. Ackerman, M.D.
- Stephen Woods Burgher, M.D.
- Dr. Yvette Evans
- Maynard F. Ewton, Jr., M.D.
- Lawrence Hum, M.D.
- Pamela Mason
- Honorable Charles McGarry
- John H. Myers, M.D.
- Randy Noblitt, Ph.D.
- Dighton Packard, M.D.
- David Pillow, M.D.
- Robert Simonson, D.O.
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A + ACADEMY SCHOOLS – Dr. Brenton White, Superintendent – School Staff, A + Police Department, Show Choir, Middle School Choir & Elementary Choir – Secondary Theater Department - BAND – DANCE TEAM – DRILL TEAM: Sheila and Larry Barr Sergeant Ira Carter; Dallas Police Dept. Santa Cops.; Nancy Taylor; Avalon Communities; Jeannette C. Hourigan & Jeannean McCain; DAL TILE; DISABLED U.S. VETERANS; Mrs. Katie Seale; Cheryl Underwood Photography; USAA; WALMART STORES; BE THE LIGHT YOUTH ASSO.; NATIONS AUTO GLASS; FIVE BELOW; THE TOY DRIVE FOR **LOLLI'S CHRISTMAS; YARDI; SAM'S CLUB; Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Performing Band & Dance Team; Costco; The United States Marines – Toys for Tots; Country Thunder U.S.A.**



Together, These Entities Have Helped Extend the Charity's Reach



Each Partnership Helps Improve the Lives of Children & Communities



The Charity's Accomplishments Were Possible Through Generosity



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Meet The Wonderful Volunteers Who Gave Their Time Generosity

The charity's success has been made possible by the many volunteers who generously shared their time and talents. Although not every volunteer is pictured, each is sincerely appreciated for helping advance our mission of protecting children. Thanks to my husband Ed, for volunteering for so many things.



Volunteers – Continued – Thank you so very much! You really care!



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Patricia L. Hope Kirby Rasmussen, Co-Founder & Chairman of the Board

Patricia Co-Founded Hope for Children Foundation in 1998 and has provided continuous leadership since its inception. A Legacy of Faith, Hope, Service, and Love

During the organization's early years, she served as President and Executive Director. To comply with governance requirements associated with a U.S. Department of Justice grant, the Board later elected Dr. J. Douglas Crowder as President while Patricia continued leading the charity as the Executive Director, and a member of the board of directors. Following Dr. Crowder's retirement from the presidency in 2021, the Board again elected Patricia to serve as President. She currently serves as Chairman of the Board, President, Treasurer, and Executive Director.

Some people inherit wealth. Some inherit family businesses. Some inherit land. Patricia inherited something far more enduring. Patricia inherited faith. Patricia inherited hope. Patricia inherited compassion. Patricia inherited perseverance. Patricia inherited the belief that every human life possesses immeasurable value and deserves to be protected. Long before Hope for Children Foundation was established in 1998, its true foundation was quietly being built through the lives of those who came before her. It began with her grandmother, and possibly before then.

As a young mother, her grandmother faced one of life's darkest moments when her firstborn daughter suffered life-threatening burns. Her firstborn is Patricia's mother, Fannie Louise. Physicians offered little hope that her child, Fannie Louise, would survive. Faced with what seemed impossible, Patricia's grandmother turned to God in earnest prayer. Her grandmother made a solemn promise that if He would spare her daughter's life, she would serve Him for the rest of her own life. God answered that prayer. Her daughter lived. Patricia's grandmother never forgot that moment.

True to her promise, Patricia's grandmother devoted the rest of her life to serving God. One of the most visible expressions of that promise was her faithful service as the church pianist. Week after week, year after year, decade after decade, she played the piano in worship, continuing well into her late eighties. When failing eyesight threatened to end that ministry, she underwent eye surgery. With joy she later remarked that she could once again "see as when I was eighteen years old," and she continued faithfully serving the Lord.

As a little girl, Patricia watched that quiet faith unfold. Her grandmother simply did not tell Patricia about faith; she lived it every day. Her life taught Patricia that promises made to God are sacred, that prayer has power, and that genuine faith is revealed through steadfast obedience over a lifetime. Patricia's mother, whose life had been spared through that answered prayer, became another extraordinary example of love, kindness, compassion, and perseverance. Patricia's mother carried forward the faith she had witnessed in her own mother, and through her daily life Patricia's mother taught her gentleness, humility, generosity, tenacity, commitment, unconditional love, and many other important character traits.

Patricia learned many admirable character traits from her father, including but not limited to integrity, personal responsibility, humility, hard work, and the quiet strength of sacrificial love. His example taught her that character is revealed not by what we say, but by the consistency with which we live our lives every day.

Looking back, Patricia now realizes that Hope for Children Foundation did not begin with a business plan or organizational strategy. It began inside a home. It began with faith lived every day. It began with parents and grandparents whose lives demonstrated that love is expressed through sacrifice, kindness, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to others. Those lessons became part of who Patricia is today.

Years later, when Patricia and Patricia's daughter faced circumstances that forever changed the course of their lives, those same lessons became the strength that carried Patricia forward. As a mother, Patricia discovered a love that would never stop fighting for her child. Through unimaginable adversity, God transformed personal heartbreak into a lifelong calling. Rather than allowing pain to define Patricia's future, He used it to shape a mission dedicated to protecting children, strengthening families, educating professionals, and helping communities prevent abuse before it occurs.

That mission became Hope for Children Foundation. For more than twenty-seven years, Patricia experienced the privilege of working alongside extraordinary law enforcement officers, physicians, prosecutors, judges, educators, counselors, victim advocates, volunteers, and community leaders who share a common commitment to protecting children. Every accomplishment of Hope for Children Foundation has been made possible through countless partnerships and the generosity of people who believe that every child deserves to grow up safe, valued, and loved.

Yet beyond every title Patricia has been blessed to hold, Co-Founder, President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, teacher, speaker, advocate, and volunteer, she remains, first and foremost, a daughter, a mother, a wife, and a servant of God.

The four-generation photograph displayed on the next page is far more than a treasured family portrait. It represents a living legacy. It tells the story of four generations of women connected by

faith, hope, love, sacrifice, and prayer. The photo far right displays the playful love of a child with her Great Grandmother Roberts, Patricia's Grandmother.



Patricia's Grandmother Roberts, her mother Fannie Louise Hope, Patricia's daughter Alicia, and Patricia. Photo to right Great Grandmother Roberts & Granddaughter Alicia.

Patricia's grandmother prayed for her daughter, Fannie Louise. Patricia's mother, Fannie Louise, became the living answer to that prayer. Patricia's mother prayed continuously for Patricia and Patricia's daughter. Patricia has prayed for her daughter with that same enduring hope. Together, these generations remind Patricia that the greatest gifts we pass from one generation to the next are not material possessions, but faith, character, compassion, courage, and unconditional love.

As Patricia reflects upon her life, she realizes that whatever good has been accomplished through Hope for Children Foundation it did not begin with just her alone. Patricia stands upon the shoulders of those who loved her, prayed for her, sacrificed for her, believed in her, and quietly showed her what it means to serve others. Their legacy lives on, not only in Patricia's family, or the lives of the numerous board members and volunteers, but in every child protected, every family strengthened, every professional educated, and every life touched through the work of Hope for Children Foundation.

Scripture reminds us: **"One generation shall commend Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts."** — *Psalms 145:4*

That verse beautifully describes the story of Patricia's family. It is also the story of Hope for Children Foundation. Patricia believes that if her life accomplished anything of lasting value, it is because she first inherited gifts that cannot be measured by wealth. Patricia inherited faith, hope, service and love from a praying grandmother, faith, hope, integrity, tenacity, compassion, service, and unconditional love from her mother, integrity, unconditional love, service, and steadfast character from her father, and the enduring love of family that taught her every child is precious in the sight of God. Those gifts became the foundation upon which Hope for Children Foundation was built. They remain the foundation upon which Patricia continues to live and serve today.

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"The promise my grandmother made in a single moment of desperate prayer became a lifetime of faithful service, and its blessings continue to echo through generations."

- *Patricia L. Hope Kirby Rasmussen*

Pamela Perskin Noblitt, & Husband, Randy Noblitt, Ph.D.

Vice President – Board of Directors: Hope for Children Foundation

A Lifetime of Service, Compassion, and Hope

Some partnerships change the lives of those immediately around them. Others leave a legacy that reaches generations. The lives of Pamela Perskin Noblitt and her husband, Randy Noblitt, Ph.D., exemplify the extraordinary impact that can result when two people dedicate their lives to serving others with compassion, integrity, and unwavering purpose.

Pam and Randy's journey together began in 1970 when they met and married while attending the University of North Texas in Denton. Their marriage became the foundation for a remarkable lifelong partnership devoted to family, education, professional excellence, and helping those who are most vulnerable.

While Randy simultaneously served ten years in the United States Air Force and pursued his doctoral studies in clinical psychology, Pam earned her degree in psychology with a double major in English literature and history. During those early years they welcomed two children into their family, born in 1972 and 1974, while living on Air Force bases in Texas, Colorado, Ohio, and England. In 1983 they returned to their hometown of Dallas, Texas, where they would begin a new chapter of service that would touch countless lives.

After opening his private psychology practice, Dr. Noblitt quickly became recognized as a highly respected clinical psychologist whose work focused on helping adults and children recover from the devastating effects of childhood trauma. Throughout his career he collaborated with individuals whose emotional struggles often stemmed from abuse experienced years earlier. With uncommon compassion, wisdom, and professional skill, he helped survivors understand their experiences, rebuild healthy relationships, and reclaim hope in the future.

Dr. Noblitt was also frequently called upon to evaluate children when concerns of abuse or neglect arose. Few responsibilities carry greater importance than determining whether a child is safe, and he approached this work with profound humility and unwavering dedication. His extraordinary ability to communicate with children, helping them feel secure, understood, and believed, enabled many young victims to share painful experiences they had difficulty before been able to disclose. That gift not only changed individual lives, but it also helped protect children from continued abuse and provided critical guidance for professionals responsible for their safety.

Behind this important work stood Pam, whose steadfast support, wisdom, and organizational leadership helped make their shared mission possible. While managing the psychology practice and raising their family, she became an indispensable partner in advancing Randy's work on behalf of children and families. Together they demonstrated that meaningful service is often accomplished not only by those standing at the podium, but also by those faithfully supporting the mission behind the scenes.

Patricia Rasmussen first met Dr. Randy Noblitt in late 1999 or early 2000, marking the beginning of a friendship and professional collaboration that has now spanned more than twenty-six years. Recognizing both his expertise and his heartfelt commitment to protecting children, Patricia invited Dr. Noblitt to develop and present specialized training for Hope for Children Foundation's inaugural statewide Texas training conference in 2000.

Serving as one of the conference instructors, Dr. Noblitt educated law enforcement officers, physicians, nurses, prosecutors, judges, educators, child protective professionals, mental health professionals, and many others on recognizing the psychological effects of child abuse and identifying children who may be at risk. Pam collaborated with him in support of the conference and Hope for Children Foundation's child advocacy mission. It was during this event that Patricia first met Pam, beginning what would become a treasured friendship and enduring partnership.

The conference proved to be an overwhelming success and established the Hope for Children Foundation's statewide educational initiatives. Dr. Noblitt's presentation was professionally recorded and became a permanent part of the charity's educational training library. More than two decades later, his instruction continues to educate professionals throughout the nation, extending his influence far beyond the original conference and helping safeguard children for future generations.

As their relationship with Hope for Children Foundation continued to grow, Patricia invited both Randy and Pam to join the Hope for Children Foundation's National Advisory Board in 2002. They graciously accepted, generously sharing their knowledge, experience, and wisdom in support of the charity's mission.

Several years later, Dr. Noblitt was invited to serve on the Hope for Children Foundation Board of Directors, where he faithfully contributed his professional expertise before returning to the National Advisory Board in approximately 2006. Pam continued serving on the National Advisory Board through 2010 before accepting an invitation to join the Board of Directors in 2011. Since that time, she has served faithfully as a member of the Board and, in recent years, as Vice President of Hope for Children Foundation. Her steady leadership, thoughtful counsel, and unwavering commitment have strengthened the organization during both seasons of opportunity and times of challenge.

Their commitment to helping others extends well beyond Hope for Children Foundation. Throughout their careers, Pam and Randy have authored numerous professional articles, book chapters, and books examining the lifelong psychological consequences of child abuse and trauma, helping educate clinicians, advocates, and researchers throughout the country.

When Dr. Noblitt later returned to academia to educate future generations of psychologists, Pam embraced another calling of service. She became nationally certified as a non-attorney representative, advocating for disabled children and adults seeking Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Through her compassionate advocacy, individuals facing significant physical and emotional challenges gained access not only to essential financial assistance but also to life-changing medical care through Medicare

and Medicaid, with eligibility for additional federal, state, county, and local support services that often become available once disability has been established.

Recognizing the need to help other professionals better navigate this complex process, Pam and Randy co-authored another important resource explaining Social Security disability programs and the vital role advocates, clinicians, and healthcare professionals play in documenting evidence that enables deserving individuals to receive the assistance needed.

Today, after more than five decades of marriage and service together, Pam and Randy continue to exemplify lives devoted to compassion, scholarship, integrity, and hope. They are devoted parents and grandparents whose influence extends far beyond their own family. Through their professional work, their writings, their advocacy, and their faithful service to Hope for Children Foundation, they have helped protect children, restore lives, strengthen families, educate professionals, and inspire countless others to become voices for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Hope for Children Foundation is profoundly grateful for Pamela Perskin Noblitt and Randy Noblitt, Ph.D. Their enduring friendship, steadfast leadership, and unwavering commitment to protecting children have enriched the charity's mission for more than two decades. Their legacy serves as a powerful reminder that lasting change is achieved not through a single act, but through a lifetime of faithful service dedicated to giving hope, healing, and a brighter future to generations yet to come.

Pamela Perskin Noblitt and Randy Noblitt, PhD with family: (left to right)
Son-in-law, Jay Spangler, grandson Benny, granddaughter Lilly, Randy, Pam, daughter Danielle,
grandson Jake. Photo taken December 2025, Redondo Beach, CA



Sheree Baur Keeling

Secretary/Officer, Board of Directors Hope for Children Foundation

For many years, Sheree Baur Keeling has faithfully served as Secretary of the Board of Directors for Hope for Children Foundation, offering steadfast leadership, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to improving the lives of children. Whether assisting with Foundation programs, supporting fundraising events, or working behind the scenes wherever needed, Sheree has consistently demonstrated that true leadership is measured through humble service.

Her dedication to protecting children is rooted not only in her professional career but also in her personal life. As the mother of six adult children and grandmother of ten grandchildren, she understands the immeasurable importance of nurturing children in safe, loving, and emotionally healthy environments. Three of her children joined her family through adoption after being removed from unsafe circumstances. Witnessing the challenges these children faced strengthened her lifelong commitment to helping vulnerable children heal, grow, and reach their God-given potential.

Sheree believes every child deserves the opportunity to experience love, security, encouragement, and hope. This conviction has inspired her continued support of Hope for Children Foundation's mission to educate communities, strengthen families, and help prevent child abuse before another child suffers the lifelong consequences of trauma.

A retired educator, Sheree devoted almost four decades to serving children in both public charter and private schools. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and faithfully served students for 24 years in public charter schools and 15 years in private schools. Throughout her career she embraced opportunities to serve children, including positions in school administration, daycare, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary education, teacher assistance, substitute teaching, and school library services.

Regardless of her title, her purpose remained the same, to help every child feel valued, respected, encouraged, and capable of succeeding. Former students and families remember her gentle spirit, patient encouragement, and genuine love for every child entrusted to her care.

Sheree also recognizes the devastating impact that abuse, neglect, and violence have on children, families, and communities. She believes protecting children is not solely the responsibility of parents, educators, or law enforcement, but a shared responsibility that belongs to every member of society. Through her work with Hope for Children Foundation, she hopes to inspire greater public awareness and encourage individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and communities to unite in creating safer environments where children can flourish.

Outside her professional and volunteer service, Sheree treasures spending time with her family and friends. Music has always been a joyful part of her life and family traditions. She enjoys singing, dancing, and celebrating life's special moments with those she loves.

Her appreciation for music is supported by decades of scientific research. Studies have shown that

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music can reduce stress hormones, stimulate the release of dopamine and endorphins, the brain's natural "feel-good" chemicals, and strengthen emotional connections between people. Singing and dancing can elevate mood, improve memory, promote physical activity, reduce anxiety, and foster a greater sense of belonging and emotional well-being. For Sheree, music has always been more than entertainment, it is a source of healing, hope, and connection that brings generations of her family together.

Sheree's life reflects the quiet but powerful influence one caring person can have on countless children. Through her unwavering faith, compassionate heart, dedication to education, and faithful service to Hope for Children Foundation, she continues to help build a future where every child is protected, valued, and given the opportunity to thrive.

"Every child deserves to be loved, protected, encouraged, and given the opportunity to thrive."

— *Sheree Baur Keeling*

Photo taken by Patricia Rasmussen at her home during Christmas 2023. Sheree, four of her children, four of her grandchildren, and her husband. 1st row, granddaughter Evelyn; Second row granddaughters Bella & Emily, Sheree, daughter Elisabeth, Sheree's husband Marvin, daughter Tiffany; 3rd row Santa, son Phillip, Patricia's husband Ed, granddaughter Alyssia, & daughter Meghan.



Dr. Yvette R. Evans, Ed.D., M.S., CCC-SLP-L

Board Member at Large

Some individuals serve on nonprofit boards because of professional recognition or career opportunities. Dr. Yvette R. Evans serves for a much simpler and far more meaningful reason; she cares deeply about children and the families who love them.

As both a devoted mother and an accomplished educator, researcher, and speech-language pathologist, Dr. Evans understands that every child deserves to be heard, valued, protected, and given every opportunity to reach his or her full potential. Her life has been dedicated to helping children find their voices, both literally and figuratively, and to empowering parents with the knowledge, confidence, and tools they need to help their children thrive.

For more than three years, Dr. Evans has faithfully volunteered as a member of the Hope for Children Foundation Board of Directors, generously sharing her time, wisdom, and professional expertise in support of our mission. Her service reflects a genuine commitment to children rather than professional obligation. She brings not only exceptional academic credentials but also kindness, compassion, and a nurturing spirit that reminds us that behind every diagnosis is a child, behind every child is a family, and behind every family is hope.

Dr. Evans earned her Doctor of Education in Special Education, graduating with honors from Illinois State University, and holds a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology. Throughout her distinguished career she has served children and families through private practice, home health care, public schools, universities, and clinical settings. Her work has focused particularly on children with autism and other communication disorders, helping children who are unable to speak discover meaningful ways to communicate and participate more fully in the world around them.

Her research has centered on empowering parents to become active partners in their children's development. Recognizing that families are a child's first and most important teachers, she developed innovative strategies that utilize everyday technology, including mobile devices, to strengthen communication skills and encourage language development within the home. Her award-winning doctoral research demonstrated the life-changing difference that informed, engaged parents can make in their children's futures.

Beyond her clinical and academic accomplishments, Dr. Evans has devoted countless hours to mentoring graduate students, supervising future clinicians, developing university curriculum, conducting research, and presenting nationally on topics involving communication, education, technology, and family engagement. Yet despite these many achievements, she remains grounded in her desire to improve the daily lives of children and strengthen families.

What especially drew Dr. Evans to Hope for Children Foundation was our commitment to prevention through education. She recognizes that children with disabilities are among the most vulnerable members of society and are at significantly greater risk of abuse, often because communication challenges prevent them from telling others when something is wrong. This reality

has strengthened her determination to advocate for children who cannot always advocate for themselves.

In her letter accepting nomination to the Board of Directors, Dr. Evans wrote that she admired Hope for Children Foundation's dedication to "enhancing the quality of life for children and empowering love within families." Those words beautifully reflect the values she demonstrates through her own life of service.

Hope for Children Foundation is deeply grateful to Dr. Yvette Evans' compassionate leadership, professional excellence, and unwavering commitment to protect children. Her voice, wisdom, and caring heart continue to strengthen our mission and remind us that every child deserves not only to be safe, but also to be loved, understood, and given the opportunity to flourish.

**"May you be safe and secure.
May you be healthy and happy.
May you be in love and peace."
— Dr. Yvette R. Evans**

The Harbor, Rockwall, TX: Left to right: Yvette's daughter Brittany, Yvette, & son Jordan Evans



Pamela Mason

Board Member at Large

Pamela Mason is a devoted mother of two sons, Ronnie and Reginald, and a proud grandmother of an energetic eight-year-old granddaughter and a fun-loving three-year-old grandson. Her family is the center of her life and the source of her greatest joy and inspiration. They continually remind her of the enduring importance of love, compassion, faith, and leaving a positive legacy for future generations.

Born and raised in Louisiana, Pamela developed a strong foundation of faith, integrity, perseverance, and service to others. After graduating from high school, she answered the call to serve her country by enlisting in the United States Army. During her distinguished 18-year military career, she served with honor and dedication, developing exceptional leadership skills, discipline, resilience, and a lifelong commitment to helping others.

Today, Pamela resides in Texas, where she serves as an Operations Manager for a major financial institution. Throughout her professional career, she has been recognized for her ability to lead with integrity, mentor and develop others, foster teamwork, and continually improve organizational processes. She believes that strong leadership is measured not only by results achieved, but also by the positive impact made in the lives of those entrusted to one's care.

One of Pamela's greatest passions is serving children and families. Her desire to make a meaningful difference led her to become a volunteer and Board Member of Hope for Children Foundation, where she joins others in advancing the charity's mission of protecting children through education, awareness, prevention, and hope. She finds tremendous fulfillment in encouraging young people, helping them recognize their worth, and reminding them that every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing, and loving environment. Witnessing a child's smile, growing confidence, and renewed sense of hope is among her life's greatest blessings.

Pamela believes that a life of service is one of the highest callings. Whether serving through her profession, volunteering in her community, or simply extending kindness in everyday life, she strives to reflect compassion, integrity, humility, and a servant's heart. Her sincere desire is that every person she meets feels encouraged, respected, and valued, believing that when we invest in the well-being of others, we strengthen families, enrich communities, and help create a brighter future for generations to come.

Hope for Children Foundation is honored to have Pamela Mason serving on its Board of Directors. Her unwavering commitment to serving others, her compassionate spirit, and her dedication to protecting children exemplify the values upon which the charity was established and continue to inspire all who have the privilege of serving alongside her.



Pamela Mason, Mrs. Claus, Santa & Former Dallas Police Chief Renee' Hall



Sheree Baur Keeling, Pamela Mason, Mrs. Claus, Santa & Patricia Rasmussen



National Advisory Board Members Serving During Various Years

Thank you for improving the lives of children throughout the United States!

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation's *KIDS COUNT*® Data Book:

This information regarding the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Data Book is the sole property of the Annie E. Casey Foundation but is allowed to be copied when they are given proper credit for the material as the author. Download the 2026 DATA BOOK website. This Book provides valuable national data that help illustrate many of the challenges discussed in this report.

Annie E. Casey Foundation website: <https://www.aecf.org/resources/2026-kids-count-data-book>

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation released the *2026 KIDS COUNT*® Data Book. This 37th edition introduces a new way to measure child well-being that shows not only how states compare with one another, but whether they are making meaningful progress for children over time.

Nationally, the United States received an overall score of 547. “Behind every number in this report is a child who is either hungry or fed, housed or homeless, progressing academically or falling behind,” said Lisa Lawson, president and CEO of the Casey Foundation. **“No state is consistently getting this right. The Data Book challenges us to follow the evidence and do what delivers results.”**

PROGRESS IS UNEVEN ACROSS THE COUNTRY

New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Utah earned the highest overall scores, while Louisiana, New Mexico and Mississippi scored lowest. But that is not the full story; the new index also shows that progress is possible in every state. Even New Hampshire, the nation's top-performing state with a score of 838, has room for improvement, while several lower-ranked states posted significant gains between 2019 and 2024. **Overall, child well-being declined in 29 states, improved in 15 states, and remained stable in six states.**

DATA THAT DRIVE ACTION

The *2026 KIDS COUNT Data Book* reinforces a central lesson: **Outcomes for children are not inevitable; they are shaped by policy choices, public investments and community conditions.** The enhanced KIDS COUNT Index provides leaders with a clearer picture of where children are thriving, where they are struggling and where targeted action can have the greatest effect. By tracking both rankings and progress over time, the new scoring system offers a stronger tool for improving the lives of children and families across the country.

THIS POST IS RELATED TO:

Child Poverty, Community Development, Education, Evidence-Based Practice, Generation Alpha, Generation Z, Grade-Level Reading, Health and Child Development, and Housing

A 2025 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION CHILD WELL-BEING RANKINGS

CHILD WELL-BEING RANKINGS

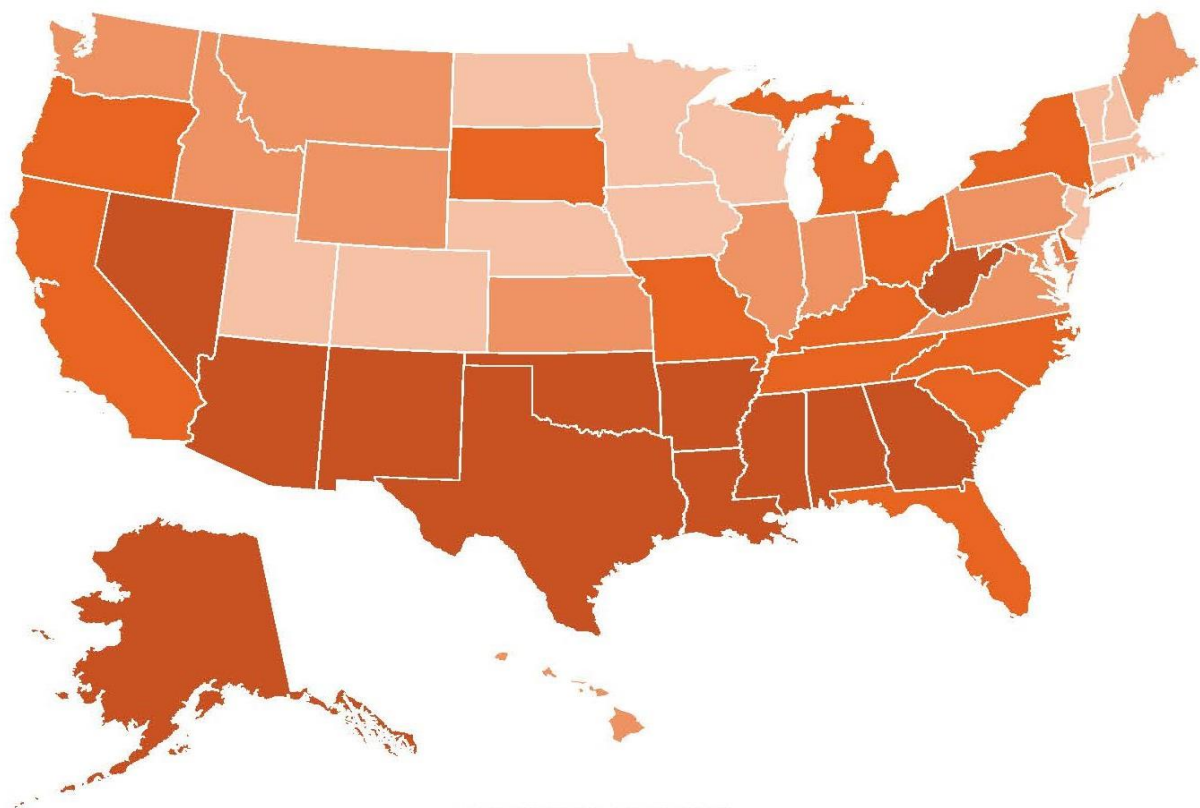
Location	OVERALL RANK	ECONOMIC WELL-BEING RANK	EDUCATION RANK	HEALTH RANK	FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RANK
Alabama	43	36	38	44	44
Alaska	40	42	49	34	21
Arizona	42	31	47	38	39
Arkansas	45	45	36	47	46
California	32	44	30	11	37
Colorado	12	15	9	24	9
Connecticut	8	26	3	5	22
Delaware	30	17	37	27	33
District of Columbia	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Florida	35	43	19	32	30
Georgia	39	37	32	40	42
Hawaii	24	33	29	10	14
Idaho	15	19	40	14	5
Illinois	18	18	7	23	26
Indiana	25	11	11	30	31
Iowa	9	6	20	15	12
Kansas	14	5	24	26	24
Kentucky	36	34	25	31	41
Louisiana	49	50	35	49	49
Maine	17	16	41	19	6
Maryland	21	10	18	28	23
Massachusetts	3	25	1	2	13
Michigan	33	28	44	22	29
Minnesota	5	4	17	4	7
Mississippi	48	47	16	50	48
Missouri	27	13	33	35	25
Montana	22	21	26	29	10
Nebraska	10	3	21	17	15
Nevada	47	48	46	45	45
New Hampshire	1	2	4	1	1
New Jersey	7	23	2	6	20
New Mexico	50	49	50	46	50
New York	29	46	8	7	38
North Carolina	34	29	23	36	34
North Dakota	6	1	42	12	4
Ohio	31	27	15	33	35
Oklahoma	46	40	48	43	40
Oregon	28	32	43	8	19
Pennsylvania	20	22	10	20	28
Puerto Rico	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Rhode Island	19	24	28	16	16
South Carolina	38	38	34	42	36
South Dakota	26	14	39	21	27
Tennessee	37	35	14	41	43
Texas	44	41	31	48	47
Utah	4	9	5	13	2
Vermont	2	7	12	3	3
Virginia	13	12	13	18	18
Washington	16	30	27	9	11
West Virginia	41	39	45	39	32
Wisconsin	11	8	6	25	17
Wyoming	23	20	22	37	8

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THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION OVERALL CHILD WELL-BEING RANKINGS

A 2025 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF
OVERALL CHILD WELL-BEING

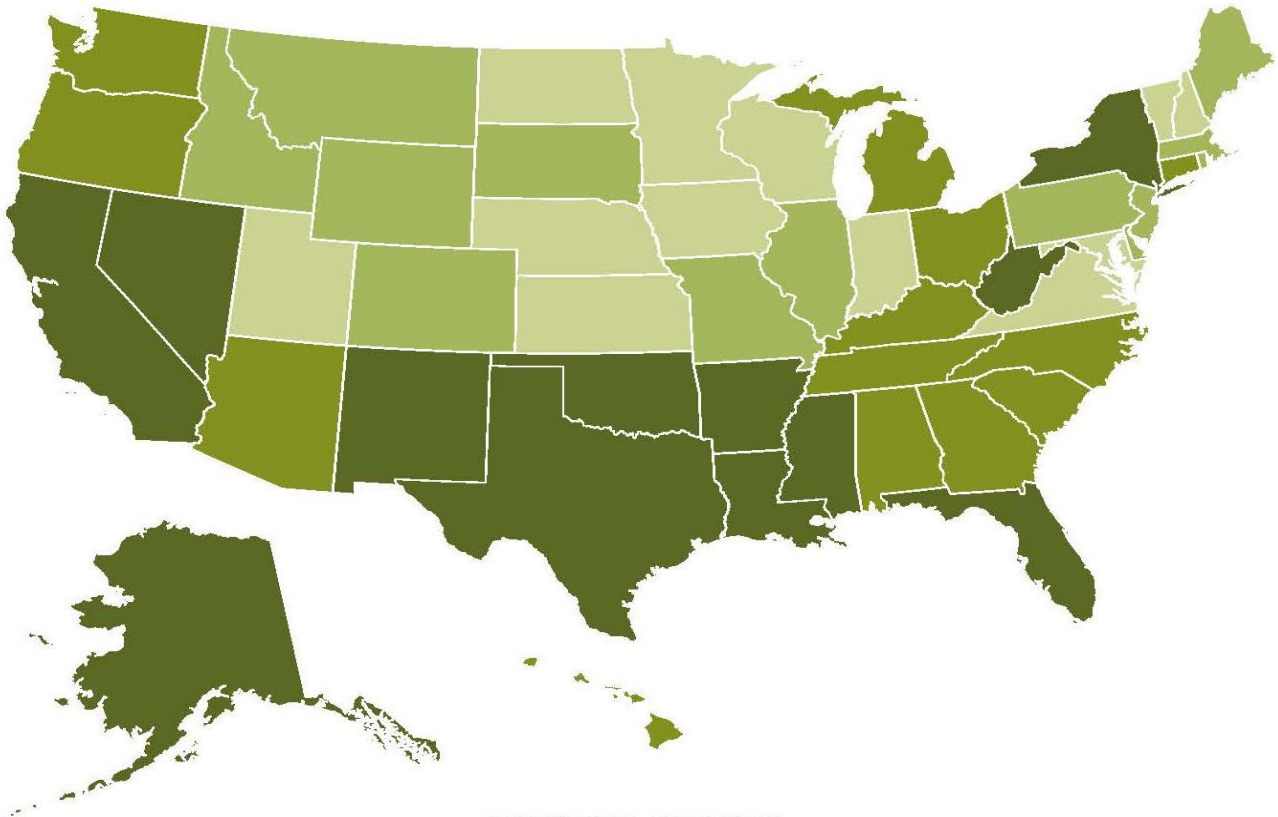


RANKINGS AND KEY

BEST	BETTER	WORSE	WORST
1. New Hampshire	13. Virginia	26. South Dakota	39. Georgia
2. Vermont	14. Kansas	27. Missouri	40. Alaska
3. Massachusetts	15. Idaho	28. Oregon	41. West Virginia
4. Utah	16. Washington	29. New York	42. Arizona
5. Minnesota	17. Maine	30. Delaware	43. Alabama
6. North Dakota	18. Illinois	31. Ohio	44. Texas
7. New Jersey	19. Rhode Island	32. California	45. Arkansas
8. Connecticut	20. Pennsylvania	33. Michigan	46. Oklahoma
9. Iowa	21. Maryland	34. North Carolina	47. Nevada
10. Nebraska	22. Montana	35. Florida	48. Mississippi
11. Wisconsin	23. Wyoming	36. Kentucky	49. Louisiana
12. Colorado	24. Hawaii	37. Tennessee	50. New Mexico
	25. Indiana	38. South Carolina	

THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION ECONOMIC CHILD WELL-BEING RANKINGS

A 2025 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF ECONOMIC WELL-BEING



RANKINGS AND KEY

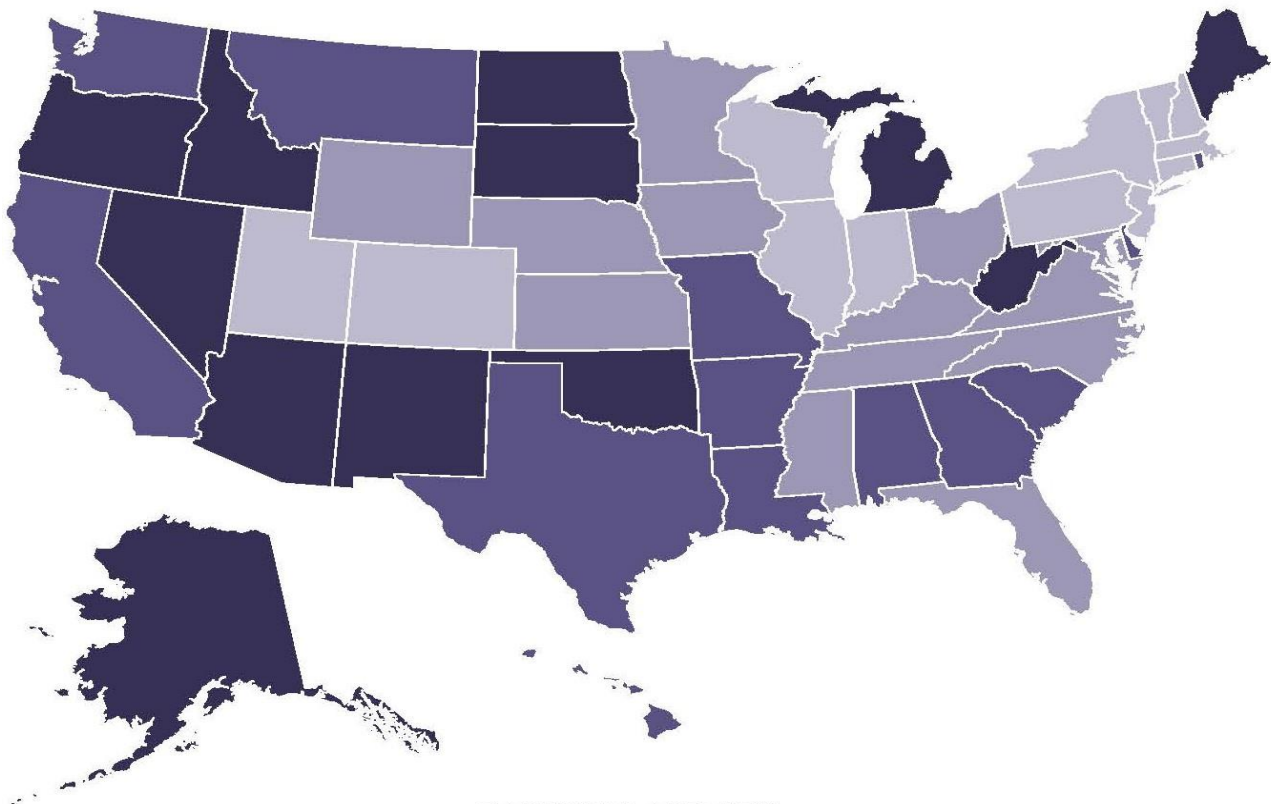
BEST	BETTER	WORSE	WORST
1. North Dakota	13. Missouri	26. Connecticut	39. West Virginia
2. New Hampshire	14. South Dakota	27. Ohio	40. Oklahoma
3. Nebraska	15. Colorado	28. Michigan	41. Texas
4. Minnesota	16. Maine	29. North Carolina	42. Alaska
5. Kansas	17. Delaware	30. Washington	43. Florida
6. Iowa	18. Illinois	31. Arizona	44. California
7. Vermont	19. Idaho	32. Oregon	45. Arkansas
8. Wisconsin	20. Wyoming	33. Hawaii	46. New York
9. Utah	21. Montana	34. Kentucky	47. Mississippi
10. Maryland	22. Pennsylvania	35. Tennessee	48. Nevada
11. Indiana	23. New Jersey	36. Alabama	49. New Mexico
12. Virginia	24. Rhode Island	37. Georgia	50. Louisiana
	25. Massachusetts	38. South Carolina	

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THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION EDUCATION CHILD WELL-BEING RANKINGS

A 2025 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF
EDUCATION



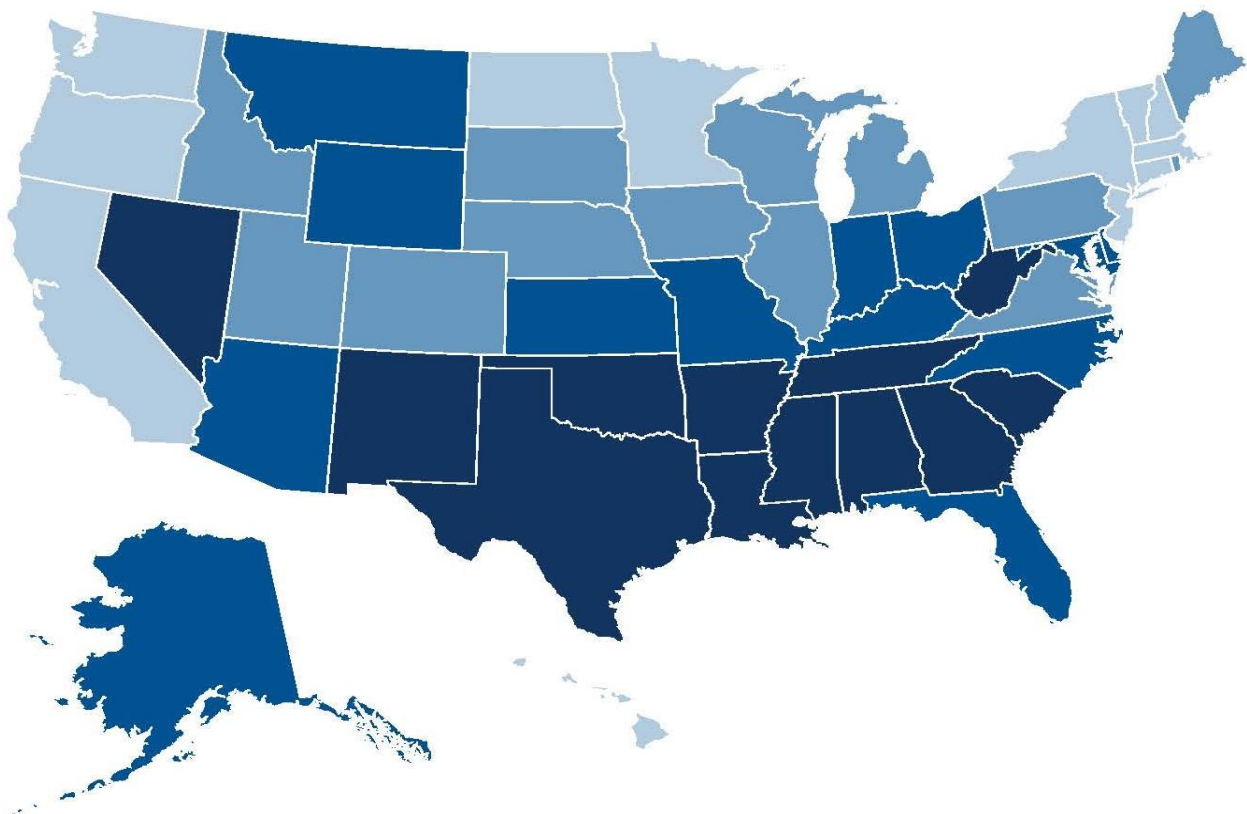
RANKINGS AND KEY

BEST	BETTER	WORSE	WORST
1. Massachusetts	13. Virginia	26. Montana	39. South Dakota
2. New Jersey	14. Tennessee	27. Washington	40. Idaho
3. Connecticut	15. Ohio	28. Rhode Island	41. Maine
4. New Hampshire	16. Mississippi	29. Hawaii	42. North Dakota
5. Utah	17. Minnesota	30. California	43. Oregon
6. Wisconsin	18. Maryland	31. Texas	44. Michigan
7. Illinois	19. Florida	32. Georgia	45. West Virginia
8. New York	20. Iowa	33. Missouri	46. Nevada
9. Colorado	21. Nebraska	34. South Carolina	47. Arizona
10. Pennsylvania	22. Wyoming	35. Louisiana	48. Oklahoma
11. Indiana	23. North Carolina	36. Arkansas	49. Alaska
12. Vermont	24. Kansas	37. Delaware	50. New Mexico
	25. Kentucky	38. Alabama	

THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION HEALTH CHILD WELL-BEING RANKINGS

A 2025 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF

HEALTH

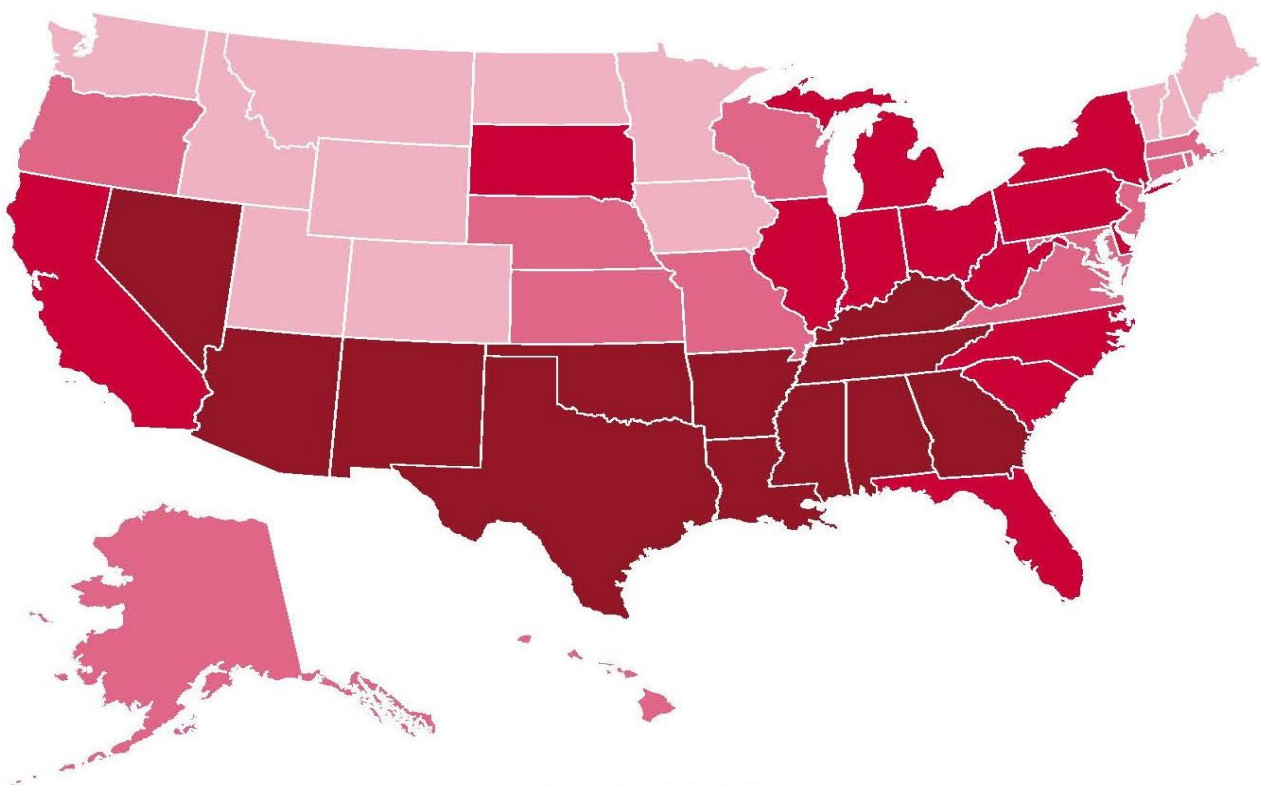


RANKINGS AND KEY

BEST	BETTER	WORSE	WORST
1. New Hampshire	13. Utah	26. Kansas	39. West Virginia
2. Massachusetts	14. Idaho	27. Delaware	40. Georgia
3. Vermont	15. Iowa	28. Maryland	41. Tennessee
4. Minnesota	16. Rhode Island	29. Montana	42. South Carolina
5. Connecticut	17. Nebraska	30. Indiana	43. Oklahoma
6. New Jersey	18. Virginia	31. Kentucky	44. Alabama
7. New York	19. Maine	32. Florida	45. Nevada
8. Oregon	20. Pennsylvania	33. Ohio	46. New Mexico
9. Washington	21. South Dakota	34. Alaska	47. Arkansas
10. Hawaii	22. Michigan	35. Missouri	48. Texas
11. California	23. Illinois	36. North Carolina	49. Louisiana
12. North Dakota	24. Colorado	37. Wyoming	50. Mississippi
	25. Wisconsin	38. Arizona	

THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CHILD WELL-BEING RANKINGS

A 2025 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY



RANKINGS AND KEY

BEST	BETTER	WORSE	WORST
1. New Hampshire	13. Massachusetts	26. Illinois	39. Arizona
2. Utah	14. Hawaii	27. South Dakota	40. Oklahoma
3. Vermont	15. Nebraska	28. Pennsylvania	41. Kentucky
4. North Dakota	16. Rhode Island	29. Michigan	42. Georgia
5. Idaho	17. Wisconsin	30. Florida	43. Tennessee
6. Maine	18. Virginia	31. Indiana	44. Alabama
7. Minnesota	19. Oregon	32. West Virginia	45. Nevada
8. Wyoming	20. New Jersey	33. Delaware	46. Arkansas
9. Colorado	21. Alaska	34. North Carolina	47. Texas
10. Montana	22. Connecticut	35. Ohio	48. Mississippi
11. Washington	23. Maryland	36. South Carolina	49. Louisiana
12. Iowa	24. Kansas	37. California	50. New Mexico
	25. Missouri	38. New York	

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation's *KIDS COUNT® Data Book* is made possible by the contributions of many. Jean D'Amico, Nurfadila Khairunnisa, Celena Mijares, Nathan Porter and Alicia VanOrman of the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) were instrumental in the development of the KIDS COUNT index, as well as in the collection and organization of data presented. Learn more about PRB at www.prb.org.

JoAnna Caywood contributed her expertise on child and youth well-being to this year's publication. In addition, the KIDS COUNT Network — with members representing every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (see pages 40–41) — is instrumental in making the *Data Book* available to national, state, and local leaders across the country.

The preparation of this 2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT was made possible through the assistance of Patricia Rasmussen's "*Brainy Partner*" whose editorial guidance, organizational support, research assistance, and thoughtful writing suggestions helped transform years of history into a cohesive publication. While the vision, experiences, and mission reflected throughout this report remain Patricia's, she is grateful for the partnership that helped bring this work to completion.

Twenty-Seven Years in Reflection

Twenty-seven years ago, Hope for Children Foundation began with one mother's determination that no child should suffer because systems failed to work together. What began as a deeply personal journey grew into a statewide educational initiative, then into a national educational resource serving professionals, families, and communities across America.

Over the years, physicians, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, educators, counselors, clergy, volunteers, community leaders, donors, and countless friends joined together in a common purpose: protecting children.

Some contributed professional expertise. Others contributed financial support. Many contributed encouragement, prayer, friendship, and countless hours of volunteer service. Together they built something far greater than an organization. They built hope.

Although much has been accomplished, the work continues. Children still need protection. Families still need support. Professionals still need education. Communities still need compassionate leadership.

With God's guidance, the dedication of those who believe in this mission, and the continued support of caring people everywhere, Hope for Children Foundation looks toward the future with confidence, humility, and hope.

The story continues...

Corporations Section
P.O.Box 13697
Austin, Texas 78711-3697



Jane Nelson
Secretary of State

Office of the Secretary of State

Certificate of Fact

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, does hereby certify that the document, Articles Of Incorporation for HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION (file number 148491001), a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation, was filed in this office on April 02, 1998.

It is further certified that the entity status in Texas is in existence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in Austin, Texas on May 27, 2026.



A handwritten signature of Jane Nelson in black ink.

Jane Nelson
Secretary of State

Phone: (512) 463-5555
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File Number: 0148491001

1. The name of the corporation is: *(A name change requires an amendment; see Instructions)*
HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

2. It is incorporated under the laws of: *(Set forth state or foreign country)* TEXAS

3. The name of the registered agent is:

☐ A. The registered agent is a corporation (cannot be entity named above) by the name of:

OR

☒ B. The registered agent is an individual resident of the state whose name is:

PATRICIA L. HOPE KIRBY

RASMUSSEN

<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Suffix</i>
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4. The registered office address, which is identical to the business address of the registered agent in Texas, is:
(Only use street or building address; see Instructions)

4131 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 973	DALLAS	TX	75204
<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

5. If the corporation is a foreign corporation, the address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is:

<i>Street or Mailing Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>	<i>Country</i>
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6. The names and addresses of all directors of the corporation are: *(A minimum of three directors is required.)*
(If additional space is needed, include the information as an attachment to this form for item 6.)

PATRICIA L HOPE KIRBY		RASMUSSEN		
<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Suffix</i>	
4131 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 973		DALLAS	TX	75204 USA
<i>Street or Mailing Address</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i> <i>Country</i>

YVETTE		R EVANS			DR
<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Suffix</i>		
4131 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 973		DALLAS	TX	75204 USA	
<i>Street or Mailing Address</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i> <i>Country</i>	

PAMELA		MASON		
<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Suffix</i>	
4131 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 973		DALLAS	TX	75204 USA
<i>Street or Mailing Address</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i> <i>Country</i>

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7. The names, addresses, and titles of all officers of the corporation are: (The offices of president and secretary must be filled, but both may not be held by the same officer.)

(If additional space is needed, include the information as an attachment to this form for item 7.)

PATRICIA L HOPE KIRBY		RASMUSSEN		Officer Title	
				President	
First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix		
4131 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 973		DALLAS	TX	75204	USA
Street or Mailing Address		City		State	Zip Code Country

SHEREE F. BAUR		KEELING		Officer Title	
				Secretary	
First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix		
4131 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 973		DALLAS	TX	75204	USA
Street or Mailing Address		City		State	Zip Code Country

PAMELA		P NOBLITT		Officer Title	
				Vice President	
First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix		
4131 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY SUITE 973		DALLAS	TX	75204	USA
Street or Mailing Address		City		State	Zip Code Country

Execution:

The undersigned affirms that the person designated as registered agent has consented to the appointment. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of perjury that the undersigned is authorized under the provisions of law governing the entity to execute the filing instrument.

Date: June 17, 2026

Patricia L Hope Kirby Rasmussen
Signature of authorized officer



HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION EIN 75-2756638

Department of the Treasury confirmation letter affirming Hope for Children Foundation is approved as a 501c3 PUBLIC CHARITY dated June 11, 2026; and approved by the IRS since December 1998.



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
PO Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION
PO BOX 191028
DALLAS, TX 75219

Date:
June 11, 2026
Employer ID number:
75-2756638
Form 990 required:
Yes
Person to contact:
Name: Miss Fritz
ID number: 1002082051

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're responding to your request dated May 26, 2026, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in December 1998, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period.

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific time).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen A. Martin".

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 4168 (Rev. 9-2020)
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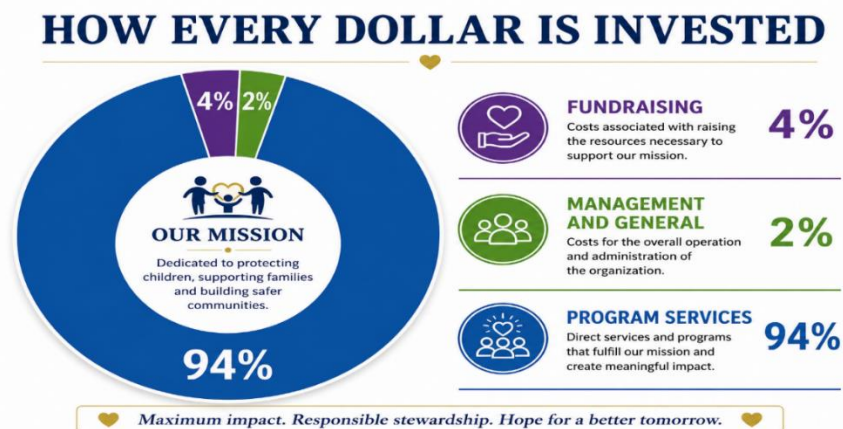
2025 HOPE FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

Total Revenue & Support.....	\$53,818.00
(Including Google Ad Grant of \$14,018, not included in 990 – IRS rules)	
Total Expenses.....	\$46,256.00
(Including Google Ad Grant of \$14,018, not included in 990 – IRS rules)	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year.....	\$-86,004.00
Net Assets, End of Year.....	\$-83,974.00

Debt: Loan owed to Ed and Patricia Rasmussen at “0” Interest \$91,536.00
(\$88,536.00 loan at the end of 2024; plus, a loan of \$3,000.00 in 2025 = \$91,536.00)

Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Fundraising	4%	\$ 1,850.00
Management and General	2%	\$ 925.00
Program Services	94%	\$43,481.00



1998 – 2025 Visitors to the website of Hope for Children Foundation Verified by Analytics

Over 3,743,207 people globally including people within the United States, have accessed training material online via the Hope for Children Foundation website since its creation.
The information on the website is intended to enhance the lives of children, teens, and adults.

Hope for Children Foundation remains committed to responsible financial stewardship and transparency. This summary reflects that ongoing commitment.

Hope for Children Foundation's EIN Number: 75:2756638

Not all of the states require additional registration of solicitation and/or for other reasons, although most of the states do require additional registration. Therefore, Hope for Children Foundation has filed for registration in the majority of the states as required. The registered states are:

**Alabama
Alaska
California AG & SOS
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Illinois SOS & AG
Iowa
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan AG
Minnesota
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey**

**New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania (Pending)
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
Washington DC
Wisconsin
Wyoming**



Opportunities to Donate & Give Children a Good Start in Life

ONLINE

Contribute securely online at www.hopeforchildrenfoundation.org Click on Donate. Every contribution represents an opportunity to help educate professionals, strengthen families, expand prevention efforts, and protect children. Together, we can continue building a safer future for generations to come.

PHONE

You can make a tax-deductible contribution to Hope for Children Foundation using your credit card by calling 214.382.4673 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST Monday through Friday.

CHECK

Send your check (along with an address to which we can send your acknowledgement), made payable to the Hope for Children Foundation, and mail to: Hope for Children Foundation, PO Box 191028, Dallas, TX 75219

WIRE TRANSFER

Should you desire to make your donation through a wire account, call 214.382.4673 for details.

APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Owning an appreciated security for more than one year allows for a tax deduction based upon the current market value avoiding paying capital-gains tax on the increase when donating. Call 214.382.4673 for details.

GET YOUR COMPANY INVOLVED

Many companies have matching-gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Ask your human resources office if your office if they have such a program.

PLAN YOUR GIFT THROUGH WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE GIVING

Planned giving consists of various planned gifts available to help you support the fight against child abuse.

CREATE YOUR OWN EVENT

Our online fundraising tool can help you customize an event that is right for you, just contact us.

HONOR A LOVED ONE

A memorial or tribute is a meaningful way to celebrate someone important to you. 214-382-4673 Thank you so very much!

Closing Message

Guided by Faith. Driven by Hope. Protecting Children Together.

For more than twenty-seven years, Hope for Children Foundation has remained steadfast in a simple but powerful belief:

Every child deserves to grow up safe, loved, protected, and given the opportunity to reach his or her God-given potential.

Our journey has been shaped by extraordinary volunteers, compassionate professionals, generous supporters, courageous survivors, and countless individuals who chose to stand on the side of children. Every educational program, every community partnership, every training conference, every online resource, every act of kindness, and every hour of volunteer service has been inspired by one purpose—to help prevent the abuse of children and strengthen families.

The challenges facing today's children are significant, but they are not greater than the compassion, wisdom, and determination of people working together.

Hope has always been stronger than fear. Love has always been stronger than hatred. Truth has always been stronger than silence.

As we look toward the future, we do so with gratitude for every life that has been touched, every family that has found encouragement, every professional who has gained knowledge, and every child whose future has been made brighter because someone cared enough to act.

Yet our work is far from finished. Across our nation and throughout the world, millions of children continue to need caring adults who will speak for them, protect them, educate them, encourage them, and remind them that they are valued beyond measure.

The responsibility belongs to all of us. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, physician, counselor, law enforcement officer, prosecutor, judge, faith leader, community volunteer, business owner, or concerned citizen, you can make a lasting difference in the life of a child.

Together we can build stronger families. Together we can strengthen our communities. Together we can create a safer future for generations yet to come.

As Chairman and Co-Founder, I remain deeply grateful to every Board member, volunteer, donor, partner organization, and friend who has stood beside Hope for Children Foundation over these many years. Your faith, generosity, encouragement, and unwavering commitment have made this work possible.

May we never lose sight of the extraordinary value of a single child.

For when we protect one child...we strengthen one family.

When we strengthen one family...we strengthen one community.

When we strengthen one community...we strengthen our nation.

And when we choose to protect children together...we help build a more compassionate world.

Thank you for believing that every child is precious. Thank you for believing that hope still changes lives. Thank you for helping protect children.



"My Mother, Fannie Louise Hope, is the Queen of my heart!"

- Patricia L. Hope Kirby Rasmussen

"The measure of our success will never be counted by the number of awards we receive, but by the number of children whose lives are made safer because we chose to care."

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."
— Matthew 25:40

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." — Isaiah 40:31

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." — Proverbs 16:3

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