

*“A
consortium
for today to
build a
child’s hope
for a safer
tomorrow.”*



**Harris County
Child Abuse Task Force**

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A non-profit 501(c)3 corporation
offering

**Hope
for
the
Future**

THE BEGINNING

In 1986, a group of professionals representing various segments of the justice system formed a task force to address the trauma that child victims of physical, sexual and emotional abuse were suffering as a result of the policies and procedures within the system.

Representatives of law enforcement, social service agencies, the District Attorney's office, the medical community, victim advocate groups, therapists, psychologists, concerned citizens and business leaders have come together to work to reduce the trauma suffered by children and improve the services delivered to families.

THE CHALLENGES

The goals of the task force are to:

- ◆ Promote public awareness and education.
- ◆ Increase the level of detection
- ◆ Increase the effectiveness of investigations.
- ◆ Enhance the reporting of child abuse.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Implementation of a multi-disciplinary team approach to child sexual abuse through the creation of the Children's Assessment Center.
- ◆ Publication of the *Child Abuse Handbook and Resource and Referral Guide for Professionals*.
- ◆ Training seminars for individuals working in the field of child abuse.
- ◆ Quarterly networking meetings for child abuse professionals.
- ◆ Increased coordination and cooperation between organizations that deal with the treatment, investigation and prosecution of child abuse.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Yes, I would like to join the Harris County Child Abuse Task Force. My Annual Dues of \$20 is enclosed.

Name

Address

Organization

Phone Number

Email Address

Please detach this portion and mail with your \$20 to:

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