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Hope of South Texas Receives Texas Bar Foundation Grant to Launch Caregiver Legal Resource Library

Victoria, TX — Hope of South Texas, Inc., Children’s Advocacy Center, has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to launch its *Caregiver Compass Library*, a new resource designed to help families navigate the legal system following child abuse cases.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$30 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation.

The Caregiver Compass Library will provide easy-to-understand materials explaining court processes, victims’ rights, protective orders, and what to expect during prosecution. When paired with social-emotional learning tools, the library will help caregivers support their children as they prepare for court. Caregivers often experience heightened stress and uncertainty around testimony, legal procedures, and what to expect throughout the court process. This project helps ease that burden by providing accessible resources integrated into advocacy and counseling services.

Housed within the Center, the library will be available for both in-office and at-home use, helping families feel more prepared and confident throughout the court process.

Hope of South Texas Children’s Advocacy Center provides coordinated services to children impacted by crime, including forensic interviews, trauma-focused therapy, and family advocacy. Working alongside law enforcement, CPS, and prosecutors, the Center ensures a child-centered approach that supports healing and strengthens the pursuit of justice. This project reinforces its mission to move children from victims to survivors, support healing, and promote informed participation in the justice process.

