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**CALCASA awarded grant from Ms. Foundation for Women**

***One-year grant will go toward ending child sexual abuse***

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—May 24, 2013—The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) is pleased to announce that it has been selected as one of 18 grantee recipients for 2013 by the Ms. Foundation for Women.

CALCASA has been awarded a \$45,000 grant to help build the movement to end child sexual abuse. CALCASA's national project PreventConnect will be producing a web conference series on child sexual abuse prevention. This work will build on a series of web conferences from last year and will be facilitated with consultants Cordelia Anderson and Joan Tabachnick.

In what is the largest investment ever in child sexual abuse prevention, the Ms. Foundation for Women has awarded \$745,000 to state and national organizations. The Ms. Foundation for Women is the leading national foundation working to end child sexual abuse.

"We are honored to be one of the grant recipients chosen by the Ms. Foundation for Women. The prevention of child sexual abuse is possible, and this funding allows us to continue to work toward that goal," said Sandra Henriquez, CALCASA executive director.

The full series of web conferences for 2013 will be available in June. Topics in last year's series ranged from "Using Media to End Child Sexual Abuse" to "The Role of Arts in Ending Child Sexual Abuse." To access the full series, please visit the



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following web address: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/01/building-a-movement-to-end-child-sexual-abuse/>

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**ABOUT CALCASA:**

*CALCASA is the only statewide organization in California whose sole purpose is to promote public policy, advocacy, training and technical assistance on the issue of sexual assault. CALCASA convenes statewide and national training conferences and its primary membership is composed of the 85 rape crisis centers and rape prevention programs in CA. Its affiliate membership is comprised of organizations, businesses, and individuals committed to the elimination of sexual violence. For more information, visit [www.calcasa.org](http://www.calcasa.org).*

**ABOUT THE MS. FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN:**

*The Ms. Foundation for Women fights to eliminate barriers for every woman in the U.S. For 40 years, we have worked tirelessly to secure women's right sand freedoms with a special commitment to building the power of low-income, immigrant, and women of color. At our core, we are advocates elevating women's voices and our most pressing issues. We're continually investing funds, time, expertise, and training in more than 100 trailblazing organizations nationwide to secure a better future for ourselves, our families and our communities. There is more to do. Join the conversation or make a donation at [www.forwomen.org](http://www.forwomen.org).*