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**Gulf Coast Kid's House (GCKH) and The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart partner for Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**(March 29, 2021 - Pensacola, FL)** – April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. GCKH and The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart are combining their efforts to raise awareness on this rising community issue. These two organizations witness too much child abuse and are asking Escambia County to become educated!

Currently, Escambia County ranks number four in reported child abuse cases in the state of Florida. GCKH recently launched a training titled, "Know Child Abuse," the quick online course teaches adults how to recognize, report and reduce child abuse in our community. The team at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart have completed this training and encourages Escambia County to join the movement.

The Studer Family Children Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart is encouraging all guests and community partners to get involved. "As the region's only Children's Hospital, we are uniquely positioned to help bring attention to the problem of child abuse throughout the community we serve," says Will Condon, President of Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart and newly appointed board member of Gulf Coast Kid's House. "We are grateful for our partnership with GCKH to help serve our most vulnerable children and expand education and advocacy throughout our community."

Take the free training at [www.knowchildabuse.org](http://www.knowchildabuse.org). Child abuse is everyone's problem, which means you are a part of the solution.

GCKH mission is to end child abuse and heal families through collaborative intervention, family support and prevention education.

Learn more by visiting [www.gulfcoastkidshouse.org](http://www.gulfcoastkidshouse.org) or by calling 850-595-5800.

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**Gulf Coast Kid's House, Inc.** is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that is not state or federally funded. In the last year, Gulf Coast Kid's House provided services to over 3,300 child victims of abuse and neglect. The trained professionals under one roof investigate, treat, and prosecute cases of child sexual and physical abuse, and severe neglect; education in child abuse prevention is also provided.