



Pictured at the Protocol/Working Agreement signing are: (l-r, front row) Ron Echols, Missouri City Police Department chief; Robert Gracia, Rosenberg Police Department chief; and Susie Moseley, CAFB executive director; (back row) Bud Childers, Fort Bend County attorney; John Healey, Fort Bend district attorney; James Lebeck, Children's Protective Services program director; Fiona Stephenson, CAFB CAC program director; Steven Griffith, Sugar Land Police Department police chief; and Guiseppe Colasurdo, M.D., University of Texas Medical School chairman of pediatrics.

LOCAL AGENCIES JOIN FORCES TO FIGHT CHILD ABUSE. In an effort to combat the injustices of child abuse and neglect, more than 20 agencies signed an agreement to work together on behalf of child victims. The ceremony, hosted by the Child Advocates of Fort Bend Children's Advocacy Center, was held in December at CAFB offices. The Protocol/Working Agreement details the importance of the CAFB Children's Advocacy Center and lists the responsibilities of each agency in working child abuse cases.

"The Children's Advocacy Center is critical in the collaboration of agencies working to reduce the trauma to children going through the civil and criminal systems," said **Fiona Stephenson**, CAC program director. "We bring together those agencies charged with the civil and criminal investigations of child abuse to ensure that the unique needs of abused children are being addressed in a child-friendly manner.

"We are most grateful for all of our partners who work very hard to make sure hundreds of children receive the services and treatment they deserve and that their perpetrators are held accountable," said **Susie Moseley**, CAFB executive director.

For more information on CAFB programs, volunteer opportunities and other ways to help children in crisis, call 281-341-9955, ext. 257, or visit www.cafb.org. Winter Volunteer Training begins Feb. 11.