

## **SAFE-CARE: Missouri's Medical Response to Child Abuse**

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### **SAFE-CARE Provider Requirements**

1. A SAFE-CARE Provider must be a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse with an unrestricted Missouri medical license.
  - a. Though uniquely qualified, Child Abuse Pediatricians must satisfy all SAFE-CARE provider requirements to be designated as a SAFE-CARE Provider.
  - b. SAFE-CARE Resource Center Directors must meet all SAFE-CARE Provider requirements with the following exception:
    - i. SAFE-CARE Resource Center Directors do not have to engage in mentorship.
2. A SAFE-CARE provider must successfully complete a background screening.
3. A SAFE-CARE provider must complete the two-day, SAFE-CARE New Provider Training that includes completing a pre- and post- test.
4. A SAFE-CARE provider must complete a minimum of six hours of update training per calendar year. This requirement can be met by participation in one or more of the following options:
  - a. SAFE-CARE Annual Meeting (usually held in the fall)
  - b. Online SAFE-CARE trainings (TeleECHO Clinics, biannual case reviews)
  - c. Pre-authorized alternative trainings:
    - Ray E. Helfer Society Annual Meeting
    - San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment (Chadwick Center) – medical workshops
    - International Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma (National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome)
    - International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Conference – medical workshops
    - AAP Experience National Conference and Exhibition - child abuse and neglect workshops
    - Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting - child abuse workshops
    - American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) Annual Colloquium – medical workshops
  - d. Other child abuse-related trainings/conferences that have been submitted to Missouri KidsFirst for approval by the SAFE-CARE Resource Center Directors
5. A SAFE-CARE provider must actively participate in the peer review/mentorship program.

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