



The Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children

Who we are:

3 FT Faculty (CAPs)
2 Fellows
Forensic Nurses
5 Social Workers
3 MH Therapists
Support Staff
Research Staff
Program Specialists
Prevention / Outreach Staff

We have a brand-new Space!

Program Specifics

- Hospital-based CAC
- Inpatient consults
- MCA cases
- MH therapy
- Forensic team
- Weekly MDT
- Advocacy rotations
- Prevention work
- Child fatality review
- Toxicology
- Forensic rotation
- Journal clubs
- "Back to Basics"
- "WHY"
- Research meetings
- Trauma Informed care work
- Teaching opportunities
- Court
- Facility Dog



Cincinnati Children's Hospital Highlights

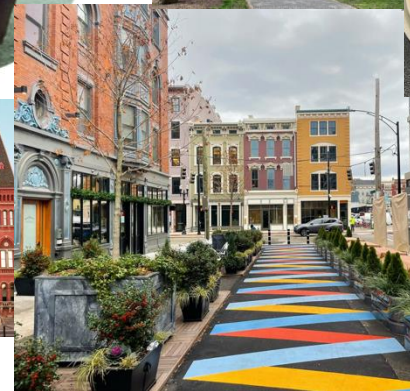
Dedicated to DEI and work-life balance

Large Residency and fellowship programs
Fellow specific education and research

Well-known to clinical services = opportunity for clinical collaboration and research

Masters programs in public health and education

Strong QI tradition





UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
Pediatrics

Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship SUNY Upstate Medical University



Program Leadership

Alicia Pekarsky, MD, FAAP- Fellowship Program Director

Ann Botash, MD, FAAP- Assoc. Fellowship Program Director

JoAnne Race, MS- Fellowship Program Coordinator

Additional Key Team Members

Heather Ross, MD, FAAP- CAP faculty

Elizabeth Simmerman, MD, FAAP- CAP fellow

Kristin Razawich, PNP

Anne Galloway, RN, SANE

Kalie Dingman, RN

Michelle Case, LMSW

Temika McClarin, office assistant



***Faculty lead various local, State and national committees and participate in numerous scholarly activities including extramural grant funded research**

***Program focused on DEIA practices**

All 3 CAP attendings completed the AAMC Foundations of Understanding Equity, Inclusion and Bias in Academic Medicine micro-credential

Program Highlights

- Inpatient consultations at the only children's hospital in Central NY
 - Level 1 Trauma Center
- Outpatient consultations at one of the first two CACs in the US to be accredited by the National Children's Alliance in all 10 of the 2023 standards
- Continuity experiences available at the Onondaga Nation Health Center and a PCMH practice located within the WELL certified Nappi Wellness Institute
- Numerous electives available including foster care medicine, Adolescent Medicine (with a focus on transgender care), Addiction Psychiatry, Toxicology, Burn Surgery, etc
- Dedicated research time with a strong research faculty
- Certificate in Public Health Principles with option of adding on MPH
- Participation in the NYS Child Abuse Medical Provider Program which includes weekly peer review and 6 webinars year

Opportunities

- Invited presentations
- CME money for travel
- Work on grants sponsored by NYS DOH and OCFS

Central NY

- LCOL with easy commutes
- Plentiful outdoor activities during all 4 seasons
- Vibrant college town
- 3-4 hour drives to Toronto, Montreal, Philly, NYC

Welcoming work environment



No call after 10 pm or on weekends



100% CAP board pass rate on 1st attempt





Hasbro Children's
BROWNHealth
UNIVERSITY

OUR TEAM



Christine
Barron, MD



Brett
Slingsby, MD



Amy
Goldberg, MD

Natasha Cortez Sou; Fellowship Coordinator
Reshma Vedantam; Fellow (starting July 2025)
Meg Fitzgerald; Manager of Advocacy & Prevention
Carrie Ciccarone; Social Worker
Mimi Coleman; Advocate
Michaela Symonds; Outpatient Services Rep.
Danielle Buzanga; Patient Coordinator
Amy Riendeau; Nurse Practitioner
CALI; Comfort Therapy Dog



Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center - Providence, RI

The Aubin Center is comprised of a supportive group of professionals who value diversity, inclusion and collaboration. Our team has built strong relationships with community partners and is well known in Rhode Island as experts in Child Abuse.

Our fellows play an important role within our team and we look forward to continuing to educate and train new professionals in the field.

GOALS OF FELLOWSHIP

After completion of fellowship, CAP fellows will be:

- Experts in evaluating children for all forms of child maltreatment
- Educators of child abuse and neglect for medical and non-medical audiences
- Able to critically review research and contribute to the growing body of research in child abuse pediatrics
- Able to work with and lead multidisciplinary teams

RHODE ISLAND

Over 400 miles of shoreline
Diverse culinary scene
Four distinct seasons
Culturally diverse metro area
Easy access to hiking and ski areas throughout New England
Only 1 children's hospital in the state



CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Inpatient service provides consultation for Hasbro Children's and professionals across Rhode Island

Fellows rotate weekly between clinic, consultations and scholarly activity/research

Outpatient clinic provides evaluations for sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, as well as DMST screening/follow up care

Weekly multidisciplinary team meetings with community partners across Rhode Island

Monthly debriefings focus on wellness and provide space for group processing of challenging cases and secondary trauma

Weekly education:

- Didactics
- Colposcopy and consults review
- Review of weekend consults and preparation for upcoming clinic



Maimonides Children's Hospital of Brooklyn Child Abuse Pediatrics Clinical Collaborative Fellowship

Fellows interested in a career in Child Abuse Pediatrics with an emphasis on research and clinical practice through a collaborative experience is encouraged to apply. The Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship at Maimonides Children's Hospital (MCH), New York University (NYU)-Bellevue Hospital and Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) is accepting fellowship applications for their 3-year ACGME accredited program.

This program offers extensive clinical training in the field of Child Abuse Pediatrics at Maimonides Children's Hospital, the first NACHRI-certified children's hospital and only pediatric trauma center in Brooklyn. The Bellevue-NYU site is a level 1 Trauma Center, while Staten Island University has the only regional Burn Center. The Child Protection Teams at MICH, NYU, and SIUH provides full service consultations with our multidisciplinary teams. This fellowship unites the existing services at all three institutions to provide a comprehensive 3-year experience designed to prepare physicians for an academic and clinical career in child abuse pediatrics. Through a collaborative multidisciplinary team model, the service promotes safety, health, and developmental well-being in the life of the vulnerable child. Fellows will train with four Board Certified Child Abuse Pediatricians and have opportunities to work closely with a wide variety of subspecialists and community partners.

Fellows must be graduates of an ACGME accredited pediatric or medicine/pediatrics residency and be eligible to sit for the American Board of Pediatrics Board Examination. We would like 3 letters of reference: 1 must be from your residency program director and another from any Child Abuse Pediatrician that you have worked with.

We are the only fellowship program in NYC. Our multiple training sites allows for continuity of care for vulnerable children!



Ingrid Walker-Descartes, MD, MPH, MBA
Fellowship Director - Maimonides



Madeline Zito, DO
CAP Attending - Maimonides



Lori Legano, MD
CAP Site Director - NYU/Bellevue



Dana Kaplan, MD
CAP Site Director - SIUH



Natasha Jouk, MD
CAP Fellow - Year 2



Child Abuse Pediatrics Combined PEM/CAP



Alicia
Rodgers



Connie
Christian



Luke
Hartman



Amber
Hussain

Fellows

- Busy inpatient consult service
- High volume CAC (>1000 visits/yr) focused on continuum of family violence with comprehensive services
- Weekly outpatient physical abuse clinic
- Fostering Connections Program – medical home for children in out-of-home placement
- Abusive Head Trauma Long Term Follow-up Clinic
- Elective opportunities across NCH and partner agencies

Clinical Experience



- Categorical CAP & PEM/CAP programs
- Seven CAP faculty members with dedicated research support for fellows
- Committed to intentional recruitment and retention of a diverse group of fellows
- Monthly wellness activities for fellows, in addition to center and hospital-wide initiatives

Fellowship Program



- Level 1 trauma center, 551 beds
- Serve diverse population central/SE Ohio
- Dedicated to addressing social determinants of health and ensuring quality, patient safety
- Stand against racism, stand for health equity
- Free-standing Behavioral Health Pavilion
- One of the nation's 10 largest free-standing research pediatric research facilities

Nationwide Children's



- 14th largest city in U.S.
- Low cost of living
- Hub of arts and culture – music, museums, festivals
- Sports town
- Vibrant neighborhoods, easy commutes

Life in Columbus



Child Abuse Pediatrics



*Natalie Kissoon, MD, FAAP
Program Director*



*Stephanie Navarro
Program Coordinator*

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Clinical Excellence

- Diverse patient population
- Exposure to all types of child maltreatment
- Great relationships with community partners
- Variety of clinical and case review experiences
- Weekly multidisciplinary clinical rounds

Education Focus

- Robust didactic curriculum
- Book and Conference attendance Fund
- Protected didactic time
- Access to multiple online resources developed by faculty
- Several opportunities for community outreach and presentations

Outcome Oriented

- 100% Board pass rate

OUR VALUES

Scholarship—robust project support (time and data sources)

Advocacy-TPS, Helper Society, community partners

Innovation and Improvement-Fellow input valued highly

OUR FAMILY

- 3 board certified child abuse pediatricians
- 3-4 fellows
- 1 SANE
- 1 NP
- 2 social workers
- Program coordinator
- Research coordinator
- Medical assistant
- Unit secretary
- Counselors

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UNM FELLOWSHIP IN CHILD ABUSE PEDIATRICS



UNM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

ENVISIONING A WORLD WHERE CHILDREN ARE PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY, AND UNTOUCHED BY VIOLENCE.

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR
CLINIC DIRECTOR, PARA LOS NIÑOS
PROFESSOR, SECTION FOR CHILD SAFETY & WELL-BEING

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ASSOCIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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ARIEL SCHAUB, LSCW
AYRISSA MARTINEZ, LMHC

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

The UNM fellowship in child abuse pediatrics is a 3-year ACGME accredited program that prepares fellows for clinical and academic careers focused on preventing and treating family violence, neglect and exploitation. Fellows are eligible to sit for ABP subspecialty certification at the completion of the program.

New Mexico's diverse population and cultures provide a rich clinical learning environment. UNM has a strong reputation for excellence in education and quality improvement. The University also affords multiple avenues for research across designated research centers, institutes, networks, and signature programs.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

The fellowship program includes 24 months of clinical rotations: 10 inpatient and 8 outpatient subspecialty months, and 6 ancillary rotations in child/adolescent psychiatry, care for families with substance use disorders, pediatric and neuro radiology, pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation, forensic pathology, and special topics in rural and tribal communities.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Fellows participate in several educational activities including subspecialty journal club and board preparation, and mentoring for legal testimony. Fellows also attend 1 national conference each year.

During 12 dedicated scholarly months, fellows receive training in clinical research and quality improvement project design, and one on one mentorship with an experienced research mentor. Interested fellows also have access to multidisciplinary research networks.

Fellows also participate in **SafeCare New Mexico**, a Section led telehealth program sponsored by Project ECHO that offers education and mentorship to rural stakeholders. SafeCare's goal is to strengthen our community of practice among pediatric health care practitioners in New Mexico.

INSTITUTION CULTURE

The University of New Mexico is New Mexico's healthcare and academic medicine leader. We serve a diverse patient population and seek to educate and train a workforce that reflects our commitment to excellence and high-quality care.

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

- Home to the International Balloon Fiesta
- Historic Route 66
- Bountiful outdoor activities
- Sunshine 300+ days of the year

