

Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

The Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship within **Safe Place: Center for Child Protection and Health** provides trainees with the clinical, scholarship, and teaching skills needed to become academic leaders in the field of Child Abuse Pediatrics.

CLINICAL CARE

- Broad exposure to a range of child maltreatment concerns including physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and medical child abuse
- Consult service
- CARE clinics in multiple settings
- Fostering Health Program



SCHOLARSHIP

- Research: Faculty mentors with diverse interests, infrastructure including PolicyLab
- Quality improvement infrastructure
- If interested ask us about Masters and certificate programs at the University of Pennsylvania



MEDICAL EDUCATION

- Opportunities at CHOP / University of Pennsylvania and in the community
- Center for Leadership and Innovation in Medical Education

Med Ed



OUR TEAM

- Coordinator, medical assistants, nurses, occupational therapists, physicians, psychologists, social workers
- 8 faculty with different areas of focus
- 4 fellows

PROGRAM CULTURE

- Curriculum and mentorship tailored to meet the needs, interests and career goals of each fellow in a supportive, professional environment

GEOGRAPHIC CULTURE

- Philadelphia is a large, culturally dynamic, family-friendly city, full of museums, sports, theater, history, historical landmarks, restaurants, and parks



Indiana University School of Medicine Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship



Leah Garvin
3rd year fellow/
incoming faculty



Alex Meisel
Incoming 1st year



- 6 faculty physicians
- 3 PNPs
- 2 RNs
- 4 Social Workers
- 3 Admin/research staff

Child Abuse Consultation Service

- Our team provides inpatient and outpatient consultations and facilitates medical evaluations for children with concerns for physical abuse or neglect. We receive referrals on > 6,000 cases annually from the Indiana Department of Child Services.

Pediatric Center of Hope

- Our team provides comprehensive medical evaluations for children with concerns for sexual abuse.

Foster Care Bridge Clinic

- Riley offers a multidisciplinary clinic to serve as a bridge – providing comprehensive healthcare and acquiring appropriate resources for children entering and making transitions within the foster care system – until a permanent medical home is identified.

Docs InCASE Program

- In collaboration with 15 pediatric practices across the state, we facilitate pediatric care and coordination in advancing the medical role in child protection.

Program Culture

The Child Protection Program offers multidisciplinary clinical services and education to improve the evaluation and care of maltreated children. Our program's board-certified physicians provide evidence-based consultation in cases of suspected child maltreatment. Our consultations are objective assessments to help determine the extent of any injury and whether a medical cause or accidental mechanism accounts for the medical findings.

Institution Culture

IUSM is a national leader in medical research and education, with more than 60 academic departments across nine campuses statewide and strong clinical partnerships with Indiana's most advanced hospitals and physician networks. IUSM is committed to advancing culturally competent medical education, clinical care and research.

Geographic Area/Culture

Indianapolis is a family-friendly city with a wide variety of attractions. See www.visitindy.com.

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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

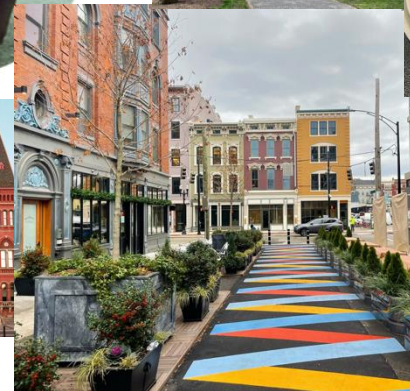
Dedicated to DEI and work-life balance

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



Child Abuse Fellowship

Clinical Team

- Liza Murray, MD (PD)
- 5 total CAPs
- 1 current fellow
- 2 APRNs
- 2 Specialty RNs
- 3 Social Workers

Program Coordinator:
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Program Highlights

Collaboration

- Co-located with our CAC and Therapy Services in a stand-alone building on the ACH Campus
- Exceptional subspecialty collaboration and rotations with Trauma, Neurosurgery, Radiology, Ophthalmology, Emergency Medicine, Gynecology, Medical Examiners...
- Multi-disciplinary case reviews
- Academic/Research collaboration across subspecialties and with CAPs nationally

Experiences

- Singular pediatric health system in AR with the only Level-1 Pediatric Trauma Center, Burn Unit and PICU in the state
- Inpatient consults and outpatient clinic
- Expert review of state-wide pSANE examinations
- Frequent opportunities to observe and testify in court
- Frequent opportunities to teach residents and MDT partners

Environment

- Supportive environment and emphasis on balance and wellbeing for education, scholarly work and success

Little Rock

- Mid-sized city (200,000)
- Multicultural population
- Low cost of living
- Active and growing food, arts and entertainment scene
- Easy access to outdoor activities (hikes, rivers, lakes, parks...)



<https://medicine.uams.edu/pediatrics/education-training/fellowships/child-abuse-fellowship/>

Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Program leadership

Michelle Clayton MD, MPH
Fellowship Program Director



Melanie S. Claypoole
Fellowship Program Coordinator

Program setting

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is among the top children's hospitals in the nation. Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is a regional Level 1 Trauma Center and provides comprehensive care to 80% of the children in western Pennsylvania. This diverse patient population provides a rich environment for learning.



Program description

The Child Abuse Pediatrics fellowship training program at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is a 3-year ACGME-accredited program which offers a comprehensive education in child abuse and neglect through hands-on clinical care, didactics, court testimony, and multidisciplinary collaboration. There are 8 faculty members in the Division of Child Advocacy who are actively engaged in teaching.

The Child Advocacy Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh evaluates over 2000 patients per year, providing ample opportunities for education. With a catchment area comprising a 23 county area of Western Pennsylvania, along with referrals from Ohio and West Virginia, there are many opportunities for the fellow to see a wide variety of patients and hone their clinical skills.

The primary learning site is the National Children's Alliance (NCA) accredited Child Advocacy Center at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where the fellow will build a solid foundation in Child Abuse Pediatrics which will position them for career excellence.

Scholarly activity, teaching, and research

There is a robust medical student and resident rotation in the Division of Child Advocacy which provides the fellow with ongoing teaching opportunities. There are also many ways for the fellow to educate diverse audiences in a variety of settings, including local and national conferences.

The Division of Child Advocacy is a participating site for CAPNET, a collaborative project which enables multi-site research in child abuse through creation of a comprehensive database. Participation in this project, along with several other existing collaborative partnerships and datasets, create multiple prospects for scholarly activity.



UPMC GME

UPMC Graduate Medical Education (GME) is one of the largest GME programs in the country and provides outstanding support to the programs it oversees.

The UPMC GME program is committed to training a diverse and culturally responsive workforce. Individuals from a variety of backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Applications for the training program are being accepted through ERAS.

Living in Pittsburgh

With renowned universities, world class healthcare, a vibrant arts and culture scene, professional sports teams, and many parks, and affordable cost of living, Pittsburgh is a city with something for everyone. Ranked in the Top 100 Best Places to Live in 2024 and 2025, Pittsburgh is a terrific area to work, play, and thrive!



Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

Children's Mercy, Kansas City



• Fellows:

- Ruairi Smith Dewey, DO, CAP, graduates 7/25
- Noelle Tran, DO, PEM-CAP, graduates 7/26
- Serena Wagoner, DO, CAP, graduates 7/26
- Danae Schufeldt, DO, CAP, graduates 7/27
- Kelsey Gavin, DO, PEM-CAP joining 7/25

• Faculty:

- Jim Anderst, MD
- Terra Frazier, DO
- Grace Gray, APRN
- Lyndsey Hultman, MD
- Danielle Horton, MD
- Sara Kilbride, DO
- Emily Killough, MD
- Mary Moffatt, MD –Program Director

• Program Culture:

- Fortunate to have a large CAP Team - supportive colleagues, rich learning environment
- Robust GME Office - offers many fellowship educational opportunities for professional and personal development
- DEIB focus

• Clinical Opportunities:

- SCAN Clinic ~ 2k outpatient visits/yr
- Inpatient Consults > 200/yr
- CAP led SANE Team in both EDs
- Expert Case Reviews for MO & KS
- MO SAFE CARE Network Resource Center
- KS CARE Network Founder
- MO and KS MDT Collaborations

• Scholarly Opportunities:

- Research, QI
- Advocacy/Prevention
- Education
- Advanced Degree/Certificate Options

- Kansas City – Great place to live with BIG city fun/attractions, diversity and LOW cost of living. Please check us out!



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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



Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

<https://www.mcw.edu/departments/pediatrics/divisions/child-advocacy-and-protection/fellowship>

Highlights

- **Comprehensive Exposure:** Fellows engage in both inpatient and outpatient care for children with concerns for maltreatment.
 - Outpatient services at regional multidisciplinary Child advocacy Centers (urban and rural)
 - Hospital-based consult services at Children's Wisconsin–Milwaukee Hospital and the Emergency Department.
- **Annual Caseload:** Over **7,000 cases** of suspected child maltreatment evaluated across clinical sites, including ~1300 quality/chart reviews annually
- **Core Didactics:** Weekly CAPS Didactic Series, aligned with American Board of Pediatrics specifications and monthly Journal Clubs.
- **Subspecialty Rotations:** Includes Burn Surgery, Forensic Pathology, Toxicology, Mental Health, and more.
- **Research Support:** Dedicated time and mentorship with access to Quantitative Health Sciences and grant writing support.



Program Culture

Fosters a culture of balance, integrity, and lifelong learning critical to Child Abuse Pediatrics

Provides a well-rounded, innovative and immersive experience promoting excellence in clinical care and scholarly activity

Emphasizes a deep understanding of community systems impacting child safety

Recognizes the importance of resilience and wellness as healthcare providers

Our Team

5 (soon to be 6) Child Abuse Pediatricians
1 Foster Care Faculty
9 hospital-based Advance Practice Providers
8 CAC-based Advance Practice Providers
2 Dedicated Social Workers
SANE Team
Administrative Staff
Research Coordinator

Why Milwaukee

Affordable Living

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, beautiful parks, trails, beaches, and outdoor activities.

Multiple museums, diverse cuisine, craft breweries, and world-famous events like Summerfest

Family-Friendly attractions and a strong public library system

Texas Children's Hospital | Baylor College of Medicine

Division of Public Health Pediatrics

Our Team

6 CAP Faculty

2 Foster Care Faculty

3 Fellows

2 NPs

2 Social Workers

Forensic Nurses

Care Coordinators

Clinical Psychologist

Administrative Staff

Large Public Health Team of Researchers,
Program Staff, Nurses, Community
Health Workers focused on upstream
prevention



Highlights:

- Volume and diversity of clinical exposures
 - Inpatient consults at #1 children's hospital in Texas
 - Harris County Children's Assessment Center Medical Clinic
 - Child Protective Health Clinic, Child Head Injury Program, Foster Care Clinic, At-Risk Kids Clinic
- Elective opportunities across TCH
- Dedicated research time with strong mentorship
- Flexible schedule (call is not fellow-dependent!)
- Robust didactic curriculum including journal clubs, collaborative case discussions, MDTs, and resiliency sessions
- Ability to participate in public health projects/child abuse prevention work
- Masters program opportunities (education, public health, clinical research)



Scan to learn
more about
life in
Houston!

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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Seattle Children's | University of Washington

Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

Clinical Experiences

- Call coverage at Seattle Children's and Harborview Medical Center (level 1 trauma center)
- Harborview Abuse and Trauma Center (outpatient sexual abuse clinic)
- Overnight call is phone-only, flexible schedule

Academic Mentorship & Opportunities

- Faculty with diverse research interests from prevention to clinical to medical education
- Optional MS at UW School of Public Health

Life in the Northwest

- Incredible access to nature and year-round temperate climate
- Hiking, biking, running, skiing, sailing, climbing, mushroom foraging....need we go on?
- Close to Portland and Vancouver, BC
- Arts, culture, and food scene
- Direct flights to Hawaii, East Asia, Europe



Faculty (*starting fall '25)

- Dr. Rebecca Wiester (PD)
- Dr. Emily Brown (APD)
- Dr. Caitlin Crumm (PEM/CAP)
- Ajay Koti, MD (CAP)
- Emily Georges, MD* (CAP)
- Tim Chang, MD* (unpictured, CAP)



Seattle Children's
HOSPITAL • RESEARCH • FOUNDATION

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
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ARIEL SCHAUB, LSCW
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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

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM

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



UNM FELLOWSHIP IN CHILD ABUSE PEDIATRICS



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Child Protection Team



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Denise Abdo, PhD, CPNP
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Laura Rosenhan, PNP
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Carmelle Wallace, MD, MPH, DTMH
Nichole Wallace, MD
Kathi Wells, MD

Clinical Psychologist

Ashley Sward, PsyD

Nurse Coordinator

Mary Smith, MSN, RN,
CPEN, SANE-A, SANE-P,
AFN-C

Clinical Social Worker

Ashley Bennett, LCSW

Program specifics

- Training to become clinical, academic, and educational leaders with commitment to family-centered, culturally-sensitive, inclusive, developmentally-focused patient care and advocacy in an MDT setting.
- Clinical training experiences at Level 1 Trauma Center with statewide Network of Care and community-based CAC.
- Exemplary research mentorship and training curriculum
- Diverse clinical training settings include: consultation service, MDT AHT follow up clinic, Two Foster Care Medical Home Clinics, Interdisciplinary BH/Medical Clinic for Child Welfare and at-risk youth, PED SANE program, and community-based advocacy and collaborations
- Kempe Center active in research, state child welfare education system and active in state policy/ government affairs

Program Culture

- Close knit team supports cultivation of trainees' individual professional and personal development
- Environment values diversity, inclusion, and practice of culturally informed care
- Attunement to well-being, resilience, burnout
- Strong community presence and collaboration
- Holistic care and forensics viewed as balanced

Institution Culture

- Team members' voices recognized and vital to culture of excellence, safety, and valuing difference in quality patient care
- Committed innovative spirit, family-centered culture of caring
- Child Abuse Treatment Center of Excellence for seven state referral region

Denver, Colorado Culture

- 300 days of sunshine yearly!
- Diverse outdoor activities
- Vibrant Arts & Cultural activities
- **Richly celebrated diverse cultural history with ~160 different languages spoken by our patient population**



Meet the Team!

- ❖ Judith Cerino - Program Coordinator
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Faculty

- ❖ Simi Abraham, MD - Program Director
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- ❖ Michelle Ruda, MD – Associate Program Director
- ❖ Ashley Gibson, MD
- ❖ Sheela Lahoti, MD
- ❖ Arezo Nasrazadani, MD

Fellows

- ❖ Harman Sawhney, MD
- ❖ Dina Ahmad, MD
- ❖ Chandler Sullivan, MD

Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

Program Highlights

- Part of the largest medical center in the world
- Based at Children's Memorial Hermann, one of the busiest level 1 trauma centers in the country
- 100% board pass rate for all graduates
- Training includes comprehensive medical & psychosocial services for child maltreatment patients
- Longitudinal care for at-risk patients & families
- Dedicated clinical research curriculum with the opportunity to obtain a master's degree during fellowship
- Opportunities for interdisciplinary advocacy & injury prevention projects
- Large, close-knit multidisciplinary team with a strong commitment to wellness, advocacy, & community outreach

<https://med.uth.edu/pediatrics/child-protection-pediatrics-abuse-prevention/fellowship-in-child-protection-pediatrics/>

Houston, Texas

- 4th largest city in the U.S. with a diverse, multicultural population
- World-class arts, renowned food scene, and over 50,000 acres of parks and trails
- Affordable cost of living with housing available near TMC

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