

SafeCare Effectiveness Research Project



About the project

The National SafeCare Training and Research Center (NSTRC) is offering training and implementation support as part of research project. SafeCare is an evidence-based behavioral parenting program shown to reduce child neglect and physical abuse. SafeCare is conducted over 18 sessions, and targets three skills related to neglect and abuse: positive parenting, home safety, and child health.

NSTRC has been awarded grants from AHRQ and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to provide training to several sites and to conduct an effectiveness trial comparing SafeCare to usual child welfare service.

Who can participate?

NSTRC is looking for child welfare systems or agencies currently conducting in-home services for families with substantiated maltreatment and are not using a structured intervention model.

Applicants must have multiple independent teams of providers, and agree to allow NSTRC to randomly assign some teams to receive SafeCare training immediately, while others continue to conduct usual service. Usual service teams will be trained following data collection.

Sites with at least two teams are eligible to apply. We expect that team size would be between 4-6 providers.

Sites must demonstrate a steady flow of clients. Each site will be expected to deliver services for at least 5 clients per provider in the year following training.

What is required?

Sites must :

- Complete an application demonstrating readiness and capacity to implement SafeCare. Capacity includes client flow, provider and leadership preparedness, and a fiscal plan for delivering and sustaining SafeCare.
- Agree to randomization of teams of providers
- Agree to help NSTRC recruit families for data collection
- Agree to train usual service teams following data collection (see below)
- Work with NSTRC to obtain service utilization data.
- Work with NSTRC and their local child welfare system to obtain reports of neglect and abuse.

How will my site benefit?

Sites will receive a SafeCare training and implementation support package that would cost about \$120,000. The package includes provider, coach, and trainer training and support. Trainer training allows sites to sustain SafeCare with little out of pocket costs to selected sites.

Sites will receive feedback on outcomes at their site for SafeCare and usual service.

Accepting Applications on a Rolling Basis

For more information on SafeCare, see www.safecare.org.

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