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FVS / SafeCare History

DHS began funding the SafeCare program in 2008, by working with the National SafeCare Training and Research Center (NSTRC).

Since 2008, DHS and NSTRC have trained over 40 providers in GA with 141 Home Visitors and 65 Coaches to provide FVS/SafeCare.

DHS FVS/SC oversees the implementation of SafeCare in Georgia. FVS/SC is available in all 17 regions of the state. The Regional and DFCS County Offices provide FCS/SC through the utilization of Parent Aide and Homestead Services.



Mission

Children First engages families in our community and the courts to promote safe, stable and nurturing living environments for children.

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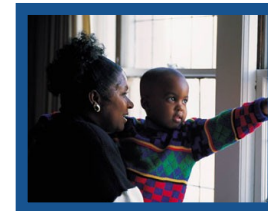
Promoting Safe & Stable Families Program



*Children in pictures are not from actual abuse nor neglect cases. *

SafeCare

Family Visitation Services



Teaching parents the tools to provide safe, healthy, loving environments for their children.

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Every Child Deserves a Safe Home.

What is FVS/SafeCare?

FVS/SafeCare is an evidence-based parent training curriculum for parents who are at-risk or have been reported for maltreatment.



How does it work?

FVS/SafeCare trained professionals work with at-risk families in their home environments to improve parents' skills in several domains. Parents are taught how to plan and implement activities with their children, respond appropriately to child behaviors, improve home safety, and address health and safety issues.

FVS/SafeCare is generally provided in weekly home visits lasting 1-2 hours. The program typically lasts 18-20 weeks for each family.

FVS/SafeCare Referrals

What families should be referred to FVS/SafeCare?

Families with:

- Children ages 0-5
- Open neglect case or history of neglect
- Family preservation or reunification
- Lack of resources/impooverished
- Lack of social support
- Deficit in knowledge re. effective parenting strategies
- Adolescent parents, young parents w/ multiple births
- First time parents / foster parents / grandparents

What families should not be referred to FVS/SafeCare?

Families with children who are:

- Diagnosed with severe intellectual disabilities
- Diagnosed with Autism
- Diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Medically Fragile

How do I make a FVS/SafeCare referral?

Any DFC Office can refer a family to FVS/SafeCare by filling out a referral form. Children First currently has PSSF funding to serve 20 families during FY 2011-2012. Case-manager need only complete the Initial Referral Form, not a SHINES Service Authorization. For more info, contact Christian @ 706-613-1922x2 or christian@childrenfirst-inc.org

Evidence for FVS/SafeCare



There have been over 60 published articles about the development and validation of SafeCare or extensions of it.

- The three primary modules of SafeCare have each been validated with single-case studies: parent-child interaction and use of planned activities; home safety to reduce home hazards; and health-care skills
- An uncontrolled group trial of SafeCare found that parents showed significant change in the behaviors targeted by the SafeCare model—improved safety, health, and parenting skills. Specifically, the number of home hazards was reduced by 78% for maltreating families and there was an 84% increase in the use of the parenting skills taught.
- One comparison group study also found that SafeCare families were significantly less likely to have a recurrence of child maltreatment (15% over three years) compared to services-as-usual families (44% over 3 years).