

## Contact Us

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## **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.



### 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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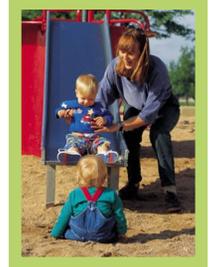
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Promoting Safe & Stable Families Program

Georgia Department of Human Services  
Division of Family & Children Services



## Home Visiting



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

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*Every Child Deserves a Safe Home.*

## What is SafeCare?

SafeCare is an evidence-based parent training curriculum designed to make parenting easier, less stressful, and more rewarding for you and your child.



### **How does it work?**

A SafeCare Home Visitor will visit your home weekly to give your family **lots of great resources like health manuals and safety kits**. SafeCare provides tips on improving your child's behavior and increasing your parent-child bond.

The home visitor will work with you to child-proof your home and plan for the future to keep your children healthy and safe.

SafeCare is generally provided in weekly home visits lasting around 1 hour. The program typically lasts 18-20 weeks for each family.

## Is SafeCare Right for Me?

### **What families should be referred to SafeCare?**

Families with:

- Children ages 0-5
- Teen parents, young parents
- First time parents / foster parents / grandparents
- Parents wanting to encourage their child's healthy development
- Parents wanting to experience less stress
- Parents desiring community or family support



### **What families should not be referred to FVS/SafeCare?**

Families with children or parents who are:

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

## SafeCare Modules



SafeCare is split up into 3 sections, or "modules":  
**Parent-Child Interaction, Health, and Safety.**

- **Parent Child Interaction** provides parents with tips on how to help your child learn and develop, as well as reduce challenging behaviors by the way you interact with her.
- **Child Health** offers parents lots of great resources, including a Health Manual and Health Kit. This section provides information on keeping your child healthy and what to do when she gets sick or injured.
- **Home Safety** offers parents tips on reducing the chance your child may be injured in the home. This section provides assistance and child-proofing your home to keep everyone safe and healthy. We will bring a safety kit to your home and help install the equipment.