

The Children's Mercy Hospital and Clinics in Kansas City, MO

The mission of the Team for Children at Risk is to restore, sustain, and enhance the health and developmental potential for children at risk of abuse and neglect. The Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship provides training to create physicians with clinical expertise in the medical evaluation of children at risk of abuse and neglect, facility as medical and community educators, experience with research, administration, and community advocacy.

Clinical experience includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, failure to thrive, pediatric condition falsification, and foster child health care. Fellows learn to work in a trans-disciplinary medical team including pediatricians, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical social workers, mental health care provider social workers, child life specialists, dieticians, and occupational therapist each dedicated to this area of practice. Fellows participate in the physician role with the community multidisciplinary investigation of child abuse.

Fellows participate in the education of medical students, residents, pediatric emergency medicine fellows, regional continuing medical education, community multidisciplinary team members, and general community education in a variety of venues and formats. Research is mentored by an accomplished injury prevention researcher. Administrative skills and public policy advocacy are developed through involvement in ongoing team projects and community organizations.

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