

## MODEL PROFILE

### SafeCare

SafeCare is designed to improve parenting skills in three key areas: positive parenting, child health, and home safety. The model also aims to prevent child neglect and physical abuse. See <http://safecare.publichealth.gsu.edu> for details.

#### What is the model's approach to providing home visiting services?

Home visits take place a minimum of every other week and a maximum of twice per week. Services are provided until the curriculum is completed, which typically takes 18 to 20 home visits. SafeCare recommends families initiate services following the child's birth until the child is 5 years old.

SafeCare serves all families with young children. The model does not recommend or require any specific family characteristics for enrollment.

#### Who is implementing the model?

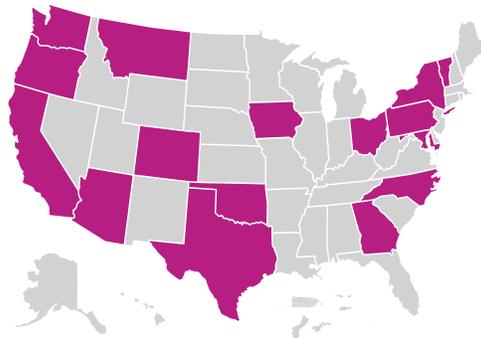
##### Home Visitors

In 2016, there were 482 active SafeCare providers. The model requires a high school diploma and experience in child development for home visitors; a bachelor's degree is recommended. Home visitor caseload limits are determined by local programs.

##### Supervisors

Training is required only for supervisors who will be delivering SafeCare to families. A condensed half-day training is available for supervisors or administrators who will not deliver the program but may need more detailed information about the curriculum.

#### Where is the model implemented?



SafeCare operated in 153 local agencies across 16 states in 2016.

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## MODEL PROFILE — SAFECARE

# Families Served Through Evidence-Based Home Visiting in 2016



**122,796**

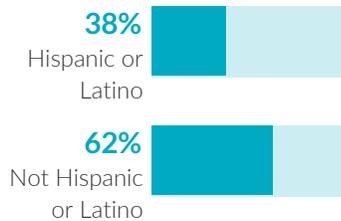
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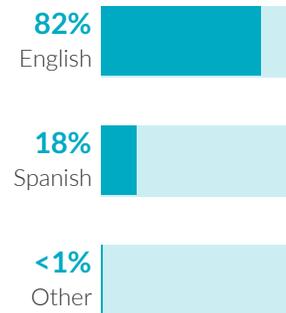
**6,822**

families served

### Ethnicity



### Primary language



Note • Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

## Mission

SafeCare's mission is to conduct research, training, and implementation support for the SafeCare model so that all parents can provide a nurturing, safe, and healthy home environment for children.

## History

SafeCare grew out of a study of the Project 12-Ways program funded by the California Wellness Foundation in 1994. This study identified the program's three most successful modules—parent-child interaction, home safety, and health—which became the basis for SafeCare. The National SafeCare Training and Research Center currently supports the national implementation of the SafeCare model. The center was established in 2007 with funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and is located in the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development at Georgia State University.

