



Interdisciplinary
Consultation for
Challenging Child
Maltreatment Cases

 **REAL LEARNING**
TAKES PLACE WHEN DISCIPLINES
INTERSECT."



START

Consultation Service



**SECOND
OPINION**



**MISSING
EXPERTISE**



**PROBLEM
RESOLUTION**

INTERSECTING DISCIPLINES

- ✓ law and ethics
- ✓ medical and nursing
- ✓ medical toxicology
- ✓ behavioral health
- ✓ psychology
- ✓ clinical social work

WHAT IS START?

A service of the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, START is a Multidisciplinary State And Regional Team (START) of Expert Consultants. START provides interdisciplinary case consultation for highly complex, protracted or difficult child abuse and neglect cases. START is partially funded to offset costs. Some additional fees may be required for consult.

FINDING MISSING EXPERTISE

The consultation team can involve experts from many disciplines including but not limited to medicine, medical toxicology, nursing, behavioral health, law, ethics, psychology and clinical social work. Kempe welcomes the opportunity to discuss costs and financial arrangements for START services on an individual basis.

Contact the **START Coordinator** if you are unsure about the appropriateness of a case you want to refer to START.

Call **303-864-5185**.

Who can refer a case?



State and County
Departments of
Human Services



Law Enforcement
Agencies



Legal Professionals
(District Attorneys,
County Attorneys and
Guardians ad Litem)

AREAS OF CONSULTATION



VIEWING THE CASE
IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE LAW



FORENSIC
MEDICAL REVIEW



ASSISTANCE WITH
TREATMENT
PLANNING



BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH SERVICE
RECOMMENDATIONS



NAVIGATING CIVIL
AND CRIMINAL
COURT PROCESSES

1 SUBMIT START REFERRAL



- Go to [START referral form](#) to submit online referral via HIPPA compliant system. Though not required as a first step, you will have option to upload relevant documents to help with triage of referral.

2 COORDINATE



- START coordinator will contact you to discuss submitted referral and next steps. If fees are required for START services, coordinator will work with you regarding payment arrangements.

3 SCHEDULE START CONSULTATION



- We will schedule consultants from appropriate disciplines.
- START Consults are one hour in length.
- Referring party may invite other service providers to the START Consult.

4 START CONSULTATION



- The START team and referring parties will meet in person, or by video conference/phone.
- The focus of this consultation is to address the questions that were submitted in the referral.

5 POST START CONSULTATION



- After consultation, the referring party will receive a report with recommendations.
- This report will be sent to the referring party only; the referring party distributes the report at their discretion.

“ I found the process to be very organized and helpful. I appreciated the level of expertise and direct information that was shared in addition to feeling respected as an active and important participant. ”



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[START Webpage](#)



[START Referral Form](#)



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HELPFUL TIPS FOR START REFERRALS

1

Invite the relevant multidisciplinary team members to the consultation. Information-sharing and decision-making are optimized when the entire team is present.

2

START serves as an independent and secondary professional consultation for child welfare service providers and law enforcement agencies.

3

Before making a referral, feel free to contact the START Coordinator if you have a question about whether a case is appropriate to refer. One-on-one consultation with an expert is also available for specific case-related questions. You may not need to complete the entire referral process!



The START Team was very child focused and the best interest of the children involved was the primary focus. ”

