



Clinical Assessment of Protective Parenting (CAPP)

The North Carolina Child Medical Evaluation Program (CMEP) has launched a new statewide program, the Clinical Assessment of Protective Parenting (CAPP). At the request of county child welfare agencies, rostered CAPP providers will conduct clinical assessments of caregivers to aid in decision-making in CPS investigations.

The CAPP program is driven by empirically supported measures in understanding a parent's ability and willingness to mitigate safety risks for their child. The objectives of this evaluation are two-fold: to offer a clinical lens through which to assess the current risk and potential of future harm that a caretaker may pose to a child, and to assist in identifying services that will enhance a parent's capacity to provide for their child's needs.

Participant inclusion criteria

Interviewee is the parent or caretaker to a child or children who are subject to an open CPS Assessment *and* circumstances meet any of the criteria below:

- There have been two or more reports of maltreatment by the interviewee with similar allegations and no evidence of progress
- The agency needs assistance with identifying parent/caretaker needs and/or the appropriate services to protect children from entry into foster care
- "Primary Needs" identified on the DSS-5229 indicate that the parent would benefit from further, clinical assessment
- At least one of the children is part of a population identified as at greatest risk of maltreatment AND the Family Risk Level on DSS-5230 is HIGH. Populations identified at the greatest risk of maltreatment are:
 - Child under age 3
 - Teenager with mental health and/or behavioral issues
 - Child born to young parents with little to no parenting education
 - Children born to parents with significant history of abuse/neglect
 - Children living in significant poverty
 - LGBTQ youth

There are some circumstances in which a CAPP might *not* be the appropriate clinical evaluation. This includes if the concerns for the caretaker include a moderate to severe intellectual and developmental disability and a competency evaluation is the primary need. Additionally, a CAPP

would not be authorized if the agency has removed custody of a child and plans to cease reunification efforts or TPR based on statutory allowances. Finally, the provider will not complete the CAPP if they observe symptoms of an active and persistent mental health diagnosis and/or substance misuse that is interfering with the caretaker's ability to participate in their own assessment.

Locating a CAPP Provider

When a local child welfare agency determines that case would benefit from a CAPP, the child welfare worker must first identify and contact a CAPP Provider to confirm their availability.

CAPP Providers can be located by using the [CMEP Provider Portal](#). The CMEP Provider Portal can be used to locate both CAPP and Child Medical Evaluation (CME) providers. Instructions for creating an account are located on the portal home page.

CMEP Provider Interactive Map

Instructions

To view a list of providers for a selected county, select the Examiner Service Type and a County Name. *HINT: Missing county names will appear on the map if you zoom in using the toolbar below the map.*

Examiner Service Type: [View All CAPP Providers](#)

County Name:

TIP: This is the county that corresponds to the service location of the rostered CMEP provider. As a reminder, CME providers can see children outside of their county. Search adjacent counties if you cannot find a provider in your county.

Examiners Per County

None 1 to 2 3 to 4 5 to 9 10 to 14 15 or More

Choose Examiner Service Type: CAPP

Select county to view all rostered providers in that county. This includes providers that are willing to travel to the selected county.

Toolbar Instructions: You can zoom and pan the map by clicking the icons in the toolbar. To select a county after zooming, click the Information icon and then click the desired county on the map. Click the Full Extent icon to see all counties.

Provider Map

CMEP Provider Listing for North Carolina [Download PDF](#) [Return to Map](#)

There are 3 practices offering CAPP services in North Carolina.

Practice	Examiner(s)	Instructions
Beacon Child and Family Program UNC Hospital Beacon Child and Family Program Campus Box #7600 Chapel Hill, NC 27599-341 Phone: (919)966-9314 Fax:	CAPP Provider 2024 provideremail@capp.org	If you have a new DSS case to submit and have identified the provider you want to perform an evaluation, click the Submit Case link beneath the address for that provider. <i>Please confirm you are choosing the correct address for providers with multiple practice locations.</i>

CAPP Provider and practice contact information is maintained on the CMEP Provider Portal

Submitting a CAPP Request for Authorization and Consent/Authorization Form for a CAPP (DSS-5401)

Once a CAPP Provider has confirmed their availability, the child welfare worker can *submit the CAPP Request for Authorization and DSS-5401* through the CMEP Provider Portal.

The CAPP Request for Authorization is maintained on the CMEP website under forms: <https://www.med.unc.edu/pediatrics/cmep/forms/>.

The Consent/Authorization Form for a CAPP (DSS-5401) is maintained on the NC DHHS Policies and Manuals: <https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/social-services/forms/dss-5401-consent-form-for-a-clinical-assessment-of-protective-parenting-capp/>.

Copies of both documents can be downloaded from the CMEP Provider Portal.

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Click on the Submit Case link begin the authorization process. You will be prompted to enter demographic information and to upload a completed CAPP Authorization Request AND DSS-5401.

The CAPP requires CMEP's authorization prior to the assessment. CMEP will review the request and provide authorization via email to the referring child welfare worker and CAPP Provider.

Once the authorization has been received, the child welfare worker and CAPP Provider can coordinate scheduling of the assessment.

The CAPP Provider will send the completed CMEP CAPP Report to the child welfare worker no later than two weeks post date of service.

More information about the CAPP and referral process can be found at <https://www.med.unc.edu/pediatrics/cmep>. Please contact cmep_capp@med.unc.edu with questions.