

Dr. Mandy O'Hara is a board-certified Child Abuse Pediatrician and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University 's New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. After completing her Medical Degree at Drexel School of Medicine in Philadelphia, she came to New York and established herself as a primary care physician for foster children at Children's Aid. After many years in practice, she sought additional expertise, completing a 3 year accredited fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital in New York, as well as a Masters in Public Health at Columbia University, where she graduated with an Award of Excellence and published her research in the journal Child Abuse & Neglect shortly thereafter. Following fellowship, she became Medical Director of the child protection program at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, and continued on at Columbia, where she has subsequently published additional research and review in her specialty. As a Child Abuse Pediatrician, she works closely with a multidisciplinary team and outside agencies including the NYC Administration for Children's Services, Special Victims Unit of NYPD, and the District Attorney's Office. She has given expert testimony in both family and criminal court throughout New York City. She serves as Chair and Co-Chair of the Wellness Committees at her local AAP chapter as well as the Helfer Society, and her ongoing research and advocacy work focuses on addressing secondary traumatic stress in the clinical and child protection workplace. She was recently elected to the Board of APSAC-NY.