



INAAP Monthly News & Updates

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Letter from the President

It hardly seems possible that another year has come and gone, but the snow falling outside my window as I write this assures me it is mid-December.

It has been a whirlwind of a year that has brought us many challenges, but also many successes. The level of engagement, input, and advocacy I have seen from so many of you across the state is unlike anything I've experienced before, and I am incredibly thankful to have so many wonderful colleagues join me in this important work. Together we've advocated on policy both at the national and state levels, we secured several grants that helped us provide programs and education throughout the state, and we continue to work with state agencies on improving the formulary system and access to the medical care and medications our patients need.



Looking ahead to 2018, I have no doubt there will be new challenges we will have to undertake both for our profession and for the patients we serve. However, the people I have met and who I have had the opportunity to work with during my time as President leave me no doubt we will be equipped to meet those challenges head on.

As the 2018 Indiana General Assembly gets under way after the first of the year, I encourage you all to stay engaged and informed on the issues that will affect the pediatric community in Indiana. INAAP will be providing regular updates on the bills making their way through the legislature, and we'll also be providing testimony as needed. If you have a thought on something you see happening at the state house, please reach out and let us know!

Finally, I want to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season. May this time with family and friends be peaceful, restful, and full of joy. Thank you for all your work, and I look forward to doing it again in 2018!

It's Not Too Late - Help Support Reach Out and Read Today!

In 2018, INAAP is dedicated to helping foster the growth of the Reach Out and Read program in Indiana, and to better helping practices implement and sustain existing Reach out and Read sites.



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To do this, we plan to hire a program coordinator to assist practices with program initiation, securing funds, and educating communities about the importance of early brain development through reading. However, we need your help to make this a reality. In late November you received a donation request in the mail asking you to donate to Reach out and Read Indiana. Through these donations we will be able to support the programs already in place, provide book donations, and also help support a part time staff member to increase early literacy in Indiana. If we all give as little as \$10, we can make a huge impact in the lives of Indiana children.

The mailing you received included a remittance envelope that will allow you to donate with cash, check, or credit card. Additionally, you can easily donate through our website using the link below.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthy cause!

DONATE NOW

INAAP Awarded Grant Focusing on Raising HPV Vaccine Uptake on IUPUI Campus

It was announced on Friday, December 15th that INAAP was to be awarded \$23,500 from AAP and the CDC to fund a program aimed at increasing HPV vaccine uptake among students at IUPUI in Indianapolis. The program is being spearheaded by Dr. Cynthia Robbins (pictured right), along with help from Kate Hannaford, a student at IU's Fairbanks School of Public Health.



This is the second grant INAAP has received to help try and raise Indiana's HPV vaccine rates in 2018. INAAP was also awarded \$25,000 to focus on provider education and training next year.



Dr. Indra Frank: Do You Have an Environmental Concern? We at PEHSU are Here to Help.

The Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU) offer consultation and education on environmental exposures and children's health. There are ten PEHSUs distributed around the country. Indiana is served by the Region 5 PEHSU which is headquartered at the University of Illinois at Chicago with an affiliate at the University of Cincinnati. The PEHSU is available to consult with clinicians on questions of prevention, diagnosis, management, and treatment of environmentally related health conditions in children. Examples include exposure to heavy metals, pesticides, solvents, and drinking water contaminant. The PEHSUs are federally funded, so their services are free of charge. The Region 5 PEHSU can be reached at 866-967-7337 or ChildrensEnviro@uic.edu. The link is: <https://www.pehsu.net/region5.html>

ISDH Director Dr. Kristina Box to Speak at INAAP's January Meeting

Starting in January 2018, INAAP will be changing the format of our in-person meetings. In accordance with our efforts to provide engaging and useful information to our members, each of our in-person meeting will now be centered around a specific speaker or topic.

On January 17th, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Kristina Box will be on hand to talk with us about her efforts at the Indiana State Department of Health, and how INAAP and ISDH can work together on child health issues in our state.



More information about our in-person meetings, including how to RSVP, is included below. Stay tuned for other topics throughout the year, and let us know if there are any subjects you'd like to propose for a future meeting.

RSVP January 2018 Member Meeting

Upcoming INAAP Meetings

There are several upcoming meetings for those who want to learn more about INAAP's efforts, or who are looking to get more involved.

Our next in-person meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th. Dinner is provided at our in-person meetings, so please RSVP using the button above by January 16th if you plan to attend.

If you haven't been involved in one of our child-health committees before due to distance or the timing of the meetings, now is the perfect time to join! Information on the three committees is below:



INAAP General Meeting (In Person)

Held at the Joseph Maley Foundation
7128 Lakeview Pkwy W Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 pm**

Early Brain & Childhood Development (teleconference)

Chair: Katie Swec, MD, FAAP, kathleenswec@gmail.com (chair)
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 13th at 12:10 pm**

Perinatal and Infant Mortality (teleconference)

Tony GiaQuinta, MD, FAAP, indypeddoc@gmail.com (co-chair)
Emily Scott, MD, FAAP, escott1@IUHealth.org (co-chair)
Next Meeting: **Thursday, December 21st at 12:00 pm**

Preventive Health (teleconference)

Rick Reifenberg, MD, FAAP, rreifenb@IUHealth.org (co-chair)
Cynthia Robbins, MD, MS, FAAP cyrobbin@iu.edu (co-chair)
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 pm**

Teleconference Information for all committees will be the same, and is included below. If you want to learn more about the work being done by each committee, feel free to call and listen in! You can use either your computer (with mic and speakers) or your phone.

Teleconference Information:

Using a computer: <https://www.uberconference.com/inaap>

Using a phone: Dial-in number: 857-216-4676, PIN: 52460

Join Us on Workplace - A Place for INAAP Members to Collaborate

INAAP recently implemented "Workplace," a communication and collaboration platform produced by Facebook. The platform allows members to share thoughts, questions, documents, and other information quickly and easily.

Only INAAP members are permitted to join, so Workplace is the perfect place to bounce ideas off of other pediatricians and nurse practitioners throughout the state. Having those questions and



collaborations stored in a central place will also serve as a resource to new members.

We highly encourage INAAP members to join. The platform will be more effective the more members we have involved. If you are interested in joining Workplace, contact Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org. He will send you an invitation and get you set up!



Reminder on the Importance of Social Media

INAAP has made a concerted effort to increase the quality and scope of its social media messaging. We are now posting a variety of information for both practitioners and families on a daily basis. INAAP currently utilizes both Facebook and Twitter, but needs your help to spread our message. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to use the links at the bottom of this article to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. The more followers we have, the more effective we can be at spreading our message.

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Support INAAP Through Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can help support INAAP with every purchase you make from Amazon? The Amazon Smile program gives a percentage of every purchase back to participating nonprofit organizations, and those donation can really add up during the holiday season. It's just like using Amazon, but with an added philanthropic benefit. Make sure the purchases you would make anyways this holiday season help support INAAP by using the link below!

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