



INAAP Monthly News & Updates

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Letter from the President - Legislative Advocacy, Setting Policy, and More!

With so much change at the national and state level, INAAP is actively communicating with government leadership in both arenas. We had an incredible turnout for our Pre-K legislative advocacy day, and our legislative committee chair, Sarah Stelzner, has made our voice heard at the statehouse. I will travel to Washington DC later this month to meet with members of Congress on behalf of Indiana pediatricians and our patients. We also had a record turnout with many new faces at our February Committee meeting. I am thrilled to see so many pediatricians coming together to work on child health issues!



As we look ahead to March, there is one email that all AAP members received recently to which I would like to direct your attention. This email announced the release of 2017 ALF Resolutions for comment.

What is ALF?

The Annual Leadership Forum is an awe-inspiring 4-day meeting of Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, District Leadership, and Chairs of all National Committees, Sections, and Councils for the AAP. During this intense 4 days, resolutions submitted from across the nation are debated and then voted upon to determine where our National AAP should direct its vision and focus for the upcoming years.

ALF debates cover everything from gun safety to whether WIC should dispense juice to physician wellness. 2017 will be my 4th ALF - If you have ever wanted to be amazed by the volume of expertise and passion nationwide for children's health issues, run for chapter leadership so you can experience this amazing event!

Why should you care?

The priorities identified by the ALF determine where your membership dollars are focused. 69 resolutions have been submitted this year. Indiana led the way in our district with 6! In the past, only ALF attendees were able to debate and discuss the resolutions. That changed in 2015 - and now all members are able to submit comments online. I can assure you these remarks are read and considered.

Review the resolutions and comment using the link in the story below.

Hesitant to put your name online? No problem - submit them to me at president@inaap.org or to Chris at cw@inaap.org and we will ensure your comments are received.

Stay tuned for more updates on legislation and the ALF next month.



2017 AAP Resolution Comments

The American Academy of Pediatrics is pleased to provide AAP Members the opportunity to review and share comments electronically on resolutions for the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF). A link for commenting is available below.

Please share your comments on any resolutions that are of interest to you. An important aim of the ALF is to incorporate diverse perspectives in the discussion and debate of leading pediatric issues. Your comments are important to the AAP leadership and representatives of your district, chapter, committee, council, and section who will attend the ALF and vote on resolutions.

Comments received on resolutions from AAP Members will be compiled and shared with the members of the reference committees and also posted online by Wednesday, March 8, 2017 so that ALF attendees can view the report. Please be aware that the report shared with ALF attendees and resolution authors will include your name, district, how you voted for the resolution, and your comments. Please focus your comments on the content of the resolution itself. Comments considered inappropriate, slanderous, or containing personal criticism as determined by the ALF Executive Committee will be removed. Comments will not be accepted after Wednesday, March 1, 2017. The ALF is scheduled for March 9-12, 2017.

[Resolution Comments](#)

Upcoming Meeting Wednesday, March 15th

The best way to get involved as an INAAP member is to attend one of our monthly in-person meetings. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Meetings take place at the Joseph Maley Foundation, 7128 Lakeview Parkway West Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46268.



Meetings during odd-numbered months focus on business and updates for the organization, and meetings during even-numbered months focus on the work being done by our committees. Meetings are a perfect way to get to know fellow INAAP members and get involved in an area that interests you.

[Full Upcoming Meeting Schedule](#)



AAP Report on Zika Reponse

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), with leadership from its AAP Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council (DPAC) and Committee on Infectious Diseases (COID)/Section on Infectious Diseases (SOID), has worked strategically to coordinate the AAP response to the Zika virus outbreak.

AAP leaders and staff have worked closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Emergency Operations Center (EOC), CDC Children's Preparedness Unit (CPU), and the CDC National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD). To read more about all of AAP's efforts related to the Zika virus over the past year, see the report linked below.

[Zika Report](#)

Advocacy Day at the Statehouse

INAAP joined other advocates for high quality pre-k from across the state for an advocacy day at the Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday, January 25th. This event was hosted by All IN 4 Pre-K, and gave INAAP members a chance to meet with their elected officials and talk to them about why high quality pre-k is so important for Indiana's children. INAAP members were able to meet with seven different lawmakers, and also attended a public rally with hundreds in attendance.



Grant OPPORTUNITY

Healthy People 2020 Grant - Substance Use Across the Lifespan

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Board of Directors, with financial support from the Friends of Children Fund, has approved another round of Healthy People 2020 grants for state AAP chapters. The Healthy People 2020 initiative presents a comprehensive, nationwide health promotion and disease prevention agenda for improving the health of all Americans. Over the last three decades, this initiative has highlighted emerging issues as identified by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

AAP has reviewed the Healthy People 2020 pediatric objectives and determined that the next round of chapter grants will focus on **substance use across the lifespan**. The intent will be for AAP chapters to work with a coalition of health care professionals, public health, scientific, and parent organizations on programs related to this topic. This year, five chapters will be awarded \$20,000 each to develop and implement innovative programs.

INAAP is excited about this opportunity, and is currently looking for interested members to share thoughts or ideas on possible projects that our chapter could develop. If you are interested in working together on this grant opportunity, or if you have ideas on how INAAP could address substance use across the lifespan, we'd love to hear from you.

Proposals are due March 31, 2017. More information on the grant can be found through the link below.

[Healthy People 2020 Grant Information](#)



INAAP Legislative Bill Tracking

INAAP is dedicated to providing a voice for Indiana's children on health-related issues being discussed and debated at the Indiana Statehouse during this year's legislative session.

INAAP's Government Affairs Committee is currently monitoring a large number of bills that could impact Indiana children, and the committee would like input and feedback from you on any bills you support or oppose. Use the link below to see a list of bills currently being tracked by INAAP, and let us know if you have any thoughts or concerns by emailing cw@inaap.org.

[INAAP Bill Tracking](#)

Nominations Open for INAAP Annual Awards

On May 18, 2017, INAAP will hold its Annual Luncheon at the NCAA Hall of Champions, in conjunction with the



At the luncheon, INAAP will announce the winners of its four annual awards. Nominations for those prestigious awards are now open.

The annual awards include:

1. The Edwin L. Gresham Award for Advancing the Care of Newborn Infants
2. The Irving Rosenbaum Award for Distinguished Service
3. The Community Service Award
4. The Virginia M. Wagner Lifetime Achievement Award

More information about each award is available through the link below.

If you would like to nominate someone, please send a letter of recommendation to INAAP Executive Director, Chris Weintraut, at cw@inaap.org. Winners will be presented with an award at the annual luncheon, and will be asked to give brief remarks about their work.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 28th, 2017

[Annual Awards Descriptions and Past Winners](#)

Register Now - 2017 Riley Pediatric Conference and INAAP Annual Luncheon



INAAP will once again be hosting its Annual Luncheon as part of the Riley Pediatric Conference. The dates for next year's conference are May 17-18, 2017. The INAAP Luncheon will take place on the second day of the conference, Thursday, May 18th. Register now to join us and hear from our annual award winners, as well as get caught up on exciting INAAP news and updates.

Additional information and registration is now open through the links below. We hope you will join us in May!

[Conference Information](#) [Registration](#)



Save the Date - Read IN at the Indianapolis Central Library Saturday, April 1, 2017

The second annual Read IN will take place on April 1, 2017 to benefit Reach Out and Read Indiana. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit three Reach Out and Read sites in Marion County. The event will take place from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Read IN event will feature guest readers sharing their favorite children's books, mascots, face painting, and music. This is a perfect event for families with young children, and all are welcome to attend.

Head Start Enrollment begins March 1 - What Pediatricians Should Know

As this year's Head Start enrollment period approaches, there are several things that pediatricians should be aware of to help their patients and families with the process. Head Start requires that all children have documentation that they



are up to date on well child exams, immunizations, vision screen, hearing screen, hemoglobin level, and lead level at age 2. The more documentation a pediatrician can provide, the easier it will be for a child to enroll.

Child Care Answers can provide additional resources to families in regards to quality child care in their area. The Director of Programs for Central Indiana is Crystal Givens. She can be reached at 317-636-5727 ext. 3241.



Call for Nominations - AAP Section on Infectious Diseases Award for Lifetime Contribution in Infectious Diseases Education

This award is given annually to an AAP member who has made outstanding contributions to education in infectious diseases. The recipient will receive a cash award as well as travel to the AAP National Convention and Exhibition for him/herself. The candidate's contribution should be indicative of a substantial long-term dedication to the highest ideals of education. Preference will be made for those who have focused on education of practitioners.

If you wish to nominate an individual, or yourself, please submit the name and address of the nominee, a nomination letter, along with a current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae by Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to Suzanne Kirkwood at skirkwood@aap.org. Additional information regarding the award and previous recipients can be found below.

[Award Information](#)

On My Way Pre-K Applications Now Available

INAAP advocates for increased access to high-quality pre-k, and wanted to share the following information with our members who may pass it along to families in their community.



On My Way Pre-K applications are now available for grants to eligible children who will be 4 years old, but not yet 5 years old on August 1, 2017, and will be attending kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year. These grants will be good for pre-k programs starting in August 2017. **Applications must be completed by March 31, 2017.**

Families must be living in one of the five pilot counties: Allen, Jackson, Lake, Marion or Vanderburgh and must meet the income eligibility guidelines below.

For families who live in Marion County, grants are also available for children who will be 3 years old on August 1, 2017, through Indy Preschool Scholarship Program (IndyPSP) grants. The same application can be used for both On My Way Pre-k and IndyPSP grants.

Additional information, as well as applications in both English and Spanish, are available through the link below.

[On My Way Pre-K Information and Applications](#)

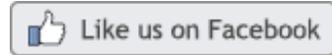


Reminder on the Importance of Social Media

Over the past year, 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.

STAY CONNECTED:



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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