



January 2025 INAAP News & Updates

Letter from the INAAP President Evan Kreutzer, MD

Indiana's legislative session is in full swing and it looks to be a busy one. This is a budget year, so we expect major legislative action on numerous fronts. In our recent member survey, state legislative advocacy was the top priority for many of you. And I want you to know that INAAP is in full swing with its advocacy. We've been planning and preparing for this session with our knowledgeable executive director and our professional lobbyist.

Many of you have generously offered to sit on our advocacy "bench," prepared to testify at the statehouse on our behalf. For the rest of our INAAP members, I hope you'll be on the lookout for communications asking you to contact your state representatives. From previous experience, we know that it only takes a few voices to help sway our legislators.

I look forward to working together over these next four months as we advocate for the children of Indiana.



Upcoming Events

CEASE to Smoke; A 2025 Resolution	January 27, 2025, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Zoom webinar	Register Now
INAAP In-Person Member Meeting	February 12, 2025, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Sun King Carmel	Register Now
ISMA Physician Advocacy Day	March 12, 2025 Indiana Statehouse	Learn more

Welcome Our New INAAP Members!

Last month, the following individuals joined the INAAP community. Please join us in recognizing:

Christine Nix, MD, | Noblesville, IN

Jonathan Krasinkiewicz, MBBS | Indianapolis, IN

Mary LaCoursiere, DO | South Bend, IN

Farrah Nasereddin, MD, BS, MS | Fishers, IN

Healthcare Providers and Immigration Enforcement



The federal government has walked back the policy of refraining from immigration enforcement at sensitive locations like hospitals. Here are some resources for providers to guide these situations while providing compassionate care for your patients.

Resource

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Know Your Rights

CEASE 2025 Webinar

Kick off the New Year with a resolution for healthier families and smoke free homes!

The **CEASE (Clinical Effort Against Secondhand Smoke Exposure) program** is here to support clinics and families in the fight against tobacco use and secondhand smoke.

We invite you to join us for "CEASE To Smoke: A 2025 Resolution," a webinar designed to empower clinics and providers with the tools and strategies to help families quit tobacco and create smoke-free environments.

Meet the Speakers:

- Kelsey Back - CEASE Program Manager
- Ramneet Gill - CEASE Program Coordinator
- Dr. Tamara Iorio - CEASE Provider

Together, this dynamic team will guide you through the tools and resources needed to make 2025 a year of healthier families and smoke-free homes.

Don't miss this opportunity to start the year with impact. **Register now and be part of the movement for a smoke-free future!**



Register here!

Together, let's make 2025 a smoke free year for Hoosier families!

Learn more about CEASE

Visit our Website

INAAP's Mental Health Program



Important Funding & Sustainability Announcement

Our Child and Adolescent Mental Health or "CARE" Program is currently funded by a grant from Indiana FSSA. Our grant manager has informed us that the federal funding that helped support our program is no longer available and our grant will not renew after June 2025.

While this news is both shocking and unfortunate, we are working hard to secure alternative sources of funding.

Current efforts include legislation that could provide funding for the CARE Program. We're asking our INAAP members to contact their state senators/representatives and tell them to support funding for pediatric behavioral health programs like the CARE Program.

Please help us keep the CARE Program going!

ATTENTION!



INAAP, THE CARE PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

The federal funding that makes our Child and Adolescent Mental Health or "CARE" Program possible will run out in June 2025.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The CARE Program will cease to exist if we're unable to secure alternative sources of funding.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Contact your Indiana State Senator and Representative. Tell them it is critical to include funding for initiatives like the CARE Program.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Your support can help ensure that Indiana children and adolescents are able to access the mental health services they need.



WHO DO YOU CONTACT?

Reach out to the offices of your state elected officials by phone or email. Click the button below this image to find your officials and their contact information.



WHEN SHOULD YOU ACT?

TODAY!

Connect with CARE

There are multiple ways to refer patients to the CARE Program!

Option 1: Client Intake Form

- Referring providers, parents, or legal guardians can complete the form below on behalf of a child or adolescent.
- The form asks for basic patient information such as name, address, medical insurance, etc.
- The form also allows parents to identify the specific mental health service(s) and type(s) of treatment(s) they are seeking (but can also be left blank if they are unsure).
- Once submitted, a CARE Program Family Navigator will reach out to the family to schedule an intake session.

[Complete a Client Intake Form](#)

Option 2: Primary Care Provider Referral Form

- PCPs can use this form to refer patients when various barriers, such as access to technology or inertia prevent the family from completing the client intake form themselves.
- This referral form is designed to be brief and should take less than five minutes to complete.
- None of the fields on the form are required. Provide the information you can, and the CARE Program will do the rest!

[Submit a Primary Care Provider Referral Form](#)

Option 3: The CARE Line

- Anyone can connect to the program by calling the toll-free phone number:

[888-495-7271](tel:888-495-7271)

INAAP's Reach Out & Read Program



where great stories begin™

2024 Reach Out and Read Indiana Impact Report

As we reflect on the progress made in 2024, we are proud to share the incredible impact of our mission to strengthen Indiana families with young children. By partnering with medical clinicians, we are nurturing relationships through the power of shared reading, creating a foundation for early childhood development that will last a lifetime.

This year, we reached significant milestones in our efforts to support young children and their families. Our network of **114 active** clinics has been instrumental in connecting parents and caregivers with the resources they need. We distributed a total of **193,136 books** to children across the state, bringing the joy of reading to **119,963 children**. With the help of 690 trained medical providers, we continue to foster environments where families are empowered to create lasting, positive relationships through reading.

One of the highlights of 2024 was the distribution of **6,930 books** to **25** clinics from the 35 for 35 Collection: a unique, inclusive set of books that celebrates the vibrant cultures, communities, and families that make up the rich tapestry of Indiana.

Our efforts continue to grow, as Read Out and Read Indiana is now serving **38 counties**, reaching **24%** of Indiana's children aged birth to 5 years old. This brings us one step closer to ensuring that every child in Indiana has the opportunity to thrive through the nurturing power of shared reading.

We are deeply grateful to our partners, volunteers, and supporters for helping us reach these milestones. Together, we are building stronger families and brighter futures for children across Indiana.

Reminder

Progress Report season is here! The January 2025 progress report opens January 15 for completion on myror.org. Please complete and click "Submit" no later than March 1st. Access the Progress Report at www.myror.org, using your individual logins.

The data provided in your Progress Report is pivotal to telling Reach Out and Read's story in Indiana. We must aggregate site data to report back to current funders, submit new grant requests, support state and federal allocation requests, and forecast future book needs.

Reach out to Madison Shepherd with any questions at mc@inaap.org

REACH OUT AND READ INDIANA

2024 IMPACT REPORT

Mission: Strengthen all Indiana families with young children through guidance from medical clinicians about nurturing relationships through shared reading.

114 Active Clinics

193,136 Books Distributed

119,963 Children Served

690 Trained Medical Providers



Distributed 6,930 books to 25 clinics from the 35 for 35 collection, the inclusive set of books that celebrates the vibrant communities, families, and cultures of the tens of millions of children served across the organization's history.



Reach Out and Read is serving 38 counties, reaching 24.73% of Indiana children ages birth - 5 years

Reach Out and Read Indiana proudly operates out of the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.



INAAAP Career Center

INAAAP is proud to announce the launch of its new Pediatric Career Center. Whether you are looking for a new opportunity or looking to hire top pediatric clinicians, this is the spot for you:

- Search and apply to top pediatric jobs at institutions that value your credentials.
- Upload your resume so employers can contact you. You remain anonymous until you choose to release your contact information.
- Create Job Alerts and receive an email each time a job matching your specified criteria becomes available.
- Access career resources, job searching tips, and tools.
- Post your job, or your institution's job, where the industry's most qualified pediatric



- professionals go to advance their careers.
- Email your job directly to INAAP job seekers via our exclusive Job Flash™ email.
- Search our Resume Bank using robust filters to narrow your candidate search.

Explore the benefits of our new career center by logging in or creating a new account today!

Visit our New Career Center

INAAP's Payor Council is Here to Help!

Do you have a payment, prior authorization, or formulary issue that you just can't get resolved? Help is here! Submit your problem to INAAP and our payor council will work with our partners at the Indiana State Department of Health and the Family and Social Services Administration to see if we can find a solution.

Email concerns to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.



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