

American Academy of Pediatrics
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER

DC AAP IMPACT REPORT

Hope Starts With Us

2018



PROGRAMS

HOPE STARTS WITH US!

The D.C. Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (DC AAP) is comprised of over 450 pediatricians committed to the optimal health and development of children and adolescents of Washington, DC. DC AAP is committed to tackling health inequities faced by many of the children and adolescents who live in Washington, DC. Our approach is to design interventions, connect families to services, and advocate for needed systems change.

In everyday practice, pediatricians experience first-hand the health, social, and emotional challenges that confront their patients and families. Drawing on the chapter's collective expertise, DC AAP becomes the convener for area pediatricians and regional partners to develop solutions for healthier outcomes.

This year, the chapter stepped forward to be the voice for immigrant children and to testify on behalf of children on issues ranging from gun violence and to addressing the impact of potentially shrinking resources for children's health and education, as well as mounting housing insecurity. In all, members are mindful that Hope Starts With Us!





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TAKING ON ISSUES TO PROMOTE EQUITABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN OF THE DISTRICT AND BEYOND

- Addressed equity in healthcare access for mothers and newborns in DC: held a multidisciplinary interactive symposium that included pediatricians, obstetricians, local officials and policy makers
- Improved HPV immunization rates: participated in the Hub and Spoke HPV project to improve vaccination completion rates from 50% to 85%
- Promoted Mental Health in Immigrant Children: held a multidisciplinary, interactive symposium; disseminated an Immigrant Health Toolkit
- Addressed bullying and its impact on our patients: held a symposium on bullying with the Physicians Campaign to End Bullying
- Developed innovative technology to improve rates of lead screening: awarded a grant for "D.C. Text for Kids" from D.C. Department of Energy and Environment, a parental text reminder program





ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY

ADVOCACY

- Testified before the DC Council on over 15 bills in the past year
- Testified before Congress on federal bills pertaining to children

COMMUNITY

- Active member of the Bainum Family Foundation Zero to Three Policy Alliance
- Joyful Markets “Ask the Doc” program, a resident-led initiative
- Participated in the March for Our Lives and the Families Belong Together rallies
- Participant in the American Academy of Medical Colleges Community Advisory Committee

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

- “Career Conversations & Cocktails” program for residents and early career professionals
- Partnered with resident programs on career preparation.
- Improving oral health for all children: held an oral health educational networking event co-hosted with the D.C. Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry






DC AAP will continue to be the voice for the District of Columbia's children. The chapter's members demonstrate their commitment by contributing their time, expertise, and resources to make a difference for the health and wellness of children and their families. The executive committee alone spends over 1,000 hours annually to meet the chapter's goals. Chapter members match their efforts in testimony, program development, and in the work of our committees.

The chapter appreciates its partners and sponsors for providing the resources to support the chapter's vision.

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