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### Call for Proposals

## 2006 CATCH Implementation Funds

The American Academy of Pediatrics is pleased to announce the fourth cycle of the CATCH Implementation Funds Program. This program is for pediatricians who will work with local communities to ensure that all children have medical homes and access to any needed health care services. CATCH funding should lead to the development of successful CATCH programs that can be replicated in other communities. A *pediatrician or pediatric resident* must lead the project and be involved in proposal development and project activities.

The program supports pediatricians in the initial and/or pilot stage of developing and implementing a community-based child health initiative. These grants are not to be used for planning purposes (eg, needs assessment). Priority will be


given to projects serving communities with the greatest demonstrated health care access needs and health disparities. Strong collaborative community partnerships and future sustainability of the project are encouraged.

In addition, CATCH is pleased to announce a specific funding opportunity within this 2006 Implementation Funds cycle. We are offering Early Childhood Obesity grants for pediatricians who wish to focus their interventions on obesity prevention in children from birth to 8 years of age. More information will be provided in the *Call for Proposals for CATCH Implementation Grants*.

Grants are provided in amounts from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for pediatricians to initiate innovative, community-based proposals to increase children's access to health

care. The grant cycle began **November 1, 2005**, with an application deadline of **January 31, 2006**.

For additional information and technical assistance, visit [www.aap.org/catch/implementationgrants.htm](http://www.aap.org/catch/implementationgrants.htm), contact your AAP chapter CATCH facilitator or the CATCH Program by e-mail at [catch@aap.org](mailto:catch@aap.org), or call 800/433-9016, ext 7085.

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The mission of CATCH is to support pediatricians who work with communities to ensure that all children have medical homes and access to any other needed health care services.

A CATCH program is a broad-based community partnership that increases children's access to a medical home or specific health services not otherwise available. Every CATCH program must be led by a pediatrician.

The CATCH Program is a national program of the American Academy of Pediatrics supported by Wyeth, CVS/pharmacy Charitable Trust, Gerber Products Company, Hasbro Children's Foundation, Irving Harris Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and individual donations through the AAP Friends of Children Fund.

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### Call for Proposals 2006 CATCH Resident Funds


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development of successful CATCH programs that can be replicated in other communities. A *pediatric resident* must lead the project and be involved in proposal development and project activities. CATCH Resident Funds grant proposals must

include planning activities and may also include some implementation activities.

CATCH Resident Funds grants of up to \$3,000 are available for pediatric residents during the CATCH Implementation Funds grant cycle, which began **November 1, 2005**, and has a deadline of **January 31, 2006**.

For additional information and technical assistance, visit [www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm](http://www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm), contact your AAP resident CATCH liaison or the CATCH Program by e-mail at [catch@aap.org](mailto:catch@aap.org), or call 800/433-9016, ext 7085.

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# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## 10 Tips for CATCH Advocates

### 1. Choose your issue.

Personal experiences, community issues, and data on system-wide disparities are all sources of potential advocacy issues. If you have received a CATCH grant, the issue you are tackling with your CATCH project may be the perfect example. Get involved with your local American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) chapter and advocate that your issue be on the chapter's agenda.

### 2. Identify solutions.

Based on your knowledge, prepare a list of possible ways to successfully resolve your issue. Give examples from your CATCH experience—what solutions worked for you when you had to overcome barriers in your community to achieve your goals.

### 3. Identify supporters.

As a CATCHer, you are aware of the importance of community partners and that you're probably not the only person or group advocating for an issue. Find other people or

organizations that are working on related issues and seek their assistance. Contact, for example, grassroots associations, parents, faith-based groups, local businesses, local public health service agencies, nongovernmental health agencies, and hospitals. Equally important is identifying a legislator or other government official to sponsor and be a champion for your issue.

### 4. Develop a strategy.

Will you advocate for change on the local, state, or federal level? Which of the 3 branches of government (executive, legislative, judicial) is best positioned to help you achieve your desired outcome? Who will oppose your efforts and what can you do to neutralize the opposition?

### 5. Frame your message.

Work with someone who has experience in public or media relations to help develop and disseminate a clear, concise, and consistent message to advance your issue.

### 6. Educate.

Attend community, state, and national organization meetings. Offer to be a speaker at a civic group, philanthropic organization, or professional society event. Talk about the valuable experience you obtained by working on your CATCH grant focused on the issue. Meet with lawmakers and other government officials. Write letters to your newspaper.

### 7. Mobilize supporters.

Democracy is not a spectator sport! Establish and activate e-mail alert systems and telephone trees to ensure that supporters make their lawmakers aware of the need for support for your initiative.

### 8. Testify.


Offer to tell your CATCH story at a public hearing. The personal experiences of constituents are very powerful in convincing government officials to make changes.

### 9. Don't give up.

Oftentimes, it takes more than one attempt to enact a new law or implement changes in public policy. Take Thomas Jefferson's advice: "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." Remember, assistance is available from the AAP for your CATCH activities as well as your state and federal advocacy work.

### 10. VOTE!

Pay attention to what candidates are proposing for children, and make your decisions accordingly. Remember, these are the people who will be making decisions about your issue. Take a child with you when you vote to teach the child about this important civic duty!

Adapted from *10 Tips for Child Advocates* from the AAP Division of State Government Affairs. For more information, e-mail [stgov@aap.org](mailto:stgov@aap.org) or call 800/433-9016, ext 7799. 

# CATCHers' Corner



**T**homas Young, MD, FAAP, is an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Kentucky and medical director of 2 health centers in Lexington, KY. His rich community pediatrics experience is filled with involvement in local, state, and national American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) activities. "I have enjoyed the many different projects and committees I work with through the AAP. Comprehensive and integrated children's health is important to me, and it feels good to be in a position where I can enjoy what I do and see that it makes a difference," Dr Young said.

## School Health

In 1994, Dr Young was awarded a CATCH Planning Funds grant for a community and school health assessment. The activities of the CATCH grant led to receipt of funding from Healthy Schools/Healthy Communities for a school-based clinic in an inner-city school and local funding for 3 additional clinics in

high-risk elementary schools, with an annual budget of \$1 million.

Dr Young's CATCH experience at the local level led him to involvement in school health activities at the national level and becoming an active member of the AAP Committee on School Health (now the Council on School Health) in 1999. He was the lead author of policy statements such as "School-Based Mental Health Services" (2004) and "School Health Centers and Other Integrated School Health Services" (2001). In addition to mental health and school-based health care, Dr Young is also heavily involved in obesity, asthma, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and Native American care. Dr Young and his Kentucky Child 2000 program were presented the Martin C. Ushkow Community Service Award in 2000.

## Community Pediatrics

Dr Young became the medical director of the Family Care Center (FCC) in 1995 and was the project director for the Home Network

Project grant received by the FCC through the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) in 1997. The Home Network Project was designed to add an intensive home visit component to existing clinic services to prevent adverse outcomes for adolescent mothers and their children and families. This new component helped to complete and integrate the existing comprehensive service model at the FCC. The Home Network Project model has now expanded across the state as the project has shown a 60% reduction in child abuse and fewer premature births. "Many families were helped as a result of this project. We were able to serve over 200 families in the 5-year grant period," said Dr Young.

The Family Center for Healthy Futures, a new addition to the FCC from 2005 HTPCP funding, will provide resource support for families, including housing, education, food, clothing, employment, parenting skills, bilingual services, family health care, transportation, child care, and financial assistance. "The FCC staff and I decided to add this program because healthy families and families with adequate resources have healthier children," Dr Young said. Additional grants now provide comprehensive mental health services for children and families. "We are striving to practice the concept of family pediatrics."

"I am proud of the work at the Family Care Center. We are able to serve many families who need support services outside of the traditional medical setting. Pediatricians need to be the community's child health leaders and begin

developing alternative health care delivery models that address the complex needs of children and families," explained Dr Young.

Dr Young also received a prestigious AAP Council on Community Pediatrics Local Heroes Award in 2005. The Local Heroes Program recognizes pediatricians who are leaders through action and advocacy for children in their local communities.

## Kentucky Chapter

Dr Young is highly involved with the Kentucky Chapter of the AAP. He served as the chairperson of the Section on School Health, chapter CATCH facilitator, secretary-treasurer, and president of the Kentucky Chapter from 1997 to 1999. During this time, Dr Young is most proud of the Kentucky Chapter work leading the State Children's Health Insurance Program initiative and helping to initiate Kentucky Child Now!, a state organization for child health and youth development. Dr Young has been leading medical teams to Ecuador with pediatric residents and students for 4 years and is planning to begin a mothers' and children's health center in a shantytown in Ecuador. He is also a member of the AAP Section on International Child Health. [CQ](#)



*Thomas Young, MD, FAAP, receiving the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics Local Heroes Award in 2005*

# CATCH Offers Opportunities and Support for Chapters

**American Academy of Pediatrics Department of Community, Chapter, and State Affairs**

**A**merican Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) chapters and the CATCH Program are working together in many different ways to support and enhance chapter activities. The CATCH Program provides pediatricians with training, technical assistance, peer support, and networking and funding opportunities to work in their communities to improve children's access to a medical home or specific health care services. Through identification and promotion of successful strategies, participation in state advocacy efforts, and financial support of meetings, pediatricians participating in CATCH can bring a wealth of knowledge, energy, and support to chapters. This article highlights just a couple of ways the CATCH Program and chapters are working together.

## **Taking on Obesity— Indiana Chapter and CATCH**

More than 90 people attended "Takin' It to the Streets: Approaching Childhood Overweight and Obesity from a Community Perspective," June 18, 2005, in Bloomington, IN. The Indiana Chapter of the AAP, CATCH Program, and Bloomington Hospital sponsored the event. CATCH provided financial support through the funds available to chapter CATCH facilitators for activities in their states.

Following an expert presentation, several panelists, most of whom had CATCH-funded programs, described how they are addressing obesity in their communities. For example, Paul Rider, MD, FAAP, described his collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club and others to develop a 10-week program, Stop Taking on Pounds (STOP). The program included sessions for children and parents on nutrition, behavior, and exercise. Participating families have reported that they are eating less fast food and more fruits and vegetables and exercising together. The program has also garnered local news coverage. James Laughlin, MD, FAAP, described how his medical group worked with local schools to change what was offered in vending machines and the school cafeteria.

The organizers felt the meeting was very successful. It generated tremendous enthusiasm and has led to additional funding for the chapter to address obesity in schools statewide. More than 20 pediatricians will receive training on working with their schools on obesity, and many will attend a symposium on obesity that the governor is planning.

## **Visiting Professorships Bring Experts and Advocates Together**

In New Jersey, the CATCH Rome Visiting Professorship helped to support several days of child advocacy training. The Rome Visiting Professorships provide 6 accredited pediatric residency or medical programs up to \$4,500 each to fund a 2- or 3-day education program focusing on community pediatrics or pediatric dentistry. In June, New Jersey hosted Murray Katcher, MD, PhD, FAAP, Wisconsin Chapter CATCH facilitator. Dr Katcher was a part of a symposium at Jersey Shore University Medical Center for pediatric residents, faculty, and community partners. In addition, Dr Katcher was a plenary speaker at the New Jersey Chapter annual meeting.


"We are pleased to share in Dr Katcher's wealth of knowledge and experience and look forward to implementing ideas that resulted from his visit," wrote Elaine Donoghue, MD, FAAP, New Jersey Chapter CATCH facilitator.

Other recent professorships have taken place in Florida, North Dakota, and Washington, DC, on the medical home, community pediatrics, and oral health. Each has included meetings with chapter leaders.

## **Developing Chapter Leaders**

The CATCH Program is an important avenue for leadership development. CATCH provides a great opportunity for local community pediatricians and residents to develop and refine their leadership skills. By connecting to chapters, they can become very powerful advocates at the state level. Many current chapter officers received CATCH grants or served as chapter CATCH facilitators.

The heart of CATCH is the pediatrician-to-pediatrician support fostered by chapter CATCH facilitators. Chapter facilitators are appointed by the chapter president and provide technical assistance to community pediatricians as they conceive, develop, and implement projects to solve critical child health topics. Facilitators review and score CATCH grant applications and plan meetings such as those described herein. As a part of the chapter leadership team, facilitators can encourage community pediatricians to become more active in their chapters. Together, CATCH facilitators and chapters can have a strong positive effect for children.

For more information on the CATCH Program, including the CATCH Rome Visiting Professorships, contact Lisa Brock at 800/433-9016, ext 4903, or [lbrock@aap.org](mailto:lbrock@aap.org). To view the current list of chapter CATCH facilitators, visit [www.aap.org/catch/rosterchapterfac.pdf](http://www.aap.org/catch/rosterchapterfac.pdf). 

# Awarded 2006 CATCH Planning Funds Grants

(Grants Awarded in Fall 2005)

GRANTEE	CITY/STATE	PROJECT NAME	GRANTEE	CITY/STATE	PROJECT NAME
Michelle Amaya, MD, MPH	Birmingham, AL	Community Shaken Baby Prevention Program	Monica Meyer, MD	Albany, NY	On-site Mental Health Opportunities at School (OSMOS)
Robert Auerbach, MD	Upland, PA	Life Seeds for a Healthy Community	Susan Mims, MD, MPH	Asheville, NC	Healthy Steps Toward Healthy Development
Tasneem Bhatia, MD	Atlanta, GA	Take 5—Child Abuse Prevention and Detection	Beth Moughan, MD	Upland, PA	Barriers to Care for LGBTQ Youth
Laurie Brown, MD	Flagstaff, AZ	Safe Child Center Behavioral Health Project	Stephen Park, MD	Ann Arbor, MI	Oral Health Promotion in Migrant Children
Wendy Burdo-Hartman, MD	Grand Rapids, MI	Planning for Transition: Pediatrics to Adult Medicine	Gillis Payne, MD	Montgomery, AL	Telepsychiatry in Underserved Metropolitan Area
Bryan Burke, MD	Little Rock, AR	ANGELS in Lee County: CATCH Planning	Joan Perry, MD	Kinston, NC	Fitness in Training (FIT)
Robert Burke, MD, MPH	Pawtucket, RI	Access to Child Health Care—Rhode Island	Lakshmy Rajagopalan, MD, JD	Houston, TX	EHDI for ALL Infants
Dione Cash, MD, MPH	Philadelphia, PA	Transforming Health and Social Interventions for Children	Andrew Reichert, MD	Chinle, AZ	Improving Asthma Management Utilizing the Schools
Galen Chock, MD	Honolulu, HI	RSV Prophylaxis Registry for Hawaii	Dana Rubin, MD, MSW	Boston, MA	Mental Health and the Medical Home
Mark Deis, MD	Crestview Hills, KY	Consolidated Information Network for Children's Health (CINCH)	Karen Schetzina, MD, MPH	Johnson City, TN	Breastfeeding Promotion as a Bridge Between Obstetric and Pediatric Medical Homes
Rebecca Di Mundo, MD	Tornillo, TX	Rural El Paso Oral Health Assessment	Erik Schobitz, MD	Norfolk, VA	Accessing Care: Right Place—Right Time
Brady Englestead, MD, MSPH	Pawnee, OK	Pawnee Car Seat Safety Program	Peter Sherman, MD	Bronx, NY	Community Coalition for Healthy Teenagers
Shalini Forbis, MD, MPH	Dayton, OH	Health Care Access Through Health Literacy	Beatrice Szantyr, MD	Lincoln, ME	Student Health Access
Thomas Gorin, MD	Storrs, CT	Save Smiles	Nicole Tartaglia, MD	Denver, CO	Comprehensive Care for X-tra Special Children
Dan Hale, MD	Lewiston, ME	Central Maine Behavioral Health Home	Blaine Tolby, MD, PhD	Longview, WA	Community Medical Home for Child Psychiatry
Kimberly James, MD	Dawes, WV	Childhood Obesity Prevention Program (CHOPP)	Bonnie Typlin, MD	Tucson, AZ	Healthy Body, Healthy Choices
Warren Kleinberg, MD	Toledo, OH	Gap Assessment in Palliative Care Services (GAPS)	Patricia Whitley-Williams, MD	New Brunswick, NJ	Bridging the Gap for HIV+ Youth
Daniel Korin, MD	Bronx, NY	Nuestras Voces (Our Voices)	Lisa Wildcatt, MD	Cherokee, NC	Cherokee Children's Health Care Initiative
Edward Lewin, MD	Old Westbury, NY	Barefoot Doctor Approach to Preventive Care	Lynette Wilson-Phillips, MD	Clarkston, GA	SIDS Reduction Efforts With NICU Staff/Families
Sylvia Lim, MD	Bronx, NY	Bronx Adolescent Views on Health Barriers	Diana Yu, MD, MSPH	Olympia, WA	Children's Access to Care—Thurston County (CATCTH)
Kathleen Lundgren, MD	Alexandria, VA	Alexandria City Cooperative for Elementary Student Success (ACCESS)			

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# Awarded 2006 CATCH Resident Funds Grants (Cycle 1)

(Grants Awarded in Fall 2005)

GRANTEE	CITY/STATE	PROJECT NAME	GRANTEE	CITY/STATE	PROJECT NAME
Christina Bourland, MD	Dallas, TX	Defining Effective Medical Homes	Corrie Klopocz, MD	Boston, MA	Spirituality and Religion in Pediatric Health Care
Kyle Brothers, MD	Nashville, TN	Computer Kiosk for Developmental Screening	Steve Kwon, MD	Orange, CA	Breastfeeding: The Best Infant Formula
Bradley Buckler, MD	Augusta, GA	Breathe Easy: Screening Children for Asthma	Maja Marinkovic, MD	St Petersburg, FL	Care Mobile Miles for Healthy Smiles
Alma Chavez, MD	Albuquerque, NM	Filling the Dental Services Gap	Marie Miles, MD	Portland, OR	Anticipatory Guidance in Child Care Settings
Andrew Chu, MD	Cincinnati, OH	Expanding Home Visitation Through Primary Care	Beth Nagy, MD	Cleveland Heights, OH	Who Is Caring for East Cleveland's Kids?
Mohini Daya, MD	Grosse Pointe Park, MI	Enhancing Children's Activity and Improving Nutrition	Matthew Oster, MD	San Francisco, CA	STOP Obesity (School Toolkit on Preventing Obesity)
Joanne Deleon, MD, MPH	New Orleans, LA	HIV Prevention in Homeless Youth	Vivek Prasad, MD	Indianapolis, IN	CATCH Children at School
Tania-Ileana Diaz-Arbona, MD	Ponce, PR	ACTING: Anticipatory Guidance and Counseling Through Interactive Groups	Emily Sloan, MD	Dallas, TX	CATCHing Babies Early: Improving Immunization Rates
Blair Hammond, MD	New York, NY	Linking Learning Needs and Medical Homes	Subhashini Subramanian, MD	Syracuse, NY	Improving Refugee Access to Health Care (I-REACH)
Deneta Howland, MD	Atlanta, GA	Born Learning Resident Outreach Project	Calvin Tomkins, MD	Bronx, NY	Health Now: Obesity Prevention Strategies
Heather Iezza, MD	Menlo Park, CA	Healthy Start/Comienzo Sano			


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## Medical Home Surveillance and Screening Program

The Medical Home Surveillance and Screening Program (MHSSP) is a 5-year cooperative agreement between the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Year 4 began June 1, 2005. The goals of the MHSSP are to

1. Educate child health care professionals about birth defects, developmental disabilities, and related issues, including integration of public health newborn screenings within the medical home.
2. Improve integration of public health newborn screenings and developmental screening into medical homes.
3. Establish partnerships with key related organizations and personnel at the community, state, and national levels.
4. Create an infrastructure for information dissemination, including a national network of pediatricians to promote implementation of best developmental surveillance and screening practices in the medical home.


If you would like to get involved in any of the program activities or learn more about the MHSSP, contact Jill Ackermann at 800/433-9016, ext 7863, or [jackermann@aap.org](mailto:jackermann@aap.org). 

## Winners of the Promoting the Open Forum Concept Chapter Grants Announced

On September 30, 2005, officers and executive directors received information about a new grant opportunity for American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) chapters interested in promoting the open forum concept. The open forum strategy provides an excellent opportunity for chapters to advance their advocacy agendas. The Commonwealth Fund, a national, private foundation based in New York, NY, that supports independent research on health and social issues, provided the AAP with a small grant to give 8 AAP chapters \$1,000 each to commit to planning and implementing at least 2 open forums in their states during 2006 that focus on early

child development issues. Applications were due to the AAP by November 1, 2005.

The District Vice Chairpersons Committee selected the following 8 chapters as winners of the grants: California Chapter 4, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Oregon, Puerto Rico, and Virginia. Summaries of the funded proposals will appear on the AAP Member Center Web site ([www.aap.org/moc](http://www.aap.org/moc)) (after logging in, click on "Chapters," then "Chapter Opportunities").

If you have questions about the Promoting the Open Forum Concept chapter grant program, please contact Pat Stien at 800/433-9016, ext 7933, or [pstien@aap.org](mailto:pstien@aap.org). 

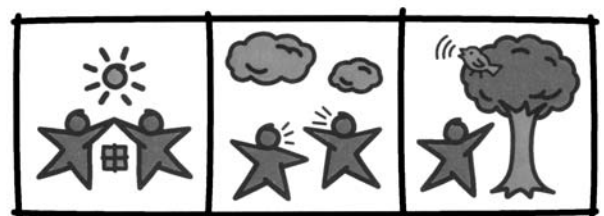
## PediaLink® Scholarships Now Available!

**Do you have a child in your practice with confirmed hearing loss? If so, take advantage of this just-in-time FREE scholarship opportunity!**

In an effort to promote the concept of just-in-time learning—providing educational tools, materials, and resources just at the time that a primary care professional needs them—the American Academy of Pediatrics will be offering early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI) PediaLink® module scholarships to pediatric health care professionals who are identified as the medical home for children who have been diagnosed with confirmed hearing loss.

The module is a Web-based educational program, "Childhood Hearing: A Sound Foundation in the Medical Home," for clinicians about early identification of hearing loss. It will help further health care professional education on EHDI and assist health care professionals in serving their patients with hearing loss in the most effective manner.


**Registration is free!** To register, contact Holly Noteboom at 800/433-9016, ext 7081, or [screening@aap.org](mailto:screening@aap.org). Ms Noteboom will register you for free and you will obtain an e-mail message



### CHILDHOOD HEARING: A SOUND FOUNDATION IN THE MEDICAL HOME

confirming registration when the module is available. This offer ends March 2006.

**A limited number of scholarships are available, so take advantage of this opportunity today!**

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## Immunization in a Medical Home

For 75 years, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has been a recognized leader and resource for information on childhood immunization. In an effort to achieve a system-wide improvement in the immunization delivery system, the AAP Childhood Immunization Support Program (CISP), in partnership with the National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children With Special Needs, has developed a training tool to assist health care professionals in immunizing children in the context of a medical home.

The CD-ROM-based training tool, *Immunization in a Medical Home*, includes a 100+-page PowerPoint presentation, along with supplemental materials and resources.



It is designed for use by pediatricians, immunization training programs, and pediatric residency programs and is ideal for presentation at meetings, conferences, or other educational venues. The training tool can be used as a stand-alone session or divided up into shorter training sessions.


To order a *free* copy of the CD-ROM training tool, call 800/433-9016, ext 4271, or visit [www.cispimmunize.org](http://www.cispimmunize.org) to download an electronic version. 

## AAP Endorses USDA Local Wellness Policy

**Pediatrician input needed to build a healthier school environment**

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) leadership is encouraging pediatricians to get involved with shaping school district *local wellness policies* that are currently in various stages of development. Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004, “Local Wellness Policy,” requires school districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast programs to establish a local wellness policy by the beginning of the 2006–2007 school year. President George W. Bush signed this act in June 2004 to encourage schools to assume a more active role in promoting good health, preventing childhood obesity,

improving nutrition, and increasing physical activity.

Visit the local wellness policy section on [www.schoolhealth.org](http://www.schoolhealth.org). From this Web site, you will also find information to familiarize yourself with school systems and policies; AAP school health, nutrition, and physical activity recommendations and resources; and local wellness policy requirements and sample policies. A summary of state legislative approaches can be accessed from the State Government Affairs page on the AAP Member Center ([www.aap.org/moc](http://www.aap.org/moc)). Questions can be directed to [wellnesspolicy@aap.org](mailto:wellnesspolicy@aap.org). 

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