

Introduction to the Trainer Guides

Welcome to the AAP Pediatric Residency Advocacy Training Curriculum. **You are an integral part of the Academy's efforts to incorporate advocacy into pediatric residency training programs across the country.** We believe your training and instruction will help provide future pediatricians with the skills and confidence necessary to advocate on behalf of their patients and advance children's health and well-being at the local, state, and federal level. **Thank you for being part of this important initiative.**

The AAP Pediatric Resident Advocacy Trainer Guides were created to help you prepare for and present the advocacy training curriculum in an easy-to-follow and uniform format. The trainer guides provide prompting questions you can use to encourage participation and input, tips for presenting the training content, and suggestions on timing. A trainer guide accompanies each of the five AAP Pediatric Advocacy Training Modules.

A special note about medical education accreditation: Each of these modules relates to one or more of the ACGME Competency Domains. We have listed each module below and identified the relevant competencies:

The training modules topics include:

- 1) **Overview of the Legislative Process:** Systems-Based Practice, Professionalism
- 2) **Working in Partnerships:** Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism
- 3) **Working with Decision-Makers:** Interpersonal and Communications Skills, System-Based Practice, Professionalism
- 4) **Advocacy Communications:** Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- 5) **Voting with Children's Health and a Pediatric Resident's Schedule in Mind:** Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Systems-Based Practice

The training modules—along with the trainer guide—were designed as stand-alone trainings and do not need to occur sequentially. However, as you are able, we suggest starting with the Overview of the Legislation Process module. This module will help get pediatric residents comfortable with basic skills outlined in subsequent modules. Also, we encourage you to use the Voting module in the time leading up to an election, allowing residents to register to vote in accordance with your state's voter registration deadlines.

Each module is designed to take about 45 minutes, incorporate "real time" learning, and be fun and interactive. While each guide is unique to the content of the specific training module, they also include intentional repetition of key advocacy themes and follow a similar format. Upon completion of each training module, pediatric residents will receive additional opportunities that relate to the training topic and can be performed as their interest and time allows.

We view you as an important partner in our efforts to provide advocacy training to pediatric residents and value your feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative at cpti@aap.org or 847/434-7397 regarding any questions you may have or if you would like to share your comments and input with us.

Thank you.