

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Healthy Tomorrows Funds 8 New Grants

The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) has awarded eight new grants for 2008. These projects will focus on improving the health status of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents through prevention and better access to health services. Grant recipients will receive up to \$50,000 per year for five years to implement their community-based initiatives. The HTPCP is a partnership between the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The Healthy Tomorrows program currently supports 54 projects in 35 states plus Guam and Puerto Rico. For more information about the projects or Healthy Tomorrows program, click [here](#).

The Future Pediatrician: Promoting Children's Health & Development (from Commonwealth Fund) A new article, published in *The Journal of Pediatrics*, discusses the changes seen in children's health over the past several decades. Author and Commonwealth Fund Vice President Ed Schor believes that current preventive care is inadequate, but could be improved through greater use of practice management tools. He also discusses how to improve the gaps between children's health needs and the pediatrics health care systems' capacity to respond. To view more on this article please click [here](#).



"Physical activity during the school day will help children not only improve their physical health but also their attentive skills and likely absenteeism."

Now Available: National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs Chartbook 2005-2006

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau is pleased to announce that the *National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs Chartbook 2005-2006* is now available online. The chartbook provides both national and state-level data on children with special health care needs. The survey screened 364,841 children for special health care needs and completed 40,840 interviews with families of CSHCN, covering a minimum of 740 CSHCN under the age of 18. If you would like a hard copy of the chartbook, please contact the HRSA Information Center toll-free at: 1-888-ASK-HRSA or 703-442-9051 (or the website is <http://ask.hrsa.gov/>).

Resident Section Child Advocacy Campaign Takes on Tobacco

Cigarette smoking and secondhand tobacco smoke are the leading causes of preventable mortality in the United States and among the most harmful environmental dangers to children. The AAP Resident Section advocacy subcommittee has adopted tobacco as its annual child advocacy campaign for this year. In collaboration with the AAP Julius B. Richmond Center, residents will plan opportunities for trainee involvement in tobacco control interventions at federal, national, state, local and individual levels.

Cynthia Patraitis, DO

Last year, Dr. Cynthia Patraitis, a resident at Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, wanted to take action to stop the rising rates of childhood obesity she was seeing in young children. She collaborated with several community organizations, such as the Maine Department of Education, JD Kid's Legal Aid of Maine, Maine Children's Alliance and Maternal and Child Health to prepare for her advocacy project. Dr. Patraitis' goal was to testify about the necessity of quality physical activity during the school day to the Maine State Senate at a public hearing. She hoped with her testimony that a bill to increase quality physical activity for elementary school students would be passed. Dr. Patraitis' hard work paid off when she learned that the act had passed in Maine's legislature, and was signed by the Governor of Maine on June 20, 2007.

The campaign will be launched at NCE 2008. For more information, such as opportunities for action, contact Julie Raymond, Manager of the Young Physician Initiatives, at jraymond@aap.org. Visit www.aap.org/richmondcenter to learn about other AAP tobacco control activities and to follow the progress of the Resident Section projects.

CPTI UPDATE

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Tobacco control is also highlighted in e [A Smoking Ban in the Heart of Tobacco Country](#), the latest article of "Pediatrics in the Community," in the April edition of *Pediatrics in Review*. This article tells the story of Dr. Michael Warren and fellow residents at Vanderbilt University who advocated for a smoking ban in their state, and were successful! To view the article, please click [here](#).

Katie Milewski has accepted the position of CATCH Program Coordinator and will begin her new role on April 7. We will be sad to see her go as she has been a real asset to the CPTI team, but pleased that she will continue to collaborate with us through a partner program. Best wishes, Katie!

SPOTLIGHT

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