

Highlights of Programs Funded Through Friends of Children Fund in 2008-09

The AAP Board of Directors recommended the distribution of more than \$600,000 from the Friends of Children Fund to support numerous Academy projects. Funding for these projects would not be possible without the support from our individuals, friends, foundations, corporate donors, and AAP staff.

Healthy People 2010 Grant Program for Chapters: Funds will provide chapters with financial support to develop and implement projects that will improve the health and welfare of children as related to the Healthy People 2010 objectives. In the past, the focus was on obesity/physical fitness, mental health, injury/violence prevention, and oral health.

Advocacy Day Training for Residents: Funds will be used to hold two Resident Advocacy Days in Washington, DC and accommodate 40-50 residents from key congressional districts for each training day. Participants will learn about AAP federal legislative issues and make visits to their congressional delegations to persuade them to help our cause.

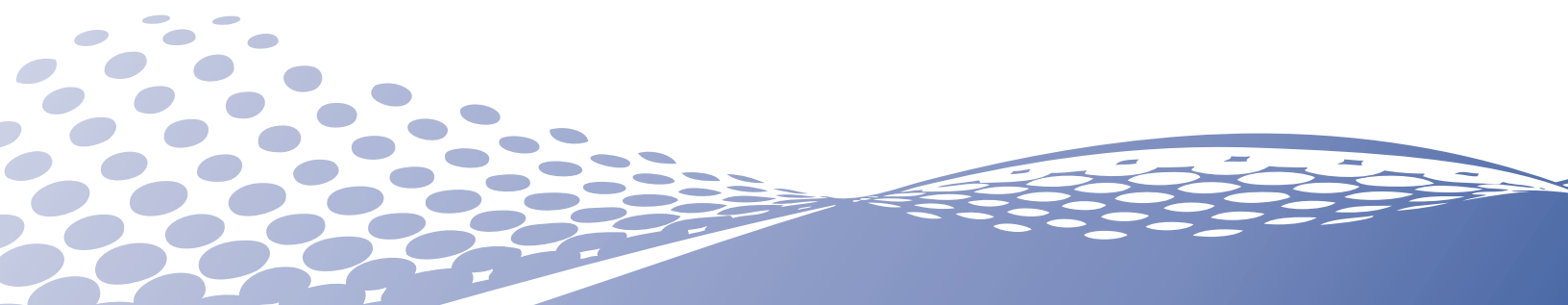
Integration of Patient Safety: Funds will be used to raise awareness of patient safety issues and educate members, patients, and families of strategies to improve care. It will provide advocacy in federal, local, and AAP policy to reduce errors.

Resident Travel Grants to the 2008 Annual Meeting: Funds will provide grants to send 100 residents to the AAP Annual Meeting, and to participate in the Resident Annual Assembly. This program provides residents with non-traditional training in career development, community advocacy, legislative advocacy, international child health, subspecialty and academic opportunities, and leadership and networking skills.

Connected Kids for Continuity Clinics: Funds will be used to disseminate copies of CD-ROMs containing *Connected Kids* materials to residents and continuity clinics. *Connected Kids* provides pediatricians with guidance and patient-oriented materials to take an asset-based approach to violence prevention from birth through 21 years of age. The program includes 21 *Connected Kids* handouts for parents and patients. Some of the important topics covered are: Bullying, Discipline, Interpersonal Skills, Parenting, Suicide, and Television Violence.

Mental Health Promotional Campaign: Funds will be used to promote the benefits of a child receiving mental health treatment from a pediatrician or in collaboration with a mental health specialist.

Enhancement of the online version of the *Health, Mental Health and Safety Guidelines for Schools*: Funding will be used to redesign the *Health, Mental Health and Safety Guidelines for Schools* website to provide easier access, more timely updates, and enhanced website support throughout the life of the guidelines.



Legislative Conference Resident Scholarship: Funds will be used for partial scholarships for residents to attend the Legislative Conference. The Legislative Conference instills knowledge of the state and federal legislative process, develops advocacy skills and introduces strategies and techniques for utilizing the media.

Oral History of Minority Pediatricians: Funds will be used to gather historical data on the experiences of minority pediatricians, as well as give greater diversification and depth to the history of the profession. Transcripts of interviews conducted will be available in the Pediatric History Center, or on the Member Center of the AAP website.

Chapter Maintenance of Certification Network: This program will engage participating chapters in the planning and development of a quality improvement program package on asthma. Participating chapters will attend educational sessions on building infrastructure, gaining member trust, and motivating practices to be involved in quality improvement efforts.

Task Force on Foster Care: The TFOFC is developing and implementing initiatives to improve the health and well-being of children and youth in foster care. New resources will be designed to facilitate change in the office, in the community, and at the system level.

Health Disparities Resource Kit: Funds will be used to assist practicing pediatricians in strengthening skills and office practices to address determinants of child health disparities. New resources will assist pediatricians and their staff in providing culturally effective individualized care, understanding and monitoring the disparities that exist in their communities, addressing the root causes of those disparities, and creating a medical home environment that engenders culturally effective care to promote child health equity.

Enhance Practice Management Online Site: Funds will be used to identify “key content” of the PMO to ensure quick, easy access to the information that provides a comprehensive overview of a practice management-related topic. The “key content” feature will involve in-depth changes to the PMO site design, including enhancement to each of the topic area pages and taxonomies.

Advancing Quality Improvement: This program will improve the quality of care for children and families by ensuring AAP policy lends itself to easier and more efficient incorporation into clinical practice. The program will provide resources to expand the number of statements or guidelines that would benefit from the Partnership for Policy Implementation process.

Chapter Outreach Grants for Medical Students, Residents and Young Physicians: This program will provide funding for new outreach to stimulate medical student, resident and young physician activity and involvement in their chapters.

