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Friends of Children Fund Support for 2007-2008

The AAP Board of Directors recommended the distribution of more than \$460,000 from the Friends of Children Fund to support six Academy projects. Funding for these projects would not be possible without the unrestricted support from our individual members, friends, foundations, corporate donors, and AAP staff.

Chapter Young Physician Outreach Grant Program: Your contributions will provide Chapters with the opportunity to apply for seed funds to stimulate medical student, resident and young physician activity and involvement in their chapters.

Conversion of Bright Futures, Third Edition, to PDA for First Year Residents: Funds will support the development, production and distribution of a PDA version of *Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents*, Third Edition, to AAP residents.

Healthy People 2010 Grant Program for Chapters: Funds will provide chapters with financial support to develop and implement projects that 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. This year, the focus is on the development of innovative programs to accomplish pediatric objectives specifically focusing on building infrastructure between the pediatric health care community and the education community on a variety of preventive services.

Pediatric Practice Management On-Line Project: This program will develop a pediatric practice management resource center which will house all of the best pediatric practice management information, tools, and resources for pediatricians and their office staff in one easily accessible Web site (practice.aap.org).

Survey of Socioeconomics of Pediatric Practice: The primary objective of this study is to gather data to build a reference tool that supports decision-making by pediatric practices to improve operations and boost revenue.

Task Force on Foster Care: This Task Force will work to improve the health and well-being of children in foster care by developing tools, strategies and educational materials to assist pediatricians and their multidisciplinary colleagues in providing optimal care for children in their practices.

If you would like more information about these initiatives, please contact Grace Geslowski at ggeslowski@aap.org.