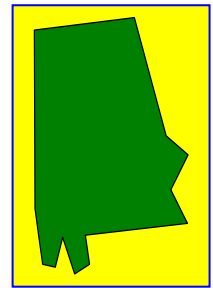


# American Academy of Pediatrics



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## ALABAMA CHAPTER FACTS.....

### I already belong to the National AAP; why should I become a member of the Alabama Chapter?

#### Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level.
- Increase involvement in the legislative arena, as well as third-party payor relations, to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in your state.
- Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Promote the interests of Alabama pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

#### Leadership

- Participate in chapter committees in areas of interest.

#### Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests.
- Improve chapter membership participation on national AAP affairs.

#### Education

- Receive quarterly chapter newsletter and other informative mailings.
- Attend local PREP courses and Continuing Medical Education meetings sponsored by the Chapter, including two major annual conferences and periodic regional dinner series on topics that reflect the Chapter's current strategic priorities.

### What has your Chapter done lately?

- Begun a Pediatric Council to develop collaboration with payors for improving access to care for children.
- Sponsored career days for second-year pediatric residents at both of the state's residency programs.
- Co-launched a statewide ABCD developmental screening project, which spun off an Open Forum on Accessing Developmental Services, held in January 2009, and plans for an open forum on autism.
- Implemented a teleconference series for members of the Chapter's Practice Management Association, which has held an EMR conference, annual coding workshops, and a Vaccine Summit.
- Conducted four community network resource forums/roundtable dinners for pediatric and mental health professionals in 2008 to improve referral networks at the local level, thanks to a grant from the AAP.
- Increased its funding sources, including a State Department of Education appropriation, for its ROR coalition to assist pediatricians in promoting early literacy; increased number of ROR sites to 60.
- Advocacy efforts by Chapter members resulted in a significant increase in understanding of the need for adequate state Medicaid and SCHIP funding for child health services, with full funding by the Alabama Legislature for these programs in 2009. The Chapter has streamlined its lobbying efforts by partnering with VOICES for Alabama's Children, collaborating with them on Step Up 4 Kids Day in September 2008.
- Received a 2008 Healthy People 2010 grant to begin a statewide school health assessment project to determine how pediatricians can best meet child health needs through linkages with school personnel.
- Through a partnership with Children's Hospital, Public Health and others, conducted an awareness program on ATV safety, which included a statewide news conference and coverage in July 2008.
- Received an AAP grant to implement a 10-practice asthma QI learning collaborative project in 2009-2010.

### Annual Chapter Dues: (starting with this year's billing cycle)

Voting Fellows	\$165	Candidate Fellows	\$83	Post-Resident Fellows	\$0
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