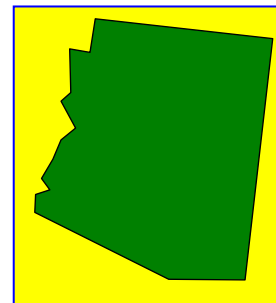


# American Academy of Pediatrics



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## ARIZONA CHAPTER FACTS.....

### Advocacy

- Influence the quality of Arizona pediatric practice
- Influence the health and well-being of Arizona children

### Leadership

- Participate in chapter committees
- Create White Papers such as "Early Intervention Therapists in AZ" and "Obesity: A focus on Healthy Eating and Physical Activity"
- Use the American Academy of Pediatrics- AZ Foundation to help develop a special community project.
- Participate in one of the Chapter task forces to improve Chapter performance
- Represent the Chapter on national AAP committees, task forces, or other state or national conferences
- Develop future chapter leaders through the Board of Directors

### Networking

- Meet pediatricians from around the state while attending open forums, the annual CME summer conference and other chapter-sponsored events throughout the state
- Be connected through the Chapter's email listserv, newsmagazine, directory and website to current Arizona activities.

### Education

- Attend Arizona focused CME activities around the state and the annual summer CME Conference and Meeting
- Receive the Chapter newsmagazine with articles of local interest
- Arizona PediaLearning Resource Center: AzAAP online access to CME, toolkits and learning modules at [www.azpedialearning.org](http://www.azpedialearning.org)
- Receive weekly email updates on issues important to AZ pediatricians
- Create Obesity Toolkit : 5 2 1 0 Arizona Way to Go!

### What has your Chapter done lately?

- Advocated for a system of care for uninsured children at a state and local level
- Participated in several Governor's Commissions to highlight issues related to children's health and well-being
- Successfully advocated at the legislature for medical liability reforms, graduated driver's license programs and more
- Expanded the scope of work and delivery of services under the American Academy of Pediatrics- AZ Foundation. These programs include:
  - Reach Out and Read Arizona Collaborative has worked to coordinate on a state-wide basis the growth of Reach Out and Read programs
  - Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona, coordinates the program in Southern AZ
  - AZ Collaborative for Adolescent Health - A statewide collaborative that is dedicated to improving adolescent health
  - Continue to provide acute and episodic care to uninsured children through a system linking school nurses and providers
- Focus on developmental screening through Best Care for Kids to improve practice dynamics and parent satisfaction
- The Pediatric Council has met with medical directors of the major plans to discuss true costs of vaccine acquisition and administration – and what payment should be for pediatricians to administer vaccines to patients
- Initiated the Early Childhood Task Force to assure child health is given adequate attention in the new First Things First statewide system for children age 0-5 years.
- AZ resolutions, written by chapter members, place 2 in AAP Top 10 list for 2009.

### We have also benefited pediatricians directly by:

- Favorably resolving significant billing issues with managed care companies.
- Advocating at a state level for pediatric interests in public health and Medicaid programs.
- Offering opportunities for CME through our state conference and teleconferences.
- Electronic communications of emerging issues through our listserv.
- Our newly updated website, [www.azaap.org](http://www.azaap.org)
- Offering discounts on a variety of services through our Preferred Business Partner Program (health insurance plans, office supplies, collection services and group vaccine purchasing)

### Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$150      Candidate Fellows \$150      Affiliate Members \$150      Post - Resident Fellows \$50

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