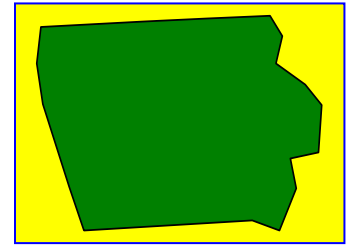


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IOWA CHAPTER FACTS.....

I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the Iowa Chapter?

Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level.
- Increase involvement in the legislative arena 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 Iowa 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 chapter newsletter and other informative mailings.
- Attend local PREP courses and Continuing Medical Education meetings sponsored by the Chapter.
- Prepare yourself for the future role of the pediatrician in the health care system and for the future management of their practices.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- Participated in discussions with state legislators to support passage of key healthcare reform legislation including legislation to expand SCHIP eligibility and improve Medicaid/SCHIP administration.
- Working with Blank Children's Hospital advocacy staff, developed "Guide to Children's Issues" for state legislators.
- Provided leadership on Medical Home Initiative and 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative, which have been implemented in over 65 practice sites in 21 counties in Iowa.
- Continued support and promotion of Reach Out and Read (ROR), including co-sponsorship of a literacy-based response to children affected by the June 2008 floods and enlisting financial support for ROR-Iowa from partner organizations.
- Working with University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Iowa Department of Public Health, with grant support from Delta Dental, developed an oral health curriculum to support oral health screening and preventive services for Iowa children.
- Working with the Iowa Medical Society (IMS) and Iowa Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) for Medicaid reimbursement that equals Medicare rates, and expressing support for tobacco tax as an additional Medicaid funding source.
- Establishing relationships with key legislative officials to support chapter advocacy.
- Gaining visibility through involvement in state councils; Chapter members Drs. Royann Mraz, Mary Larew, Ekhard Ziegler, and Jody Murph nominated to serve on Iowa healthcare reform committees.
- Advancing the Medical Student Mentoring Program – pediatricians sponsor a medical student by paying their AAP dues and provide general guidance and information about pediatrics.
- Collaborating with the IAFP, IMS, DHS and state government to implement a comprehensive, regionalized child abuse and neglect program.
- Supported Medical Literacy Professional Education Project through the Iowa Medical Society.
- Increasing pediatric resident involvement in AAP projects.
- Continue support and sponsorship of the annual University of Iowa Pediatric Postgraduate Course,

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$110 Candidate Fellows \$110 Post Resident Fellows \$0 Affiliate Members \$45

Whom do I contact?

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