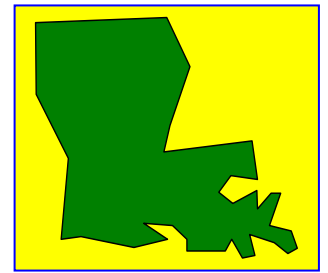


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## LOUISIANA CHAPTER FACTS.....

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

#### Advocacy

- Learn about and participate in legislative and advocacy activities at the state level to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children
- Build coalitions with other organizations working to improve child health and well-being
- Assure that children's needs are considered in the post-hurricane recovery efforts.

#### Leadership

- Participate in chapter committees in your areas of interest
- Set the agenda for the work of the chapter

#### Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests
- Improve chapter membership participation in AAP

#### Education

- Receive chapter newsletter and other informative communications
- Attend annual CME conference sponsored by chapter
- Prepare to manage your practice in the changing health care delivery system

### What has your Chapter done lately?

- Worked with the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Legislature to obtain an increase in physician reimbursement for Medicaid in order to improve access to care for children
- Actively worked on legislation to require immunization against meningococcal disease for eleven-year-olds, to require schools to recheck immunization status in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, to require insurance coverage for autism diagnosis and treatment, to provide for in-service training for teachers in suicide prevention, to require fluoridation for water systems with at least 5,000 service connections, and to assure adequate funding for Medicaid and other services for children
- Worked with the Department of Health and Hospitals to assure that Medicaid reform plans are appropriate for children's health

### Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$200

Candidate Fellows \$50  
(4 yr limited period)

Post Resident Fellows \$50  
(AAP member in fellowship training)

### Whom do I contact?

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