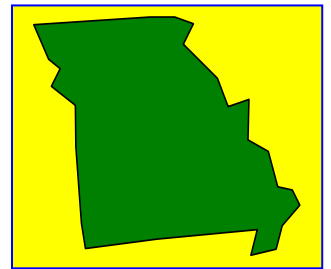


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MISSOURI CHAPTER FACTS.....

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

- Advocacy
- Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Promote the interests of Missouri pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Collaborate with fellow Pediatricians throughout Missouri on issues that directly impact your practice and your patient's access to care.
- Leadership
- Participate in chapter, and perhaps national committees in your area(s) of interest.
- Networking with other pediatricians with similar interests.
- Education
- Receive chapter newsletter, *PedsLines*, and other informative mailings from the chapter.
- Attend Continuing Medical Education meetings sponsored by the Chapter.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- The Chapter was awarded a grant by the Missouri Dept of Health and Social Services to help boost immunization rates among adolescents. This is being accomplished by holding educational sessions in Pediatric practices throughout Missouri. The Medical Director of this grant is Daryl Lynch, M.D., FAAP, FSAM.
- The Chapter is the recipient of a grant from the Missouri Department of Health and Social Services to increase Breastfeeding Rates in Missouri. This is the 4th year of the grant. Each year, over 200 pediatricians, PNP's, RN's, Lactation Consultants, OB-GYN's are educated via this grant.
- The Chapter holds an annual free CME session in Kansas City. This year's presentation will focus on new treatment options for Otitis Media and will be sponsored by Alcon Labs.
- The Missouri Chapter has an active and very effective legislative committee, which consists of members across the state and is led by Katherine Plax, M.D., FAAP of Washington University/STL Children's Hospital.
- Recently, Missouri Medicaid handed down a ruling which prevented NICU and PICU units from being reimbursed for services unless they had a Board Certified Pediatrician on hand 24/7. The Chapter mobilized and sent a plea to the interim chief of Medicaid to reverse this ruling, which was accomplished in a few days.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$100

Candidate Fellows \$50

Post Resident Fellows \$0

Whom do I contact?

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