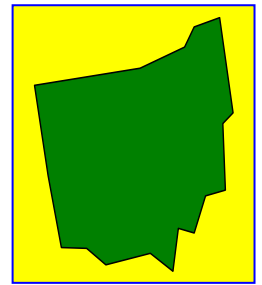


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OHIO CHAPTER FACTS.....

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

- Offered two Open Forum meetings that not only provided free CME, but also began collaborative partnerships and open dialogue at the meetings.
- Offered workshops on Practice Management and Advocacy at Annual Meeting 2006.
- Obtained a contract with National Reach Out and Read to expand the program in Ohio, hire a part-time statewide coordinator and fundraise for the program.
- Obtained a grant from the Ohio Dept of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to produce four "Mind Menders," a short subject for pediatric health professionals dealing with behavioral health issues.
- Successfully advocated for the ABC Initiative, legislation that funds programs for early identification and treatment of mental health problems in early childhood.
- Successfully advocated for Medicaid outcome-based compensation work group and restoration of funding for the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps.
- Established an online Legislative Action Center.
- Re-engaged the Ohio AAP Foundation by expanding the Foundation to include community members as well as pediatricians. The Foundation will engage in fundraising to financially support projects of the Chapter.
- Increased our media relations in Ohio through monthly press releases and timely media alerts on pediatric issues in Ohio.
- Successfully advocated for legislation requiring varicella vaccines for school entry.
- Successfully advocated for mental health parity legislation with other advocacy groups.
- Hosted a 2 day conference addressing the Behavioral and Emotional Care of Ohio's Children, bringing together stakeholders from across the state.
- Developed a Pediatric Council to address pediatrician's concerns regarding insurance coverage and payment.
- Offer CME on priority issue at annual meeting.
- Produce publications *Ohio Pediatrics*, *School Health Update* and monthly e-newsletter.
- Include a Coding Corner in quarterly newsmagazine.
- Newly established committee on Health Lifestyles collaborated with the Ohio Valley region of the American Heart Association to hold a statewide conference on obesity.
- Continues to coordinate and supervise the Maximizing Office Based Immunizations program through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Partnering with Healthy Child Care Ohio to assist child care health consultants in helping children find medical homes.

Annual Chapter Dues:

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| Voting Fellows | \$150 | Candidate Fellows | \$35 | Post Resident Fellows | \$10 |
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Whom do I contact?

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