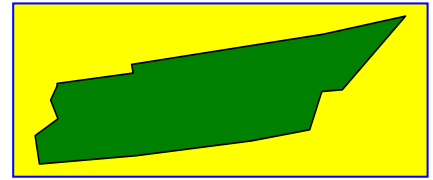


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## TENNESSEE CHAPTER FACTS.....

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

### Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at the state level.
- Have a voice in the legislative arenas to influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in Tennessee.
- Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Promote the interests of Tennessee pediatricians.

### Education

- Receive regional, group and one-on-one education on coding, EPSDT and developmental/behavioral screenings (free).
- Receive Chapter newsletters, including *The Tennessee Pediatrician*, and *The Prevention & Intervention News*, our newest publication providing information for the practicing pediatrician on the latest in best practices, referral resources and state policy.
- Access the Chapter website for up-to-date pertinent information.
- Earn CME credit at annual conferences on significant topics in pediatric care.

### Leadership

- Participate in chapter committees, task forces, coalition efforts, and projects in your areas of interest.
- Shape the future of our organization.
- Represent pediatricians across the state in government, community, steering panels and other collaborative efforts.

### Networking

- Network with other pediatricians who have similar interests.
- Improve Chapter membership participation on national and state AAP affairs.
- Interact with policy-makers and other key stakeholders.

**What has your Chapter done lately?**

- Has just launched a medical home care management pilot project.
- Implemented pilot program for FY08 and FY09 to increase early diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders for children in TN.
- Launched new, more user-friendly and pertinent TNAAP website.
- Redesigned logo, brochure and website for our Foundation (TN Pediatric Society Foundation).
- One of 5 AAP Chapters to receive a \$20,000 grant in 2007 for an oral health pilot program in upper East TN.
- Conducted EPSDT, developmental/behavioral screening and pediatric coding educational programs and developed resource materials for pediatricians and office staff to help improve access to preventive care for children on TennCare.
- Regularly meet with the Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination, department Commissioners, and TennCare Bureau Directors regarding TennCare problems and solutions.
- Hired a contract lobbyist to support the executive director on legislative issues.
- Established the Tennessee Pediatric Society Foundation, enabling the Chapter to qualify for and expand programs that improve children's health and welfare in Tennessee, including but not limited to a bicycle helmet safety campaign, a vitamin D/rickets educational campaign, exercise programs for school-age children, and a breastfeeding ad campaign on Nashville public buses.
- Launched Methamphetamine Awareness Campaign in TN with Partnership for Drug Free America.
- Revamped a Young Physicians Committee to focus on the needs of those just entering practice.
- Regularly trained pediatric residents on legislative advocacy and offer internships to fulfill advocacy requirements.
- Assisted with the passage of laws dealing with car seat safety, school nutrition, graduated drivers licensing, expansion of the bike helmet law, expansion of the seat belt requirement, day care reform and TennCare reform measures.
- Established a statewide Pediatric Practice Managers' Network and have held educational meetings annually for 7 years.
- Expanded to six Chapter staff in order to carry out chapter initiatives that support the interests of pediatricians and children.
- Past award recipient of 4 Excellence Awards by the TN Society of Association Executives (for coding seminars, our developmental screening trainings, a CME meeting and our bike helmet education campaign) and the AAP Outstanding Large Chapter Award.

### Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$150   Candidate Fellows \$135   Post Resident Fellows \$50   Pediatric Dentists \$150   Emeritus \$35  
(Membership in the National AAP is not required to become a State Chapter member.)

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