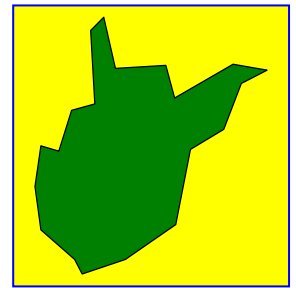


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WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER FACTS.....

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

Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level.
- 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 West Virginia pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Leadership

- Participate in chapter committees in areas of interest.
- Represent the chapter on state committees and initiatives.
- The Hovah Underwood Award for Outstanding Child Advocate (selected by the WV Healthy Children Coalition) has been presented to a chapter member each year since its inception; Patricia Kelly, M.D., Joan Phillips, M.D., Clark Hansbarger, M.D. and William Neal, M.D.

Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests.
- Utilize the chapter e-mail list to post announcements and share information.
- Improve chapter membership participation on national AAP affairs.

Education

- Receive chapter newsletter, teleconference announcements and other informative mailings.
- Attend local AAP courses and CME meetings sponsored by the Chapter.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- 2005 Outstanding Chapter Award, Small Chapter Division
- Co-hosted statewide Growing Healthy Children Conference in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, attracting health care, insurance and government representatives each year.
- Hosted the annual CME/advocacy meeting of the membership that includes:
 - Resident Research Presentations and Awards
 - Chapter Awards of Excellence to pediatricians and advocacy groups
- Membership on Statewide Child Fatality Review Team
- Promoted legislation and education on SCHIP, physical activity in schools, reduction of soda in public schools, right to breast-feed, Medicaid, against non-medical exemption for immunization, and In-Home Family Education.
- A visible annual presence at Children's Day at the Legislature
- Sought and participated in the modification of the WV Medication in Schools policy.
- Visible representation on state advisory committees: Governor's Healthy Lifestyles Coalition, Oral Health Advisory Board, West Virginia Immunization Network, WV Asthma Coalition, Task Force for Drug Endangered Children, Perinatal Partnership.
- Collaboration: Coalition for West Virginia's Children, WV Prevent Child Abuse, Action for Healthy Kids, West Virginia Kids Count.
- Received grants: Healthy People 2010 Obesity Grant, AAP Partnerships for Quality ADHD Grant; AAP Grant to Support Outreach to medical students, Claude Worthington Benedum Grant for Child Health Quality Initiative, AAP Grant to Support Breastfeeding Speaker, WV DHHS Grant for Obesity QI Project; WVU Grant for Autism QI Project
- Part of Medical Home Learning collaborative
- Established a statewide Pediatric Quality Committee and the Kidinitiative Project to improve the quality of child health and access to care.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$70

Candidate Fellows \$50

Residents \$0

Allied Health \$10

Whom do I contact?

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