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Hello District III, and happy fall! This is often an exciting time of the year for residents, as you are getting into your groove as an intern or in a more senior role. Congratulations -- You've made it through the first few months of the academic year!

This is also an exciting time to be physicians as the health care debate has garnered much of the nation's attention. The AAP has been working hard to ensure that the voice of children, and the message of adequate coverage for prevention and pediatric specialty care, is not lost in the ongoing discussions. To check out where the AAP stands on health care reform, go to: <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/washing/mainpage.htm> You can read and print out short, 1-page fliers on key topics in health care reform and children. You can also sign up to receive weekly email alerts from the AAP, so you can keep up with all of the action.



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What great timing to have the AAP National Conference & Exhibition right in the heart of DC, where these critical issues are being debated! This newsletter is full of details on the resident-related activities at the NCE, including an Advocacy Day on Sunday. We will be meeting as a District on Saturday morning. You may want to keep the resident schedule with you throughout the conference, to ensure you don't miss any important events.

As the NCE approaches, we can look back and see the hard work that Program Delegates and other active residents have put in to advance child health in your communities. Residents at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh took the national AAP Target Tobacco project a step further and created an anti-tobacco small group in their program. Jefferson/DuPont residents received a CATCH grant to fund a health fitness community program with monthly events to be held in a local church and have already had almost 1000 participants! Our District III advocacy project on Oral Health this year included residents from Children's National Medical Center attending the DC Chapter meeting on oral health and educating other residents on prevention efforts in the pediatric office. Your commitment and enthusiasm for improving children's well-being is appreciated!

Jen and I look forward to seeing you all at the NCE. I encourage you to read through the entire newsletter -- You might even recognize yourself in the photo from last year's NCE. I wish you all safe travels to Washington!

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Leadership Opportunities for District Residents & Fellows

Are you interested in becoming a leader in the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees? Each year the section recruits interested residents and fellowship trainees into leadership positions. For the District III Leadership and/or to become a Resident Leader on the Resident Section (SOMSRFT) Executive Committee, the following positions are available.

District Coordinator - represents District III on the SOMSRFT Executive Committee and leads the District III campaigns and activities throughout the year.

Assistant District Coordinator - Works closely with the District Coordinator, key to disseminating information to the program delegates.

Section Secretary - A key member of the Executive Committee, also serves as Managing Editor for Resident Report

Section Vice Chairperson - a three year term. Works in multiple facets of the Executive Committee, and communicates frequently with section liaisons.

The Applications for vice chairperson and secretary were due on October 1, 2009. For the positions of district coordinator and assistant district coordinator, we'd prefer to receive your application by **October 1**, but you may still run for a position if present at the **SOMSRFT Educational Program on October 17**. However, preference will be given to those that apply by the October 1 deadline. *You must be present to run for these positions.*

These positions will be voted on during the 2009 NCE in October. The brief application/personal statement request can be found at

<http://www.aap.org/ypn/r/leadinterestform.pdf>

There are also several Section Liaison positions available...

The Section Liaison works with the FAAP sections as the Resident Representative to this subset of the AAP. It is a two year term, and begins January 2010.

AMA-Resident Fellow Section
Committee on Pediatric Research
Community Access to Child Health (CATCH)
Council on Community Pediatrics
Section on Adolescent Health
Section on Child Abuse and Neglect
Section on Home Care

Committee on Federal Government Affairs
Committee on Residency Scholarships
Council on Clinical Information Technology
Council on School Health
Section on Breastfeeding
Section on Early Education and Child Care
Section on International Child Health

The deadline for these applications is NOVEMBER 1, 2009. The application/personal statement can be found at <http://www.aap.org/ypn/r/leadinterestform.pdf>

2010 CPTI Advocacy Training Grants Call for Proposals³

The Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) will support 4 pediatric faculty-resident pairs (8 people) to attend the AAP **Advocacy Institute March 10-March 12, 2010 in Schaumburg, IL**. The AAP Advocacy Institute will be held just prior to the Annual Leadership Forum. This new meeting will cover the AAP advocacy agenda and offer skills training to prepare participants to advocate on the federal and state level.

Each faculty-resident pair will be required to implement an educational activity on child advocacy in coordination with their local AAP chapter following the Advocacy Institute. Local chapters will receive up to \$1,000 toward completing the educational activity in conjunction with the faculty-resident pairs.

For more information visit: www.aap.org/commpeds/CPTI/Opportunities.htm.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to: cpti@aap.org by **2pm CST on November 9, 2009**. Award recipients will be notified by early January 2010. For questions, contact Monique Evelyn at: (800) 433-9016, ext. 7397 or mevelyn@aap.org.

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***Did you know that the Nation's Capital is inside District III?
An AMAZING OPPORTUNITY to get involved on the national scene!***

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
2009 RESIDENT ADVOCACY DAY
October 18, 2009
Washington., DC**

**Would you like to learn how to take your commitment to
child health care advocacy to a higher level?**

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has scheduled a special NCE Advocacy Training for pediatric residents on **Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 8:30am to 12:00 pm at the DC Convention Center**. Hosted by AAP's Department of Federal Affairs in Washington, DC, "Advocacy Day" has been part of the Academy's initiative to increase advocacy participation and skills among residents.

Advocacy Day participants receive a full morning of advocacy training, including learning basic skills and discussing one in-depth child health legislative issue. After the training, residents will be paired with members of the AAP Senior Section to conduct meetings with their members of Congress. **Space is extremely limited**, and participation will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. *There is no cost to attend Advocacy Day, and breakfast will be provided.* We do ask that if you have already participated in Advocacy Day, you leave the spaces open for others who want the opportunity.

When RSVP'ing, please include the following information:

Name ** Email Address** Institution ** Mailing Address ** Daytime Phone Number

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It's not too late to plan to join us in Washington DC on October 17, 2009.

See one, Do one, Teach one...But How? The 2009 SOMSRFT NCE Program

The AAP Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT) will have its annual assembly on Saturday, Oct. 17 during the NCE.

Workshops on teaching and physical exam techniques will offer an opportunity to refine clinical skills. Sessions on interacting with the media and advocacy skills will provide concrete ways in which pediatricians in training can make an impact beyond the hospital walls. During the district breakfasts, participants will have the opportunity to network, discuss the annual advocacy project and elect section representatives for their district.

While listening to the **Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award presentations**, participants will hear about the outstanding efforts of their peers to improve the health of children in their communities.

Finally, by contributing to the **debate and voting on resolutions**, participants will help determine what SOMSRFT and the Academy should focus on for the coming year.

The section will host a **reception** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, where the Clinical Case and International Travel Grant posters will be presented. This is also the 20th anniversary of the section, so be sure to stop by for food, drinks and cake!

This year the Academy has scheduled a special NCE **advocacy training** for pediatric residents hosted by the AAP Department of Federal Affairs. Participants will receive legislative training for advocacy work on a specific child health issue from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 18. After the training, residents will pair up with members of the AAP Section on Seniors to meet with their members of Congress.

NCE SCHEDULE FOR THE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 AM: Registration

7:30-7:45 AM: Introductions and Welcome, Amy Jost Starmer, MD, Section Chairperson

7:45-8:15 AM: Speeches and Elections of National Officers

8:15-10:15 AM: District Breakout Session/Election of District Coordinators and Assistant District Coordinators/Breakfast in Separate Rooms by Districts (for resident and fellowship trainees)

10:30 AM-12:15 PM: NCE Opening Plenary (*Convention Center*)

12:30-1:30 PM: Keynote Address: Kenneth B. Roberts, MD, FAAP

1:30-1:45 PM: Welcome from the AAP President-Elect, Judith S. Palfrey, MD, FAAP

1:45-2:15 PM: The Tenth Annual Anne E Dyson Child Advocacy Award Presentation & Speeches

2:15-2:30 PM: SOMSRFT Annual Advocacy Project

2:30-2:45 PM: PediaLink Resident Center Redesign Update

2:45-4:45 PM: Concurrent Educational Workshop Sessions: (Choose one at each time)

2:45-3:45: Teaching to Teach - Effective and Efficient Clinical Teaching Tips: Julie Byerley, MD, FAAP

2:45-3:45: "You want me to talk to *who*?" Learning how to interact with the media: Gil Fuld, MD, FAAP, Gwenn Schurgin O'Keefe, MD, FAAP, and Tanya Remer Altmann, MD, FAAP

3:45-4:45: Legislative Update: TBD

3:45-4:45: Physical Exam Skills Workshop: The Pediatric Shoulder Exam: Michelle Labotz, MD, FAAP, Amy Valasek, MD, Kevin Walter, MD, FAAP

4:45-6:30 PM: Debate and Voting on Resolutions

6:30 PM: Adjourn

Monthly District III Conference Call -

On the **Third Tuesday** of every month.

We hope to have **a delegate from every program** join us. Any interested resident within the district is also welcome!

Your program delegate will receive an email reminder with the phone in information!

Ideas for the next newsletter?

Would you like to see more information about a specific topic, issue, or opportunity? Do have something to share with your fellow pediatric residents? Please contact Jennifer.Wolford@chp.edu

Call for proposals is open for the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative (CPTI) residency training grants

The goal is to provide support to pediatric residency programs to build sustainable opportunities for residents to gain experience working on community-based child health initiatives that increase access to care.

This is different from the CPTI Advocacy Training Grants on page 3. The Advocacy Training Grants are for resident-faculty pairs, but the Residency Training Grants are for residency program curricula.

CPTI is pleased to announce two opportunities this year:

- Through the generous support of the MetLife Foundation, CPTI is issuing a special Call for Proposals for the 2010 Residency Training Obesity Prevention Grants. Five grants will be awarded to focus on **obesity prevention initiatives**.
- Through the generous support of The Irving Harris Foundation, two projects will be funded to focus on other critical child health topics.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to pediatric residency programs which submit proposals to plan and implement community-based child health initiatives as part of the training curriculum. **Grants of up to \$15,000** will be awarded for innovative planning and implementation activities to be completed over the course of 18 months. A pediatric faculty member with AAP membership must oversee the project and provide mentorship for residents participating in project activities.

Application and guidelines are available online at:
www.aap.org/commpeds/cpti/Opportunities.htm

Applications must be submitted by e-mail to cpti@aap.org in a Word or PDF file by **2 PM CST November 18, 2009**. For more information, please contact cpti@aap.org or 800/433-9016, ext 7397.

Check out the District III Leaders at the 2008 NCE!
Looking forward to seeing you on October 17 in
Washington DC!

