



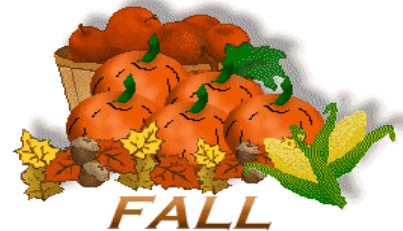
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**DISTRICT VII RESIDENTS' SECTION**

TEXAS, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, OKLAHOMA, MISSISSIPPI

**FALL 2009**

**PEDIATRIC HEROES: The 2009 NCE in Washington D.C.**



**Join us in Washington D.C. October 16-18!**

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On October 16th, thousands of pediatricians from around the world will gather in Washington D.C. for the AAP's National Conference and Exhibition.

The NCE is an excellent opportunity to attend educational sessions, interact with residents and pediatricians from around the country, and to become more involved in the Academy.

On Saturday, October 17th, the Resident Section will hold its day-long session entitled "See One, Do one, Teach One, But How? ...Training the Pediatricians of the Future". We will hear about new legislative activities, unveil the 2009-2010 Advocacy Project, and then break out into some physical diagnosis skills sessions. This day is a great way to learn more about Resident involvement in the AAP, and to meet some of your colleagues. In

addition, the District VII Breakfast will occur on Sunday the 18th. This is an opportunity for residents from District VII to gather with the "grown-ups" of our district; i.e. the amazing mentors we have who have dedicated their entire careers to advocating for children.

As always, program delegates are eligible for a travel grant from our Section to help with the costs of travelling to the NCE. Additionally, many residency programs have funds earmarked for sending residents to gatherings just like this. So, even if you weren't able to attend this year, start planning for next year's NCE. (San Francisco, California from October 2-5, 2010). Hope to see you there!



See You There!



**TEXAS PEDIATRIC SOCIETY**

**Great Attendance by Texas Residents and Med Students!**

The **Texas Pediatric Society**, which is the Texas Chapter of District VII, recently held its annual meeting at the Marriot Legacy in Plano, Texas. Over 260 pediatricians, residents, and medical students and over 40 office managers, nurses and allied health attended the

gathering and a great time was had by all.!

Residents from Texas programs had the opportunity to network with colleagues and to provide valuable advice to medical students. Most pro-

grams allow residents to take a few CME days per year, so if you're unable to attend the NCE, ask your director about the TPS meeting! Don't miss next year's Annual Meeting in San Antonio at the La Cantera Resort, November, 4-7, 2010.

## **District VII is Desperately Seeking a CATCH (Community Access to Child Health) Liaison:**

**Our district needs a dedicated resident to represent us at a national level. Could this be you??**

**Could this be YOU???**

### **DISTRICT RESIDENT CATCH LIAISON**

#### **Responsibilities and Activities**

The role of the District Resident CATCH Liaison is to promote the CATCH Program and its activities to residents and residency programs within their American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) District. The District Resident CATCH Liaison will work with the National Resident CATCH Liaisons and the District CATCH Facilitators to empower pediatric residents to develop community-based programs.

#### **The responsibilities and activities of the District Resident CATCH Liaison include:**

##### **Technical Assistance**

Serve as the local resource for technical assistance to pediatric residents within their district, including CATCH grant applicants and recipients starting community based-programs in their communities.

Review and score CATCH Resident Funds grant applications for their district following the grant application cycles ending January 31 and July 31.

##### **Communication and Reporting**

Maintain routine communication with their District CATCH Facilitator, National Resident CATCH Liaisons and AAP District Resident Coordinator.

Maintain routine communication with all funded resident CATCH grant recipients in their district.

Maintain routine communication with Resident Training Programs within their district regarding CATCH opportunities.

Maintain routine communication with the National CATCH Office.

Provide bi-annual reports to their National CATCH Resident Liaison.

##### **Promotion of the CATCH Program**

Write articles about the CATCH Program for resident newsletters, E-mail lists, Web sites, and the CATCH newsletter.

Represent and promote the CATCH Program in Residency Training Programs, AAP Chapters/Districts and other resident activities/events/meetings.

##### **Professional Enhancement for Role**

Attend national CATCH training meeting

##### **Additional Opportunities**

Participate in the Leonard P. Rome CATCH Visiting Professorships program.

Attend Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program and CATCH Program technical assistance visits.

#### **Terms of Service:**

The suggested length of term for this position is 2 years.

\*\*Interested? Please email [camato@aap.org](mailto:camato@aap.org).

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## Funding Available!

### Resident Research Grant:

The goal of the RRG is to develop research skills among physicians in training. Applications will require a statement of purpose, a research plan, and a proposed budget. Applicants must also identify a project advisor who has an appropriate research background. Grants of up to **\$2000** will be available. Watch the AAP's Young Peds Network website for further information on 2010 application dates.

### Resident Scholarships:

The Resident Scholarship Program is designed to help allay financial difficulties for residents in good academic standing. The AAP annually grants a number of scholarships varying from **\$1000-\$5000**. Watch the AAP's Young Peds Network website for further information on 2010 application dates.

### International Elective Award

Have you considered doing a rotation in a foreign country? If you arrange a 4 week (or longer) educational experience in the developing world, the AAP may award you up to **\$500!** There are two applications cycles per year, and the next one is in March 2010. Watch the website for further details.



## Resident Initiative Fund

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has created a grant fund that will allow residents to initiate projects/programs in their community to improve the health of children.

This funding will enable residents to educate fellow residents and/or parents on a specific aspect of one of the

Academy's national child health priorities (Special Health Care Needs—Foster Care, Oral Health, Disaster Preparedness, Mental Health, Immunizations, Obesity, and Tobacco.

**((Immunizations...get excited about our Annual Advocacy project for 2009-10).**

The Resident Initiative Fund will offer 20 grants of up to **\$1000** each per resident project. Visit [http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/funding\\_awards/res\\_initiative.html](http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/funding_awards/res_initiative.html) for more information.



## CATCH Grant Cycle Begins November 2, 2009

Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) grants of up to **\$3000** are available to pediatric residents twice a year, on a competitive basis, through the CATCH Program of the AAP. In the last cycle, 39 pediatric residents submitted proposals and 22 were awarded funding. The

next application cycle begins in **NOVEMBER 2, 2009**. This program is for pediatric residents who will work with local communities to ensure that all children have medical homes and access to any needed health care services. To access the online application, guidelines, and techni-

cal assistance resources, or to find more information about the CATCH Resident Funds Program, please visit [www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm](http://www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm), contact your AAP CATCH liaison, email [catch@aap.org](mailto:catch@aap.org), or call 800-433-9016, ext 7085.



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## Interested in Adolescent Medicine?

### 2010 NASPAG Young Scholars Grant

The North American Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG) has established the Young Scholars Grant to provide a venue for young physicians to voice their interest in the field of pediatric and adolescent gynecology at the NASPAG Annual Clinical Meeting, April 15-17, 2010, the Westin Casuarina Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

We invite residents and fellows to apply for the grant by submitting an essay on the topic below:

#### What I Consider to be the Most Optimal Way to Learn Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology during Training

Information on how the essay should be constructed and submitted is on the [attached submission form](#). All applications must be received by January 15, 2010. Award recipients will be notified by February 15, 2010 so that they can arrange all travel and coverage to attend the NASPAG Annual Meeting. All award essays will be publicized at the annual clinical meeting. After the conference, all award recipients will be required to write a short summary of their experience at the NASPAG meeting to share with other members of their department and possibly be included in future NASPAG publications.

#### WWW.NASPAG.ORG

North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG) is a voluntary, non-profit organization devoted to conducting, encouraging and supporting programs of medical education and professional training in the field of pediatric and adolescent gynecology. We provide leadership while serving as a forum for research and promoting communication and collaboration among health care professionals on issues

related to pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

NASPAG members reside in all 50 of the United States and Canada and in countries abroad. The Society is multidisciplinary, with members including obstetricians, gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, mental health professionals, internists, nurses, practice administrators, laboratory technicians, pediatricians, and research scientists.

As a member of NASPAG, you will be able to take advantage of many opportunities available to you.

Reduced rates for NASPAG's Annual Meeting

Subscription to Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology that includes:

Recent Research

Mini-Reviews & Clinical Updates

Resident Education

Topics for the Allied HCP

Challenging Cases & Book Reviews

Medical and Surgical Aspects of PAG

Opinions and Controversies

Access to PAG Educational Materials

Access to Clinical Expertise & Consultation

Develop a Clinical Niche

Enhance your Academic Profile

Opportunities for Research

Be a Part of an Incredible Network

## Great Advocacy Resource for Residents!

These Advocacy Modules are available on the Web free to Residents. They are provided by the AAP's Community Pediatrics Training Initiative.

See: <http://www.aap.org/commpeds/cpti/ResidentAdvocacyModules.html>

# Resident Advocacy Modules

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[How a Bill Becomes a Law Board Game and Instruction Sheet](#)

[Board Game Pieces](#)

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**Module 2: Working in Partnerships**

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**Module 3: Working with Decision-Makers**

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[Legislative Interview Scenario](#)

**Module 4: Advocacy Communication**

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**Module 5: Voting with Children's Health and Pediatric Resident's Schedule in Mind**

[Trainer's Guide](#)

## We'd love to hear from you!

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