



American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section- District I

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Dates

AAP National Conference and
Exhibition

Atlanta, Georgia
Oct 7-10 2006

Resident Section Annual
Assembly "Meeting the Needs
of Children and Adolescents"
Saturday, Oct 7 2006
07:30-4:00 p.m.

National Conference & Exhibition 2006 Atlanta, Georgia October 7-10, 2006

Join the Resident Section annual meeting on Saturday, Oct 7 from 07:30-4:00. Featuring a keynote speaker, elections, resident district lunches and resident resolution voting, this meeting is a must for all delegates! In the afternoon, take advantage of break out sessions in the topic of your choosing.

Want to NCE share housing costs AND meet friendly neighbors from the North? Contact Nicholas Wong tweety@gmail.com, Canadian Program Delegate looking to split the costs of a room at the Hampton hotel.

In the News...

Mental Health Resource Released to Assist Children Affected by Terrorism, Natural Disasters or Other Catastrophic Events

September 11, 2006, marks the five-year anniversary of 9/11. Since the events of that terrible day, we have faced hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters all daily reminders of the terrible toll trauma takes on children throughout the world. By recognizing that a child is experiencing signs of emotional distress and looking for ways to make it better, pediatricians can make a real difference in today's world.

The award winning CD-ROM *Feelings Need Check Ups Too – Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Children Following Catastrophic Events: An Educational Resource for Pediatricians* was distributed to 50,000 AAP members, family physicians, school nurses and military physicians. The overall goals of the educational tool are to: (a) inform pediatricians and other practitioners working

Links

AAP: www.aap.org

AAP Resident Section:
www.aap.org/sections/resident/

Pedialink: www.pedialink.org

with children and families about crisis-related mental health problems; (b) demonstrate the use of tools for screening these mental health problems through a case study approach; and (c) describe treatment options including where to refer patients for mental health services.

The *TOOLKIT* covers the four main areas of the CME program: bereavement, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression. It also contains fact sheets, algorithms and screening tools as well as information about treatment options including cognitive behavioral therapy. You are encouraged to copy any of the components for use in your residency.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive this important information. If you are interested in receiving a **free** copy of the **TOOLKIT**, please send a request to feelings@aap.org. Please note if you would like to receive the CD-ROM as well. Limited copies are available. Additional information can be found at www.aap.org/terrorism.

Advocacy Opportunities

- 9 million children in the United States are without health insurance! The AAP's new **Campaign for Children's Health Care** is dedicated to making comprehensive, affordable, high-quality health insurance coverage for all of America's children. The hope is that by raising public awareness over the next year, it will assist efforts when the State Children's Health Insurance program (SCHIP) is reauthorized in 2007. The AAP will focus on a petition to Congress and the administration, urging them to make health insurance coverage for all children a national priority. Concerned pediatricians can **sign** and **circulate** the petition far and wide (send to pediatricians, family, friends. Signatures will be collected thru spring 2007 when the campaign partners will present the petition to Congress. www.childrenshealthcampaign.org, provides an overview of other future events and activities. Please contact Marjorie Tharp if you have any questions, 800-336-5475 ext. 3003 or mtharp@aap.org. More to come on this effort!
- **Evaluation Guide for Community-Based Initiatives Released:** A new guide developed by the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program is now available. The guide is designed to help pediatricians who are implementing community-based programs learn strategies for setting measurable objectives, identify

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realistic outcomes and develop logic models for health initiatives. A free copy of the guide can be downloaded at: <http://www.aap.org/commpeds/htpcp/EvalGuide1.pdf>.

- **Call for Resident Stories:** The CPTI is looking for a few residents from your programs that are doing exciting work with community partners and are willing to share their stories. For more information or to recommend a resident, please contact: cpti@aap.org.
- **The Medical-Legal Partnership for Children** is sponsoring two upcoming events including the “Medical-Legal Partnership 101: Basic Start-up Strategies” to be held on November 14, 2006 in Boston and the 2nd Annual National Summit to be held on May 4, 2007 in Toronto. See www.aap.org to learn more information.

Grant Opportunities

International Elective Travel Grants for Pediatric Residents

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has set aside several \$500 grants to be awarded to categorical or combined-training pediatric residents who wish to complete a clinical pediatric elective in the developing world during residency. Grants are awarded solely on the basis of the application and the accompanying letter from the applicant’s program director. The selection committee is composed of members from the AAP Section on International Child Health and the Resident Section. Applications will be available this summer on the Resident Section page of the AAP Web site. Please go to www.aap.org/resident. **The deadline for applications is November 17, 2006.**

CATCH Program of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Community Access to Child Health grants of up to \$3,000 are available for pediatric residents twice a year. Deadline for the next application cycle begins is **November 10, 2006**. 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 technical assistance resources, or to find more information about the CATCH Resident Funds Program, please call 800/433-9016, ext 7085 or visit.

<http://www.aap.org/commpeds/cpti/Opportunities.htm>.

More Info on \$\$\$

The Division of Community-based Initiatives aims to provide you with new pediatric funding announcements. Attached, please find a list of announcements as of September 1, 2006. For additional funding resources, please visit:

<http://www.aap.org/commpecds/funding.html>.

Leadership Opportunities

Advanced nominations have passed, but nominations on election day are accepted for the following positions!

District Coordinators

Beginning October 2006 – 1-year term

10 positions open, 1 representing each district of the AAP

Assistant District Coordinators

Beginning October 2006 – 1-year term

10 positions open, 1 representing each district of the AAP

Section Secretary

Beginning October 2006 – 1-year term

Section Vice Chairperson

Beginning October 2006

3-year term: 1 as vice chair, 1 as chair, and 1 as immediate past chair

Section liaisons

January 2007 to December 2008 - All liaison positions are 2-year terms.

Chapter Representatives

Updates From The Program Delegates....

NCC,DC- Devon Kuehn

- Establishment of International Health Mission. Eight to ten residents a year will spend approx 10 days in Honduras working with the country's HIV/AIDS program focusing on vertical transmission of HIV from mother to child. The goal will initially be to collect prevalence data and then activate education/treatment program.
- Resident Research. Evaluating gun safety and education during the clinic visit.
- Chapter Coordination. Establishing Reach Out and Read programs at military institutions

HASBRO, RI- Kristin Burns

- Resident's Day at the State House. Panel discussions with legislators and pediatricians, focusing on learning to testify, communicating with legislators and creating health policy.
- SAIL-AWAY PROGRAM. Children with chronic heme/onc disorders go sailing with residents, spending time together outside of the traditional "doctor-patient" relationship.
- Young Doctors Club & Young Doctors Mentorship Program. Provide eighth graders with the physician experience while advocating preventative health care.
- The Adolescent Leadership Council. CATCH grant to pair adolescents with chronic conditions and Brown University students.

BCRP, MA- Margaret Wolf

- School Mentorship. Health care lectures focused on obesity, special health care needs, breast feeding, and substance abuse.
- Bolivia International Health Project. Five residents provide health care to underserved populations, establishing satellite clinics for medical and dental care.
- Pediatric Global Health Program in Africa. Staffing Maluti Hospital with residents to establish a continuity of advanced medical care.

MGH, MA- Anna Wheeler

- Residents' Day at the State House. Day of lobbying featuring speeches by the senate majority leader and a lobbying workshop by an experienced lobbyist from the Mass Med Society.

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Please contact us with any comments, questions or concerns you might have regarding the newsletter or any other resident issues!

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