

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

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*2006 NCE IN REVIEW:
ATLANTA, GEORGIA*

In October 2006, pediatricians from across the country gathered in the Atlanta, Georgia for a week of educational sessions and workshops.

The Resident Section Annual Assembly was held on October 7th. This year's keynote address was "Legislative Efforts to Address Childhood Obesity" from Robert Schwartz, MD, FAAP from Wake Forest University School of Medicine. The Seventh Annual Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Awards were also presented.

Dan Walter, AAP Senior Health Policy Analyst, discussed the Deficit Reduction Act and residents were encouraged to advocate for children in their area by contacting their local leaders.

After a close election, Jennifer Linebarger, MD, from Rochester NY, was elected Vice Chairperson and Angela Fimbres, MD from Tucson, AZ returned as secretary. Congratulations!

During district breakout sessions, residents presented topics for resolutions and many resolutions were passed, especially in the arenas of child safety and adolescent pregnancy. Six of these resolutions will be forwarded to the Annual Leadership Forum held March 29- April 1, 2007.

AAP Membership Benefits

WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE BENEFITS OF BEING A RESIDENT SECTION MEMBER OF THE AAP ARE?

- ❖ PEDIATRICS, AAP NEWS, RED BOOK
- ❖ MEMBERS ONLY CENTER ON AAP WEBSITE,
- ❖ PEDIALINK AND RESIDENT CENTER
- ❖ YOUNG PEDS NETWORK
- ❖ AAP POLICY STATEMENTS
- ❖ AAP SECTION ON RESIDENTS MEMBERSHIP
- ❖ SECTION AND CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
- ❖ NATIONAL COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION
- ❖ RESIDENT PROGRAMMING AT NCE
- ❖ DISCOUNTS ON AAP PRODUCTS/SERVICES
- ❖ PREP CURRICULUM
- ❖ PEDIATRICS IN REVIEW (PRINT AND ONLINE ACCESS)
- ❖ AAP GRAND ROUNDS (PRINT & ONLINE ACCESS)
- ❖ PEDIATRIC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
- ❖ INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS
- ❖ RESIDENT RESEARCH GRANTS
- ❖ NCE TRAVEL GRANTS,
- ❖ ANNE E. DYSON CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD PROGRAM



OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS

CATCH RESIDENT GRANTS

The CATCH Program (Community Access to Child Health) supports pediatric residents in the planning of community-based child health initiatives. Grants of up to \$3,000 are awarded semi-annually on a competitive basis to pediatric residents to address the needs of children in their area. Projects may include planning and implementation activities. Special consideration will be given to projects serving communities with the greatest demonstrated health care access needs and health disparities. Strong collaborative community projects and those with future sustainability are encouraged.

To review previous projects go to www.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase/grantsdb.cfm. For more information regarding the current cycle, go to www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm. The grant cycle begins November 1, 2006 and the **deadline for applications is January 31, 2007**. Applications are available at www.aap/catch/funds/. Our District X Resident CATCH liaison is Shekou Sesay, MD.

PEDIATRIC ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST

The AAP Section on Bioethics has announced the Second Annual Pediatric Ethics Essay Contest. Applicants should be medical students, residents, fellows, or physicians having completed their training within the last 5 years. Essays should identify an ethical issue in pediatrics, present various perspectives, and describe the author's perspective. Essays can be in a variety of styles ranging from a scholarly presentation to a personal narrative of a dilemma faced in practice. Essays should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words and should include 5-10 references. First prize is \$300 and second prize is \$200.

Winning essays will be published in the Section on Bioethics Newsletter in 2007 and on the section's website. To read last year's winning essays, go to www.aap.org/sections/bioethics/ethicssaycontest06.htm. The **deadline for applications is February 1, 2007**. To make a submission, send your essay, name, mailing address, email address, phone number, and email address to bioethics@aap.org.

CPTI ADVOCACY TRAINING GRANTS

The CPTI (Community Pediatrics Training Initiative) is sponsoring a new advocacy training opportunity for pediatric residents and faculty. CPTI will provide scholarships for 5 faculty-resident pairs (10 people) to attend the AAP Legislative Conference in 2007. Each faculty-resident pair will be required to implement an educational activity on child advocacy in coordination with their local AAP chapter following the conference.

In addition to the travel and expenses related to attending the Legislative Conference, grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to work on the educational advocacy activities. This project is designed to support advocacy training within residency training programs and to strengthen the collaboration of community pediatrics faculty and residents with their AAP chapters.

The brief application and guidelines are available online at: <http://www.aap.org/commpeds/CPTI/Opportunities.htm>. Applications must be submitted by e-mail to: cpti@aap.org. **The deadline is 4pm CST on January 19, 2007**. For further information, please contact Alanna Bailey at: 800/433-9016, extension 7397 or abailey@aap.org.



If you are looking for an online resource that has everything you need as a pediatric resident (and some things you didn't realize you needed!) try the newest addition to the AAP.

Go to www.aap.org/ypn/ and try out the *youngpeds* network. Be sure to let us know what you think and any ideas for improvement that you have. This is specially geared towards medical students, residents, and young physicians!

EVER TRIED TO PUT IN A CARSEAT?

If you have, you know how difficult it can be to get it right.

AAA and the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) have created a new curriculum module that will teach students about the importance of properly restraining children in vehicles. The new module is designed to educate medical students and healthcare providers on the critical issue of child passenger safety, and to discuss the role of the provider in delivering that information to parents. By teaching crash dynamics and how restraints work to prevent injury, AAA and AMSA hope the information will help providers better understand the need for restraints, as well as provide better advice to their patients. The module is available on the AMSA website at <http://www.amsa.org/CPS/start.html>.



Practice Management Online

You may have heard the AAP's exciting new online resources for practice management at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition in Atlanta. This new resource is called *Practice Management Online* and is available free to all AAP members. *Practice Management Online* (PMO) supports pediatricians in running practices that are fiscally sound, efficient, and provide quality health care. This "virtual home" for pediatric practice management information addresses 4 key areas: Practice Basics, Finance and Payment, Office Operations, and Patient Management.

This project was a collaborative effort between the AAP Department of Practice and the Department of Marketing and Publications, the Section on Administration and Practice Management, and the Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine. It has received unwavering support from the AAP Board of Directors and has been supported in its development by the AAP Friends of Children Fund.

The web site is now live at <http://practice.aap.org> and is also available through the main AAP web site and the Member Center. The Practice Management Online editorial committee invites you utilize the new web site and provide feedback. We hope it is a great resource for you and your practice.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Heather Fitzpatrick, AAP staff person, by email at hfitzpatrick@aap.org or by phone at 800/433-9016, x. 4784.

Comprehensive Pediatric Disasters Resource

The AAP is pleased to announce that the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has posted online "Pediatric Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness: A Resource for Pediatricians." This is a comprehensive resource meant to address all aspects of preparedness and response for children's needs in any type of disaster. The resource may be viewed and downloaded (free!) at <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aap/>.

Print copies may also be ordered from that site. Please be aware that it is extremely large — it is a 350+ page Acrobat file.

The Resource was authored by a collection of pediatric experts under the leadership of the American Academy of Pediatrics, under a contract with AHRQ. We are deeply proud to have produced this resource and hope it will be helpful to each of your organizations.

Student ACF Grant Review

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is recruiting undergraduate and graduate students to serve on panels that review and make recommendations on the award of Federal grants. The ACF Student Grant Reviewer Pilot Program was created to broaden the pool and diversity of potential grant reviewers and to provide students with a valuable opportunity.

Selected students will spend 1 week reading, evaluating, discussing, and making recommendations on grant proposals. They will work with other panelists from a variety of backgrounds related to helping children and families.

For more information, download: www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/June_2006_Brochure.pdf

Legislative Day at the Capitol
February 8, 2007
The Capitol, Atlanta, GA

AAP National Conference
and Exhibition
October 27-30, 2007
San Francisco, CA.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ❖ District I and X Meeting
July 26-29, 2007
Burlington, VT
- ❖ Alabama Chapter
Spring Meeting
April 26-29, 2007
Destin, FL
- ❖ Alabama Chapter
AAP Open Forum on
Children's Mental Health
January 27, 2007
Montgomery, AL

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SECTIONS/RESIDENT](http://www.aap.org/sections/resident)

