



DISTRICT VI NEWSLETTER

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HOW THE AAP CAN HELP YOUR ADVOCACY GOALS

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **The Young Physicians Network is up and running! Check out the treasure trove of useful information today by going to: www.aap.org/ypn**
- **We're working on wrapping up the year by making sure we get the message out to our new incoming interns. Program delegates, keep your ears open for upcoming information on hosting a new intern orientation at your program today!**
- **The AAP is continuing to advance the interests of children in the legislature. Check out the website and become a member of the FAAN!**

As many of us involved in pediatrics are aware, the care of our patients extends beyond the walls of our hospitals and clinics. Thus enters in the spirit of advocacy. As residents, it can sometimes be difficult to work advocacy into our already packed schedules. The AAP is once again available to help us out on many levels and fronts.

Advocacy ranges from community projects and awareness to the legislative forums spanning local, state, and federal government arenas. The AAP has a sections on State Government Affairs and Federal Advocacy, with many resources available to us as resident members. Additionally, there are a host of Community resources and kits available to us. As always, please feel free to contact us for more information or to inquire further about any of these topics.

Just a few headlines available under the Advocacy menu at www.aap.org/ypn:

FEDERAL

- Legislative and Regulatory Issues

- New Releases and Press Statements
- Testimony, Statements & Petitions
- 2006 Kids Count Data Books
- Medicaid Fact Sheets
- Washington D.C. Intern Program information and Fellowship Opportunities
- Child Health Advocate Award

STATE

- 2006 State Legislation Report
- Access to Care, Medicaid, and SCHIP
- Committee on State Government Affairs
- State Government Advocacy Links
- Daily State Government News

COMMUNITY

- Information to Assist in Com-



Community Based Advocacy Efforts

- Resources to Help in Advocacy Efforts for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Educational Materials on Strategies That Can BE Used in State and Local Advocacy Efforts
- Speaker Kits
- Media Resource Team

GETTING READY FOR THE NCE...

This year's NCE will be held in San Francisco from Friday October 26 through Tuesday October 30.

A wealth of information is readily available on the website at:

<http://www.aap.org/nce/>

Check in with your AAP reps to find out more information on grants and funding available for residents to attend the NCE!



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YOUR EXISTING LEADERSHIP

As we begin our planning for the new intern informational lectures and the NCE coming up in October, we would like to recognize those members of District VI who have been leaders in the AAP. As we look forward to future planning and growth, we are working hard to develop an infrastructure to keep communication lines open. If you are aware of any updates to this list, please don't hesitate to contact us and let us know who else should be recognized!

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GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (AKA MONEY FROM THE AAP)

The AAP Resident Section offers many grants, scholarships, and awards to residents. Below are links to descriptions and application materials for what is currently being offered. Depending on the nature of the award, past recipients are listed along with a brief description of their projects.

NCE Travel Grants

The travel grants are available to residents who serve as program delegates to the AAP. This grant serves to support the program delegate's travel to the AAP Resident Section meeting at the annual National Conference and Exhibition (NCE). The travel grant is available to both categorical and combined-training pediatric residents. However, there is only ONE grant available per institution. The AAP Program Delegate will automatically receive the \$300 travel grant. If your institution does not have a designated AAP Program Delegate or the program delegate is unable to attend the NCE, you may have the opportunity to receive the travel grant. If you have questions about the travel grants, please contact Kimberley VandenBrook or call 800/433-9016 ext 6023.

International Travel Grants

Applications for the new round of travel grants will begin in September of 2007.

Several guidelines help ensure that you have a positive overseas experience.

- Complete the first 12 months of your pediatric training.
- Develop a list of written objectives prior to departure.
- The elective should be at least 4 weeks, and primarily clinical.
- Identify a preceptor in the host country.
- You should undergo some kind of orientation prior to departure, becoming familiar with the host country's

climate, culture and politics, health and safety issues.

- If you are not fluent in the host country's language, arrangements must be made for translators.
- Secure travel documents such as passports, visas and medical licenses before departure.
- Arrange housing and medical care for yourself.
- You should be formally evaluated while abroad, primarily to identify satisfaction of your objectives.
- Upon return, submit a written summary of your experiences to the program director, and formally evaluate your elective with appropriate faculty. .

CATCH Grants

The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Resident Funds program supports pediatric residents in the planning of community-based child health initiatives. Grants of up to \$3,000 are awarded twice each year on a competitive basis for pediatric residents to address the needs of children in their communities. CATCH Resident Funds grant projects must include planning activities and also may include some implementation activities. Resident grants are available twice a year— May to July, during the CATCH Planning Funds grant cycle, and November to January, during the CATCH Implementation Funds grant cycle.

Resident Research Grants

Limited opportunities exist for pediatric residents to initiate and complete research projects related to their professional interests. This situation may discourage some from developing their research skills. These abilities are essential for the interpretation of data and research, which is a cornerstone of continuing medical education. In an effort to enhance the development of research skills among physicians

in training, the American Academy of Pediatrics administers the Resident Research Grant Program. Grant 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 \$2,000 will be available. *Previous RRG recipients are ineligible to apply.*

Applicants will be asked to identify their own topics for study. A review committee convened by the Academy will oversee the solicitation of proposals, the selection of recipients and the evaluation of the grant program. Award selection will be influenced by the availability of sufficient patients for study, anticipated timeline for implementation, and applicability to the practice setting. Applicants will be required to complete their projects during their residency training. With this guideline, projects should be completed within two years. Grantees will gain experience with planning and execution of research projects and the interpretation of research findings. The grant program will be hands-on introduction to skills needed for continued career advancement and to techniques useful in practice settings.

Residency Scholarships

The American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Scholarship Program is specifically designed to help allay financial difficulties for residents in good academic standing. The Academy grants annually a number of scholarships varying from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Each applicant will be reviewed carefully and awards will be granted to the most deserving pediatric interns and residents.

Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award

- The AAP Resident Section Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award, supported by the Dyson Foundation, celebrates the outstanding efforts of pediatricians-in-training as they work in their communities to improve the health of children. Any resident-sponsored and/or resident led project that seeks to advocate on behalf of children is eligible for this award. This award seeks to showcase projects that are designed and implemented by residents, which aim to improve the lives of children. We hope that rewarding exemplary resident-driven efforts will promote increased advocacy efforts by residents in the future, and provide an opportunity for residents to help each other to plan future advocacy programs. In order to be eligible for the award, the project

must have been completed during residency training. Awards are based solely on the application and any accompanying materials that are submitted. A committee of current and former Resident Section leaders will select two projects to receive this national award. Applications will be made available in early May and are due no later than July 1 of each year. Award winners will be notified by the last week of August.

The Advocacy Award includes the following:

- \$300 in funds to advance the winning projects' goals
- Travel and lodging expenses for up to 2 residents per project to the AAP Annual Meeting.
- Presentation of the Advocacy Award plaque during the Resident Section assembly meeting.
- Opportunity to display and distribute project information to residents and pediatricians from across the country at the Annual Meeting.
- Press release and recognition in *AAP News*, *Resident Report*, & State Chapter newsletters

Winning applicants should be prepared to submit photos of the project leader and co-leader. If you are selected to receive the award, your application information and photos may be used for follow-up recognition in the aforementioned publications

Clinical Case Presentations

The resident section has a successful new tradition at the National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) - Clinical Case Presentations. Residents submit abstracts of interesting cases they have come across in their training through the Academy's online abstract submission process. The abstracts are judged by a committee of resident leaders, and the top ten authors are awarded free one-day registration for the conference. The abstracts are presented at a poster session during the NCE Resident and Medical Student reception. The first place winner is announced that night by the Editor-in-Chief of Pediatrics in Review (PIR), who will publish the case in PIR as an Index of Suspicion article. The first place winner also receives travel reimbursement for the trip to the NCE



Residents

