The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council (DPAC) is pleased to provide you with information on its activities. For more information on the DPAC, including a list of members and liaisons, see the [AAP Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council](#). Also see the [AAP DPAC Strategic Plan for Disaster Preparedness 2016-2020](#).

### Project Announcements

#### AAP State Preparedness Funding
As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the AAP is offering a new funding opportunity to promote pediatric preparedness! Up to $20,000 will be available through an application process to a select number of AAP Chapters, states, or regions to implement state-level activities designed to improve pediatric infectious disease and natural disaster/emergency preparedness. The application **MUST** be submitted or supported by an AAP Chapter. E-mail [DisasterReady@aap.org](mailto:DisasterReady@aap.org) to request an application. The applications can be submitted to the same e-mail address by **July 31, 2017**.

#### AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program Funding
Just a reminder that the CATCH Call for Proposals is **open**! The AAP is partnering with CATCH to support pediatricians to conduct community-based projects that advance child health and well-being through disaster preparedness. Funded projects may focus on planning or implementation activities that promote improved emergency and disaster readiness. The deadline for applications to be submitted online is **July 31, 2017**.

#### Zika Care Connect
Zika Care Connect is a program designed to help women, parents, and caregivers of infants and families affected by Zika to connect to recommended health care services. Zika Care Connect has expanded its network of specialty health care providers to additional jurisdictions in the United States. These jurisdictions include **10 states**. Zika Care Connect is seeking health professionals in maternal-fetal medicine, mental health, radiology, pediatric ophthalmology, pediatric neurology, developmental pediatrics, infectious diseases, and endocrinology to join the network. If you are interested in joining the Zika Care Connect health care professional network, please click on this [link](#) or call 844-677-0447 (toll-free).

#### American College of Surgeons Future Trauma Leaders Program
Applications are being accepted for the Future Trauma Leaders Program, a unique way for the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma to offer an in-depth training and mentoring opportunity for junior trauma and acute care surgeons (those who are less than 5 years out from fellowship completion). The ideal candidate is one who will best benefit from a mentoring relationship with an established surgeon and opportunities for learning and leadership that they have not yet experienced. For more information please visit [www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/mets/ftl](http://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/mets/ftl). If interested, please e-mail your completed Application Form, current CV, two Letters of Recommendation, and the required essay to Jené Britton at [COT@facs.org](mailto:COT@facs.org) by **Monday, August 31, 2017**.
➢ Pediatric Preparedness Ambassador Program
The first Pediatric Preparedness Ambassador Program webinar on Child Care Health and Safety is taking place on **Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 4:00pm ET/3:00pm CT**. The presenter for this session will be Danette Glassy, MD, FAAP. Dr Glassy is a member of the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics and the AAP Council on Early Childhood. If interested in participating, please e-mail DisasterReady@aap.org.

➢ Presentation on Zika at National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Conference
Steve Caddle, MD, FAAP, and Jerome Paulson, MD, FAAP, presented at the NEHA conference on July 11, 2017. Dr Caddle presented “Connection is the Key: AAP Project ECHO Zika, Pediatrics, and Environmental Health”. The AAP implemented Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Zika in 2016 in Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the US Virgin Islands. Dr Caddle discussed the Project ECHO model and conducted a live demonstration of how the videoconferencing software works to facilitate telementoring. Dr Paulson presented “Fighting the Bite: Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units and the Zika Virus Response”. Dr Paulson provided details on the methods and tools the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units has developed in response to pediatric environmental health issues of international concern.

➢ AAP District IV Meeting
Christine Nyquist, MD, MS, FAAP, presented, “Zika Virus Update: What You Need to Know” at the AAP District IV meeting in Denver, CO, on July 15th. Her presentation focused on the AAP efforts to respond to the Zika virus public health emergency and how districts and chapters can engage their members.

**Planning Ahead**
➢ American Academy of Pediatrics 2017 National Conference and Exhibition
The AAP National Conference takes place September 16-19, 2017, in Chicago, IL. Please remember to register before the early registration deadline on **August 4, 2017**. See sessions with disaster-related topics here.