



## Champion E-Correspondence

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*This is an e-mail communication related to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma." It is designed to provide AAP Medical Home Chapter Champions with resources as well as current clinical and other information. The Champion E-Correspondence is sent on a monthly basis. Feel free to share the Champion E-Correspondence with colleagues. Distribution information appears at the end of this newsletter.*

### Project Updates

- In the coming weeks, the MHCCPA [Web page](#) will include a special section, designated specifically for the *Chapter Champions Conference* (**February 25 – 26, 2011**). Stay tuned for more information.
- Next week you will be receiving the request for proposals (RFP) for the MHCCPA **Visiting Professorship Program!** Make sure to watch for that e-mail containing more information.
- Please remember to complete and submit your [Year 1 Chapter Champion Work Plan](#), ASAP. These work plans will be part of a networking session at the Champions Conference in February.

## MEDICAL HOME



## PROGRAM ON ASTHMA

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ [American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology \(AAAAI\) Annual Meeting](#)  
March 18 – 22, 2011  
San Francisco, CA
- ◆ [Institute for Healthcare Improvement \(IHI\) 12th Annual International Summit on Improving Patient Care in the Office Practice & the Community](#)  
March 20 – 22, 2011  
Dallas, TX

### Who's Who?

As mentioned in the June issue of the *Champion E-Correspondence*, this section will feature a spotlight on each member of the MHCCPA Project Advisory Committee (PAC) so that you can get to know them better!

For 20 years, **Beth Dworetzky, MS**, has been researching healthcare support and service systems and sharing information with others because she was frustrated with the lack of supports available for her family when her son was born with complex health needs.

Currently, Beth is the project director of the Massachusetts Family-to-Family Health Information Center (F2F HIC) at the Federation for Children with Special Needs in Boston. A grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Division of Services for Children with Special Health Needs funds the Center. The F2F HIC staff assists families raising children and youth with special healthcare needs, their professional partners, and others in accessing medical homes, early and periodic screening, healthcare financing, community resources, and transition. Staff also mentors families in their role as partners with professionals and as active decision-makers in their child/youth's care.

Beth is the family member on the Project Advisory Committee for the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma. She also serves on the National Advisory Committee of the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) Obesity National Advisory Committee and had a key role in the creation of the Family Voices Family-Centered Care Self-Assessment tools. She is a member of the Strategic Advisory Committee for the Massachusetts CHIPRA QI grant, and participates on the Family Advisory Council at Children's Hospital Boston.

Beth's family lives in Southern Rhode Island. Her son studies music education at the University of Rhode Island. Beth and her husband, accompanied by their dog, enjoy kayaking and hiking.

To view the PAC roster, visit the MHCCPA [Web page](#).



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### What's What?

Did you know that the AAP has a Web site that was developed specifically for parents? [HealthyChildren.org](http://HealthyChildren.org) was launched in late 2009 to provide a trusted source for parents, backed by the members of the AAP. The Web site features the following:

- ◆ Expert information on over 300 health topics, such as [asthma](#)
- ◆ An “Ask the Pediatrician” tool with answers provided by AAP experts
- ◆ “Find a Pediatrician” service
- ◆ Tips, tools, schedules, checklists, and more for parents
- ◆ A customizable home page and e-newsletter for parents, based on their child’s developmental stage and/or health condition(s)

To access flyers or other informational materials for families, visit the [Spread the Word](#) section of the Web site or visit the [HealthyChildren.org](http://HealthyChildren.org) [Facebook Page](#).

### Reports and Resources

- **In the News...**
  - [Babies Given Antibiotics May Face 70% Higher Risk Of Asthma, US Study Shows](#)
  - [Primary Care Docs Are Most Likely to Seek Reimbursement for EHR Adoption](#)
  - [GlaxoSmithKline Updates Guidelines for Use of Asthma Drug](#)
- **New Resource from the National Asthma Control Initiative (NACI)**

[Take Action: Stop Asthma Today!](#) is a new 12-page booklet that provides anyone with interest in asthma—including physicians—ideas for action. These ideas are built on the Guidelines Implementation Panel (GIP) [six key messages](#) to support patients in managing their care, providers in treating their patients with asthma effectively, and others who contribute to these efforts. Download this free PDF [guide](#) to find out more!
- **Recently Released Issue Brief from the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) on Increasing Primary Care Rates**

[Increasing Primary Care Rates, Maximizing Medicaid Access and Quality](#) highlights nine policy and technical implementation issues that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and state Medicaid programs must work through, as legislation requires reimbursement for Medicaid primary care providers at parity with Medicare rates in 2013 and 2014. This brief identifies efficient implementation approaches that can benefit the primary care delivery system beyond 2014 and is the first in a series of papers that CHCS will produce—in conjunction with CMS guidance—in order to help states develop implementation plans for the primary care rate increase.
- **EPA National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently accepting applications for the 2011 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management. If you or someone that you know is a health care provider or part of a community that has demonstrated leadership in managing environmental asthma triggers as part of a comprehensive asthma management program, apply to receive recognition for this important work. Applications are due by March 1, 2011. For more information, visit [www.asthmaawards.info](http://www.asthmaawards.info).

The AAP *Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma* staff send this e-mail update to the Academy's medical home chapter champions, other interested AAP members and staff. For additional information on medical home, visit the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation](#) Web site. All comments and inquiries can be sent to Suzi Montasir at [smontasir@aap.org](mailto:smontasir@aap.org) or 800/433-9016, ext 4311. If you would like to unsubscribe to the update, contact Suzi Montasir to make the change.