



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

- **IMPORTANT:** If you have not done so already, make sure to register and make travel arrangements for the **2012 Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma Conference**, scheduled for **March 10–11, 2012** in Chicago, IL. You should have received an email with details about travel. Please make sure to respond to the RSVP [survey](#), even if you cannot attend. Contact Chelsea Rajagopalan if you have any questions about registration or travel at crajagopalan@aap.org.
- NEW Ghostwritten template article: Don't forget about the recently distributed article: [Planning Care for Children with Asthma in Your Medical Home: Addressing Common Concerns of Primary Care Providers](#). Be sure to customize this piece and share it with your chapters and others, at the local level.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [The National Medical Home Summit: A Hybrid Conference, Internet Event and Training Program](#)
February 27 – 29, 2012
Philadelphia, PA or online
- ◆ [13th Annual International Summit on Improving Patient Care in the Office Practice & the Community](#)
March 18-20, 2012
Washington, DC

Who's Who?

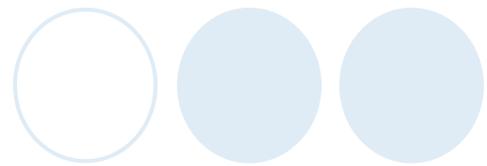
Chapter Champion Spotlight on Kentucky Chapter Champion: Julia Richerson, MD, FAAP

Julia Richerson, MD, FAAP is a general pediatrician who practices at Family Health Centers of Louisville, a community health center serving low-income families in seven medically underserved neighborhoods in Louisville, Kentucky. Over the past 15 years, Dr Richerson has worked with community health centers and has been very active in implementing chronic care collaboratives, using the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) model for improvement and Ed Wagner's chronic care model. Leading from these experiences, she has become involved with asthma improvement at the practice, local and state levels.

Dr. Richerson has coordinated system-wide improvements at the Family Health Centers related to assessing asthma severity, use of action plans and implementation of asthma guidelines. With the Kentucky AAP chapter, she received a grant from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky to assess pediatrician knowledge and practice standards across the state around asthma and obesity best practices and to train peers on national guidelines, motivational interviewing and quality improvement techniques. She helped to implement the [Healthy Hoops program](#) in her community, which is a family-focused event for asthma education sponsored by Passport Health Plan, using basketball celebrities to put the spotlight on staying healthy with asthma. She also co-chairs the Kentucky Asthma Partnership (KAP), a coalition of asthma advocates working together across the state to improve asthma outcomes through community projects and state policy advocacy. In September 2011, when KAP held their Louisville Asthma Forum, Dr Richerson brought in an asthma expert [through the MHCCPA Visiting Professorship Program](#).

Dr Richerson's pediatric patients come from numerous countries and speak many languages, and she enjoys working with these different cultures in managing asthma. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of Kentucky's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program and the Kentucky Reach Out and Read State Advisory Committee.

Dr Richerson grew up in rural Kentucky, attended Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky, College of Medicine in Lexington, before receiving her pediatric training at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center/University of California Los Angeles. In her free time, Dr Richerson likes to travel, hike and spend time with her family and friends.



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What's What?

Family-to-Family Health Information Centers - A Resource for Medical Homes

Having detailed, up-to-date information about community services should be part of every medical home. However, pediatric practices may not have the resources to identify these community services, understand what they provide and don't provide, help families apply for programs, understand the differences/similarities of programs, and help families find funding to pay for these services.

While pediatricians play a key role in providing the core components of a medical home, building a connection to a Family-to-Family Health Information Center (F2F HIC) can complement the successful implementation of a medical home practice. F2F HICs staffed by experienced family leaders can partner with pediatricians to provide such information and guide families through these services. Learn more about the F2F HICs on their [Web page](#) and check out the new video developed by the National Center for Family/Professional Partnerships (NCFPP), providing a great way to introduce pediatric staff or families to the work of the F2F HICs. Also, do not forget about the MHCCPA [one-page ghostwritten article](#) that was provided this past summer to share with your chapters, in educating them about F2F HICs.

Data submitted by F2F HICs to the NCFPP indicate that over 90% of all F2F's provide assistance to families on: family support programs, home care, legal services, parenting programs, recreation, respite, schools; over 80% provide assistance on child care, hospital care, housing, and transportation, while over 70% provide assistance on disaster and emergency planning and response. F2F HICs are knowledgeable and motivated to help implement medical homes. In the [2011 F2F HIC Activities Report](#), 82% of all F2F HICs reported that they are involved in some initiative around medical home in their state, through activities such as serving on work groups that monitor the progress of medical home implementation, participating on advisory committees to guide implementation, and in some states, working directly with pediatric practices.

Looking for More State-Specific Information and Resources?

The [National Center for Medical Home Implementation State Pages](#) are a great place to start! Every state has its own page with current information regarding state medical home initiatives, key contacts, partners, and related grant activities.

Reports and Resources

In the News...

- [Shared Decision Making May Cut Children's Health Care Cost](#)
- [Most States Fail in Tobacco Prevention & Control](#)
- [Medical Homes Show Promise for Reducing Preventable Death](#)
- [Johns Hopkins to Study Genetics of Asthma in African Americans](#)

Not One More Life Web site, Free CME Programs & Essential Guide to Asthma

Not One More Life (NOML) is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 2003, by LeRoy M Graham, Jr, MD, FCCP to address disparities in morbidity and mortality attributable to asthma and other lung disease among minorities, children and the poor. The organization provides free programs of didactic education, a screening-by-symptom questionnaire, and lung function testing, physician counseling, as well as referral and outcome monitoring in a case management model at host communities of faith. Since its inception, NOML has provided 141 such programs in its Atlanta base, screening over 5000 participants. NOML has also expanded to 13 other US cities where they have trained local cadres of physicians, respiratory therapists (RTs), nurses, asthma educators and lay volunteers to replicate the NOML model. More recently, NOML has added free online Continuing Medical Education (CME) for physicians, nurses and RTs via their [web site](#). To get started, create a free online account. The website also includes the recently released [Essential Guide to the Management of Asthma](#).

AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org

[AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org](#) is sponsored by the US Environmental Protection Agency in partnership with [Allies Against Asthma](#), a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Inc (MCAN). The Network provides a platform for real-time learning for community-based asthma programs that can drive the ongoing improvement of asthma care. By joining the network—for free—as an organization or an individual, you can become a partner in building and maintaining this online network of communities who together are improving the lives of people with asthma from across the nation. One particular resource of interest is the site's "Resource Bank" which currently contains almost 400 resources, that are shared by other organizations or groups. The [Resource Bank](#) also allows you to create a specific search, based on your needs.