



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.

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Project Updates

- **Work Plans:** Now would be a great time to revisit the work plan you developed prior to the 2012 Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma Conference! As a first step, ensure that the goals and activities that you have listed on your plan are realistic. Next, be sure to create a timeline for action and implementation related to the goals and activities. It's best to create both short- and long-term goals. Finally, be sure to check in with your chapter executive director and/or president to discuss your work plan and determine how efforts can be undertaken collaboratively. For a list of chapter leader contact information, click [here](#).
- **Chapter Executive Committee Meetings:** Many chapters will be planning the date/time for their fall executive committee meetings in the near future. Consider reaching out to your chapter to determine whether or not it would be possible for you to attend the meeting and provide an update on your role as the medical home chapter champion on asthma.
- **Survey Results:** Two online surveys were distributed in April 2012—one to all AAP Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents and Executive Directors and one to all chapter champions. The goal of the surveys was to determine levels of perception and satisfaction around program effectiveness in increasing implementation of the NHLBI guidelines within the context of medical homes at chapter, state and/or community level(s). Twenty-eight chapter leaders and 23 chapter champions responded to this survey. Overall, the feedback regarding the program is very positive. Out of 23 chapter champion respondents, 87% reported that they felt their chapter has benefited from having a medical home/asthma champion and 87% reported that they believe they have increased their chapter's awareness of medical home and/or NHLBI asthma guidelines. To view some of the responses from champions who listed changes that they have made at the chapter level, since becoming champion, click [here](#). Responses from chapter leaders regarding the benefits of the program are available [here](#). Out of 28 chapter leadership respondents (35.7% which were Chapter Presidents, 28.6% which were Chapter Vice Presidents and 35.7% which were Chapter Executive Directors), 57.1% reported that they felt their chapter has benefited from having a medical home/asthma champion. Keep up the good work!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ [Webinar: The Medical Home Experience — Care Coordination and the Patient's Role in Shared Decision Making and Team Communication](#)
July 12, 2012
12 to 1:30pm Central
- ◆ [Webinar: Medicaid & CHIP — Funding, Service Delivery Models, and QI Measurement](#)
(Webinar 4 of the Catalyst Center Medicaid/CHIP Webinar Series)
July 18, 2012
11am to 12pm Central
- ◆ [Webinar: What Changes Can I Expect from the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\) and How Do I Make the Case for Partnership in My State?](#) (Webinar 5 of the Catalyst Center Medicaid/CHIP Webinar Series)
September 19, 2012
1 to 2pm Central

Who's Who?

New Staff for the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma

Chelsea Rajagopalan is the new program manager for the Medical Home Chapter Champions Program on Asthma starting July 2. Chelsea originally joined the Academy in November 2009 as a Project Assistant in the Division of Children with Special Needs. For the majority of the past two and a half years, she has provided administrative and programmatic support to various programs within the Division, including the National Center for Medical Home Implementation, Council on Children with Disabilities, Program to Enhance the Health and Development of Infants and Children, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, Congenital Heart Public Health Consortium, and — most recently — the Genetics in Primary Care Institute. She received her Bachelor's degree in biology from The University of Texas at Austin in 2009. While in college, Chelsea worked for Pediatrix Medical Group as a Newborn Hearing Screener at St David's Hospital. She is an active member of Best Buddies Illinois. On weekends, she enjoys cheering on the Longhorns and visiting her family in Michigan. She is honored to have been selected as the new Program Manager and is looking forward to working with all of you!



What's What?

Federal Task Force Announces Release of Asthma Disparities Action Plan

The [Federal Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children](#) released a Coordinated Federal Action Plan for Reducing Asthma Disparities. The report is a result of the collaborative interagency Asthma Disparities Working Group. Almost 1 out of every 10 children in the US has asthma. Minority children are more likely to have asthma and less likely to have proper care. The Action Plan pulls together multiple federal agencies to focus efforts in addressing asthma disparities. Topics include reducing barriers to the implementation of guidelines-based asthma management; enhancing capacity to deliver integrated, comprehensive asthma care to children in communities with racial and ethnic asthma disparities; improving capacity to identify children most impacted by asthma disparities; and accelerating efforts to identify and test interventions that may prevent the onset of asthma among children from ethnic and racial minority groups. The appendices provide information on how the action plan supports the Healthy People 2020 objectives and highlights of priority coordinated federal action. The plan is available [here](#).

The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) was involved in the development of the federal action plan. This organization is committed to improving the health of underserved populations. [Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma: Guidelines for Health Care Providers](#) was developed by NEEF and contains resources for comprehensive pediatric asthma care.

MCH Library Updates Tool for Finding Community-Based Services

The MCH Library at Georgetown University has developed a new edition of the Community Services Locator, an online directory for finding services for children and families in the communities in which they live. The locator can be used by service providers and families to find available child care and early childhood education programs; developmental assessment and learning services; family support; financial support; and health and wellness care. Click [here](#) to view the locator.

Medical Home Map

Looking for details on state medical home programs? The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) can help! From payment methodologies to practice qualification standards, the [NASHP medical home map](#) has a wealth of information.

Reports and Resources

In the News...

[Trends in Asthma Prevalence, Health Care Use, and Mortality in the United States, 2001–2010](#)

Asthma death rates per 1,000 persons with asthma were more than 30% higher for females than males. Females had higher asthma prevalence than males (9.2% compared with 7.0%).

New Report: [Medicaid Financing of Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs: Options, Opportunities, and Challenges](#)

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 Michelle Esquivel at mesquivel@aap.org or 800/433-9016, ext 4989. If you would like to unsubscribe to the update, contact Michelle Esquivel.