Understanding the AAP

A Guide for Families and Youth
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AAP FamilY Partnerships Network Executive Committee
The mission of the AAP is to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being for ALL infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

To accomplish this mission, the Academy shall support the professional needs of its members.
AAP Agenda for Children 2015-2016
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- Poverty and Child Health
- Early Brain and Child Development
- Epigenetics

Access - Quality - Finance

American Academy of Pediatrics
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• **Enduring Principles:** The AAP advocates for health care access and equity, optimal/appropriate financing of child health services, the delivery of quality care in a medical home, and a strong and enduring profession of pediatrics.

• **Strategic Priorities:** The AAP focuses intensively on selected areas of child health that must be advanced for children to thrive. Strategic priorities remain on the Agenda for Children for approximately 3-5 years and then are integrated into the AAP infrastructure.
Integrated Child Health Priorities

- 2006 Tobacco
- 2007 Obesity
- 2008 Disaster Preparedness
- 2008 Immunizations
- 2010 Mental Health
- 2010 Oral Health
- 2010 Vision of Pediatrics 2020
- 2011 Foster Care
64,000 Members
464 Employees
$109 Million in Revenue
10 Districts
66 Chapters
28 Committees
51 Sections
11 Councils
How the AAP Addresses Child Health Priorities

Priority

Research  Education  Practice  Advocacy  Policy
AAP experts met and conducted interviews to generate key trends (megatrends) likely to impact both children’s health in general and the field of pediatrics in particular over the coming decade.

Based on the external and internal interviews, literature review, and strategic planning activities, eight megatrends were identified:
1. Clinical and societal demographic of the patient population
2. Advances in information technology applied to health care and pediatrics
3. Advances in medical knowledge, diagnostics and treatment
4. Form of the healthcare delivery system
5. Consumer driven nature of society and healthcare
6. Workforce in the profession of pediatrics
7. Impact of Disasters (natural, environmental, man-made)
8. Global Child Health and Pediatrics
How the AAP Shares Priorities

- New Guidelines or Policy
- AAP.org HealthyChildren.org Media
- Email Blasts Smart Briefs Chapter Connections
- Research Quality Improvement
- Pediatrics Books Brochures / Flyers AAP News On-Call
- Chapters Chapter Champions Educational events
AAP Outreach and Advocacy

Federal Advocacy

State Policy Implementation

Local Effort
NATIONAL COMMITTEES

- Adolescence
- Bioethics
- Child Abuse & Neglect
- Child Health Financing
- Coding & Nomenclature
- Continuing Medical Education
- Development
- Drugs
- Federal Government Affairs
- Fetus & Newborn
- Genetics
- Hospital Care
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Liability & Risk Management
- Membership
- Native American Child Health
- Nutrition
- Pediatric AIDS
- Pediatric Education
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Research
- Pediatric Workforce
- Practice & Ambulatory Medicine
- Psychosocial Aspects of Child & Family Health
- Residency Scholarships
- State Government Affairs
- Substance Abuse

COUNCILS

- Children With Disabilities
- Clinical Information Technology
- Communications & Media
- Community Pediatrics
- Early Childhood
- Environmental Health
- Foster Care, Adoption, & Kinship Care
- Injury, Violence, & Poison Prevention
- Quality Improvement & Patient Safety
- School Health
- Sports Medicine & Fitness

TASK FORCES

- Circumcision
- Early Hearing Detection & Intervention
- Infant Positioning & SIDS
- Medical Home Chapter Champions on Asthma, Allergy, & Anaphylaxis
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
History of Family Engagement at AAP

- **Note:** Family members have been engaged, often informally, in AAP initiatives over many, many years.
- Early initiatives included participation with the Committee for Children with Disabilities.
- Section on Palliative Care included families and established a liaison role for them.
History of Family Engagement at AAP

• 2007: Parent Advisory Group (PAG) established under the AAP Section on Home Care
• 2011: Resolution passed that the Academy develop and implement a strategy to expand the opportunity for parent (family) input and participation in AAP activities and programs
• May 2014: AAP Board of Directors formally recognizes the PAG, across the Academy, for family involvement initiatives.
• October 2014: PAG renamed FamilY Partnerships Network (FPN) Executive Committee. Larger FamilY Partnerships Network launched
Famil¥ Partnerships Network
Executive Committee

• Current participation includes 7 family members, including parents and youth
• Develop orientation and mentoring processes and materials for family/youth and the AAP
• Provides oversight/leadership to Famil¥ Partnerships Network
• Assists in generating active family/youth input, participation, and engagement with AAP activities and programs
AAP FamiLY Partnerships Network

- Includes family/youth active in child health at national or state level, and those engaged in AAP initiatives
- Develop avenues to share best practices and lessons learned related to family engagement
- Provide information and education to families/youth on AAP initiatives and AAP Agenda for Children
- Lend support to AAP by collecting input from families and youth on strategic priority areas
- Review and provide family/youth perspective to AAP policy statements, reports, and initiatives
FamilY Partnerships Network

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