I care for kids and I VOTE!

AAP Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees Advocacy Campaign

**ACTION STEPS:**

1. If you haven’t already done so - give the advocacy campaign presentation ASAP.
   - Some of the action steps are required now, *not just before the election.*
2. Visit vote411.org and find out how to register to vote.
   - Remember primaries are *in full swing so deadlines are imminent!*
3. Make sure you have the time off to vote.
   - *Does your residency program allow you time to vote?*
4. Research the policy positions of the candidates running for state and federal office in your district.
   - Checking out their websites is a good place to start.
5. If you can't make it to the polls for the primary election or general election, make sure you get an absentee ballot.
   - *If your state allows, vote early when you have the time.*
   - Check vote411.org for more information.
6. Encourage other residents, faculty, colleagues, and others to register and to vote.
7. Coordinate election related activities with your state AAP chapter.
   - They will be a great resource for you.

For more information on getting involved in advocacy - check out the AAP Advocacy Guide. Here you can find information on:

- Overview of the legislative process
- Working in partnerships
- Working with decision-makers
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- Advocacy Communication
- Voting with children’s health and pediatric resident’s schedule in mind

Additional resources:

- US Senate website: www.senate.gov
- White House website: www.whitehouse.gov
- Voting information: www.vote411.org or AAP Department of Federal Affairs member center website http://FederalAdvocacy.aap.org (click on “voter registration” box)