What is the Council on Foster Care, Adoption, and Kinship Care?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Council on Foster Care, Adoption, and Kinship Care (COFCAKC) was formed in 2011 when the Section on Adoption and Foster Care (founded in 2000) merged with relevant parts of the Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption, and Dependent Care, and the Task Force on Foster Care. It is dedicated to improving the health and well being of children and youth in foster care, kinship care, and those who have been adopted.

Benefits:
- The opportunity to be listed in the nationwide directory of adoption and foster care professionals (a valuable parent resource)
- Access to the council newsletter
- Subscription to the council listserv
- The opportunity to provide input on AAP policy and educational programming at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition (NCE)
- And many other opportunities to be involved in adoption, foster care, and kinship care efforts!

How to Join?
1. Go to aap.org/cofcakc
2. Under “Join Us!” scroll down to “Click here to join”
3. Select your member type to complete online application.

An email confirmation will be sent once payment is processed. You can also call AAP Membership at (800) 433-9016 ext 5897.

We welcome physicians not eligible for membership in the Academy and non-physician personnel (e.g. nurses, nurse practitioners, physical and occupational therapists, speech/language pathologists, psychologists, and social workers) to fill out an online Affiliate Application at www.aap.org/join. Affiliates, including international members, must be actively involved in some aspect of the study or care of adoption, foster care, or kinship care.

Annual dues are free for residents and trainees, $60 for affiliates, and $30 for all other members types.

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