ARIZONA CHAPTER of the AMERICAN ACADEMY of PEDIATRICS FACT SHEET

Advocacy
- Educates payers on the issues impacting the pediatric process through the Pediatric Council
- Crafts legislation related to important issues impacting children and the profession of pediatrics
- Advocates for appropriate statewide funding of programs affecting children.
- Advocates for appropriate payment for pediatric services including immunizations with public and private payers.
- Monitors and takes action on local, state and national legislative issues that affect pediatric practice and the health and welfare of children.
- Provides input to health policy makers on issues that affect the health of children, including access to care.
- Helps in increasing payment to practices for giving vaccines and educates health plans and the community about the importance and safety of vaccines.

Leadership
- Participates in and leads Chapter committees focusing on CME, early childhood, legislative action, quality improvement, obesity prevention, and practice management and reimbursement.
- Develops special community projects and programs.
- Represents the Chapter on national American Academy of Pediatrics committees, task forces, and state and national conferences.
- Develops future leaders through the Board of Directors.

Networking
- Meet pediatricians and other healthcare providers while attending open forums, the annual Pediatrics in Red Rocks conference, and other Chapter-sponsored events throughout the state.
- Participate in committees made up of other pediatricians who share your interests.

Education
- Attend Arizona-focused open forums and other CME activities around the state.
- Receive the bi-annual Chapter newsmagazine with articles of local interest.
- Receive weekly updates on issues important to Arizona pediatricians.
- Access important issues on the AzAAP website, including items in a protected area open only to members.

What the Chapter Has Done Lately
- Expanded our newborn screening program to include universal screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD).
- Initiated new committees focused on filling the needs of pediatric hospitalists and young physicians.
- Participated in several Governor’s Commissions to highlight issues related to children’s health and wellbeing.
- Coordinated the growth of Reach Out and Read programs on a statewide basis, ensuring high quality of the program.
- Is currently developing a comprehensive, statewide online resource database, to which Chapter members will have complete access.
- Created a regionalized pediatric emergency care program through partnerships developed between the health department, hospitals, the Chapter itself, and related organizations.
- Experienced a 68% increase in the average number of requests each month for acute and episodic care provided to uninsured children through the Medical Services Project, a system linking school nurses and other providers.

We have directly benefitted pediatricians by:
- Favorably resolving significant billing issues with managed care companies.
- Advocating for pediatrics interest in public health and Medicaid programs at a state level.
- Offering discounts on a variety of services through our Preferred Business Partner program (e.g. discount subscription to Arizona Capitol Times, health insurance plans, office supplies, and collection services).

Annual Chapter Dues
- Fellow- $175; Specialty Fellow- $175; Emeritus Fellow (optional)- $25; Retired Fellow (optional)- $25; Affiliate Member Physician- $175; Affiliate Member Allied Health Professional- $100; Candidate Member- $175; Post-residency Training- $50; Resident- $0; Medical Student- $0

Contact the Chapter Director ______________ at ______________@azaap.org