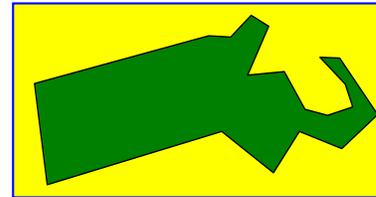


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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER FACTS.....

I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the Massachusetts Chapter?

Advocacy

- Increase knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities on the local level
- Increase involvement in the legislative arena to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in Massachusetts
- Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being
- Promote and communicate the interests and concerns of Massachusetts' pediatricians in the Chapter and AAP

Leadership

- Lead and participate in chapter committees of particular interest to members

Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests
- Represent chapter members on national AAP committees

Education

- Free subscription to the MCAAP newsletter, the *Forum*. Other information pertinent to the business of pediatrics is communicated to members via the Chapter listserv in real time.
- Discounted CME programs that provide CME category 1 AMA credits
- Opportunity to apply for grants to help fund international electives and funds to attend the Annual AAP Legislative Conference

What has your Chapter done lately?

- In June 2015, hosted the Tenth Annual Residents and Fellows Lobbying Day at the Massachusetts State House
- Identified poverty as a priority to will be reflected in Chapter activities
- Launched committees on Immigrant Health, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs as well as Residents and Medical Students Committees
- Identified "Investment in Early Childhood" as a priority to be reflected in Chapter activities

- Galvanized membership to lend input to the state's Medicaid Payment Reform Initiative
- Provided testimony on issues such as personal exemptions for immunizations, physical education in schools, scope of practice, e-cigarettes, the earned income tax credit and postpartum depression screening
- Convened with state commissioners from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Children and Families as well as state legislators
- Expanded the Children's Mental Health Task Force (CMHTF). The CMHTF is comprised of pediatric professionals from psychiatry, parent advocacy leagues, Department of Mental Health, Department of Children and Families, Department of Public Health, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Early Education and Care, health insurance plans, and other agencies concerned with addressing mental health issues that affect children. This Task Force continues to vigorously advocate for children with mental health issues.
- Continued Advocacy for a state-wide immunization initiative which has led to dramatic increases in rates of childhood immunization across all age groups throughout the state. The Initiative educates pediatricians, parents, and school nursing representatives. This has resulted in a marked decrease in missed opportunities to immunize. These efforts have resulted in increased awareness among pediatricians and the public about the importance of immunizations, recent advances in immunizations, and the rapidly changing childhood immunization schedules. Advocated to return Massachusetts to a universal state.
- The Chapter has over 15 committees that are actively working to improve access to health care for children and their families. These committees are listed on the Chapter's web site at www.mcaap.org/committees
- Sponsored the Annual Edward Penn Memorial Lecture, a CME program featuring renowned speakers covering a timely topic of interest to pediatricians. The 2015 program focused entirely on Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Fellow \$150; Specialty Fellow \$150; Emeritus Fellow \$0; Retired Fellow \$0; Associate member \$150; Candidate Member \$75; PRT \$25; Resident \$0; Honorary Fellow \$0. The cost of membership in the AAP & MCAAP is underwritten for medical students.

Whom do I contact?

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