RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES

The following is a list of resources that may be of use as you develop a Healthy Tomorrows program proposal. Reviewing and accessing the resources listed can add value and content to your proposal. The list of resources provides content specific programs at the AAP that may relate to your project and general resources for community-based initiatives. These resources will also be useful when you begin to implement your project.

COMMUNITY PEDIATRICS WEB PAGES

Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program
This is the AAP Healthy Tomorrows Web site featuring general information about the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program and resources for community-based programs.

Community Pediatrics Grants Database
This database archives previously funded community-based grant projects, including those funded through the CATCH Program and the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program. The database is searchable by major categories including: target population, health topic, state/territory, project activity, AAP program, AAP district, and project year.

Community Pediatrics Resources and Tools
This Web site provides links to a variety of resources and tools to help you plan and implement community-based initiatives aimed toward improving child health. You will find an extensive list of resources and tools both within and outside the Academy that will help you complete your project goals and find information related to child health and community-based initiatives.

Cultural Effectiveness and Health Disparities Resources
This Web site provides links to cultural effectiveness and health disparities resources to help incorporate these issues into your project.

Family Participation Resources
This Web site provides useful links on integrating family participation into your project.

Community Pediatrics Funding Opportunities
This Web site provides information on funding opportunities from the Academy and other organizations, as well as links to other funding key contacts and resources.

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

2010 State Title V MCH Block Grant Program Needs Assessment
States describe the need for preventive and primary care services for pregnant women, mothers, and infants up to age one; preventive and primary care services for children; and family-centered, community-based coordinated systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs and their families. The Title V MCH Services Block Gant to States legislation requires each State and jurisdiction to conduct a State-wide, comprehensive Needs Assessment every five (5) years.
Community Health Needs Assessment Toolkit (CHNA)
The CHNA toolkit is a free web-based platform designed to assist hospitals and organizations seeking to better understand the needs and assets of their communities, and to collaborate to make measurable improvements in community health and well-being.

AAP PROGRAM WEB SITES

Bright Futures
Bright Futures, initiated by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) over a decade ago, is a philosophy and approach that is dedicated to the principle that every child deserves to be healthy, and that optimal health involves a trusting relationship between the health professional, the child, the family, and the community. As part of this initiative, Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents was developed to provide comprehensive health supervision guidelines, including recommendations on immunizations, routine health screenings, and anticipatory guidance. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the MCHB are committed to the multidisciplinary and multicultural nature of the Bright Futures initiative.

Bright Futures Mental Health Resources
Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health (2002) is a two-volume set considering the mental health of children in a developmental context, presenting information on early recognition and intervention for specific mental health problems and mental disorders, and providing a tool kit with hands on tools for health professionals and families for use in screening, care management, and health education. The guide is published by the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health at Georgetown University.

Community Access to Child Health
The Community Access To Child Health (CATCH) Program is a national program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) designed to improve access to health care by supporting pediatricians and communities that are involved in community-based efforts for children.

Breastfeeding Program
From its inception, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has been a staunch advocate of breastfeeding as the optimal form of nutrition for infants. Although economic, cultural, and political pressures often confound decisions about infant feeding, the Academy firmly adheres to the position that breastfeeding ensures the best possible health as well as developmental and psychosocial outcomes for the infant. Enthusiastic support and involvement of pediatricians in the promotion and practice of breastfeeding is essential to the achievement of optimal infant and child health, growth, and development. Breastfeeding promotion at the AAP maintains high standards to maximize efforts to promote, support, and manage breastfeeding.

Childhood Immunization Support Program
Through a partnership between the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Childhood Immunization Support Program (CISP) provides resources, tools, and technical assistance for pediatricians, parents, and others to help ensure that children are appropriately vaccinated within the context of a medical home.
Healthy Child Care America
Healthy Child Care America (HCCA) seeks to ensure that all children experience quality childcare within a nurturing environment and have a medical home. Its principles are based on the fact that families, childcare providers, and health professionals in partnership can promote the healthy development of young children in child care settings and increase access to preventive health services and safe physical environments.

National Center for Medical Home Implementation
The National Center for Medical Home Implementation supports effective implementation of medical home among pediatric health care providers, public health professionals, families, and others who care for children. This Web site links health care professionals to resources to provide medical homes for children. Tools include a list of funding opportunities, the medical home training curriculum, and medical home assessment tools.

Oral Health
The AAP works to improve children’s oral health through communication and collaboration between the medical and dental homes, and to make pediatricians and other health professionals an essential part of the oral health team. Through the Section on Oral Health and Chapter Oral Health Advocates, the AAP provides education, training, and advocacy for pediatricians, dentists, other health professionals, and families.

Mental Health
The AAP works with primary care clinicians to expand their comfort and skills in diagnosing and managing (or co-managing) children with common disorders and to ensure that children with severe mental illness maintain a medical home.

School Health Resources
The Council on School Health has a Web site for the general public as well as Council members. Whether you are a practicing health care provider working with schools or caring for school-aged children in your own practice, or school personnel, a parent or guardian, this Web site provides a comprehensive set of references for up-to-date school health information, hot topics, and frequently asked questions.