To achieve our mission, ICAAP advocates for policies that improve the health of children and families in Illinois.

- Protect and improve public health insurance programs to provide quality care for children and families and ensure continued access to health care for Illinois children and families.
  - Advocate for protection of Medicaid, CHIP, and the Affordable Care Act at the federal and state level.
  - Monitor implementation of HealthChoice Illinois to ensure network adequacy and quality care, particularly for children in the DCFS or DSCC programs.
  - Advocate for timely and appropriate payment to physicians.
- Protect access to immunizations for all children.
  - Continue to work with physicians, HFS, and managed care organizations to advocate for proper reimbursement for physicians providing vaccines to children insured through Title XXI/CHIP or the state-funded program.
- Improve screening, diagnosis, and access to care for children and adolescents at risk for developmental delays, disabilities, mental health concerns, and trauma.
- Policies to support families living in poverty that address the social determinants of health.
- Promote healthy lifestyles by ensuring children have access to nutritious foods and physical activity.

ICAAP’s 2018 legislative priorities include supporting efforts to:

- Codify the requirement that children remain in rear-facing car seats to age 2.
- Raise the minimum age to buy tobacco products to 21.
- Protect physical education in Illinois schools.
- Identify and provide appropriate screening and treatment for mental health concerns in children and adolescents.

ICAAP members meet regularly during the legislative session to review bills related to children’s health and sign-on requests from partner organizations. Final decisions will ultimately be determined by the ICAAP Executive Committee, Committee on Government Affairs, and Legislative Subcommittee.