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# South Carolina Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

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## SCAAP Newsletter

October 2022

### President's Message

Friends,

Happy October! So wonderful to see so many of you at **AAP NCE** in Anaheim! Here are a few updates from the last month:

- Huge thanks to many of you who testified at JCLCC throughout the state!
- [SCAAP provided input](#) into the proposed changes to the DHEC Vital Statistics Regulation
- SC Coalition for Safer Schools (of which we are a coalition partner) [press release on 9/15/22](#) and another [statement on 10/5/22](#). In addition, Family Connections is joining as the 8th coalition partner.
- On 10/3/22 the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Medical Association (AMA) and Children's Hospital Association (CHA) **unite in support of physicians and hospitals who have been threatened and attacked in recent months**. [See press release here](#). The groups sent a [letter](#) to Attorney General Merrick Garland urging the Department of Justice to investigate the increasing threats of violence against physicians, hospitals and families of children for providing and seeking [evidence-based gender-affirming care](#). The organizations also call on technology platforms to do more to stop the rhetoric that often incites threats or acts of violence and has led to harassment campaigns across the country, much of it directed at children's hospitals and the physicians and staff who work there.
- Our chapter's legislative advocacy efforts in support of **reproductive health** were shared/highlighted at the AAP NCE in Anaheim.
- Drs. Martha Edwards & Ramkumar Jayagopalan are knee-deep in **CATCH** planning - mark your calendar - Jan 20-22, 2023, at Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston.

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## Telehealth Subcommittee Seeking Members

The SCAAP telehealth subcommittee has had some turnover and the new leader is Dr. Jimmy McElligott. Please email him ([mcellig@musc.edu](mailto:mcellig@musc.edu)) this month if you're interested! He's an innovative leader and will certainly take us to the next level! We are looking for any interested members including trainees!

The SCTA had a telehealth awareness week in September. Feel free to check out their [SCTA Facebook page](#).

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## Advocacy Corner

Check out [www.scaap.org/advocacy](http://www.scaap.org/advocacy) for our latest actionable state issue! If you sent an action before on this issue, do it again...we adjust the recipients based on where the bill is in the process.

A few other national updates:

1. Home visitation support passed out of committee with a BIPARTISAN UNANIMOUS 41-0 vote (thank you Dr. Greenhouse and friends for your advocacy).
2. Oregon and MA passed Medicaid waivers and expansions and automatic re-enrollment and MA cited evidence that there is clear evidence that there are better outcomes when primary care docs are appropriately reimbursed
3. AAP president Dr. Moira Szilagi spent time with President Biden supporting universal free meals for all children at school, more community partnerships with local farmers and having real people prepare healthy food for children.

Be sure to check out the AAP's [Academic and Subspecialty Advocacy Report](#) to reflect the work we've done recently on behalf of AAP subspecialty members. This includes extensive work to address both urgent and long-term needs of pediatric subspecialists.

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## DAODAS “Don’t Risk It” Campaign

The South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) and the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) are excited to announce the launch of the “Don’t Risk It” campaign and [website](#) to provide information and resources

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September 2022 in SC was proclaimed by Governor McMaster as “FASD Awareness Month” and Friday 9/9/2022 is [National FASD Awareness Day](#). Please share the following information and resources with others and post on your agency website or social media outlets.

We are also sharing an opportunity for training in FASD diagnosis for medical professionals. ECHO FASD is a 10-session program starting in mid-October (~2x/mo) that will provide training and a community of practice in how to diagnose FASD and provide care management. This is appropriate for MDs, NPs, PAs, etc in primary and specialty care settings with diagnosis in their scope of practice. People interested in joining can email [lynn\\_cole@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:lynn_cole@urmc.rochester.edu)

South Carolina Public Radio recently did an [article](#) about FASD in SC and lack of resources. SC has a new FASD website. Go to [www.Dontriskitsc.com](http://www.Dontriskitsc.com)



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## Student, Resident, and Fellow Membership Fees: Nudge a Trainee Today to Join!

**Medical Students:** \$25 national AAP, \$0 SCAAP

**Residents:** \$135 national, \$30 SCAAP (usually sponsored by a program)

**Fellowship Trainees:** \$145 national, \$30 SCAAP

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## Foster Care

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underutilized.

See this [DSS site](#) for health care providers. Of particular interest, it lists the Regional Nurse for each area of the state. This person can serve as a contact, advocate, liaison for our pediatricians, DSS and our children in foster care to help with ensuring care needs are met.

And this last one, is a [three-page easy to digest flyer](#) about well-child CARE for children in foster care.

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## Bright Futures: Health Equity Resources for Health Care Professionals

This new compendium of [health equity resources](#) includes tips and tools to prepare pediatric health care professionals to address the impact of racism, bias, and discrimination on the health and well-being of their patients and families. Pediatric health care professionals can use these resources in their practice/professional setting, for use in training, and for their own professional learning. They are designed to be used together, as a series, or as individual resources, based on the needs of the pediatric health care professional. For more detailed information on how to use these resources, please refer to the [introductory guide](#).

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## Spina Bifida Awareness Month Resources

October is Spina Bifida Awareness Month. Check out some of the AAP resources related to spina bifida, including:

- [Infographic: Care Coordination for Youth and Young Adults with Spina Bifida in Health Care Transition](#)
  - [ECHO: Health Care Transition from Pediatric to Adult-focused Care for Youth with Spina Bifida](#)
  - [AAP Voices Blog: Helping Those with Spina Bifida Make Developmentally Appropriate Transition to Adult Care](#)
  - [HealthyChildren.org: Spina Bifida: Helping Teens Transition to Adult Centered Care](#)
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This is the official call to gather all who provide care and are part of the ecosystem.

impacting the wellbeing of 365 million hyperhidrosis patients and sufferers. Join us **Saturday, November 5th in Charleston, SC**, for the [International Hyperhidrosis Society's Annual Master Class in Hyperhidrosis Care and Practice Efficiency](#), with a **VIP Welcome Reception Friday**. You are hereby invited, and [registration](#) is open!

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## New Immunization Visual Guides for Clinic Visits

Created for pediatricians and other primary care providers to share with patients and families during clinical encounters, the new AAP [Adolescent Immunization Discussion Guides](#) focus on vaccines recommended for preteens and teens age 9 through 18 years old. Speaking points for pediatricians are paired with family-friendly infographics to promote efficient, productive conversations and explain what's behind each vaccine recommendation. Pages can be shared on a tablet, printed to hang on the wall, emailed, and shared on social media. Check out more [tips](#) on how to use the new guides.

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## Mark your calendars!

### SCAAP Activities:

- **SCAAP virtual board meeting:** October 13, 2022 at 7:30p
- **SCAAP O. Marion Burton CATCH meeting:** January 20-22, 2023, at Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston
- **SCAAP/ICS State House advocacy day:** March 9, 2023
- **SCAAP summer meeting 2023:** August 10-13, 2023, at Grove Park Inn

### National AAP activities:

- **On 10/12/2022:** [ECHO: Health Care Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care for Youth with Spina Bifida](#)
  - **On 10/18/2022:** [MIHOU Round Table Discussion Series – Round Table 3](#)
  - [Future NCE dates](#)
  - AAP advocacy conference: March 26-28, 2023
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## SCAAP Information

**SCAAP officers (August 2022 – July 2024):**

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- Ramkumar Jayagopalan, MD, FAAP Ramkumarjayagopalan@gmail.com - Secretary/treasurer
- Bob Saul, MD, FAAP robertsaul@me.com – Past president & Nominating committee chair

**SCAAP Executive committee, Board, Committees, Liaisons:** [CLICK HERE.](#)

**SCAAP Members with National Roles:**

- Johnny Langley, MD, FAAP: Section on home care, chair
- Julie Linton, MD, FAAP: Section on Immigrant Child and Family Health, chair (was invited, but had COVID 😞)
- Greg Barabell, MD, FAAP: Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee, Chair
- Jennifer Poon, MD, FAAP: Section on developmental and behavioral pediatrics, member
- Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP: SCAAP, president; Immediate past chair of Section on Critical Care
- Martha Edwards, MD, FAAP: SCAAP, vice-president
- Routt Reigart, MD, FAAP: Committee on drugs, chair
- Evelyn Rodriguez, MD, MPH, FAAP: Epidemiology, Public Health, and Evidence, executive committee member
- Eliza Varadi, MD, FAAP: Section on Early Career Physicians, District IV representative

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