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SCAAP Newsletter

June 2023

Friends,

Happy June! We've been keeping busy...

- June 2, 2023, is **#WearOrange** day! Be sure to don your colors and share your **#wearorange** photo on social media, and tag **@SC_AAP** so we can retweet it!
- Click here to [register](#) and to see the agenda for the **annual summer chapter meeting at Grove Park** August 10-13, 2023!
- Check out Dr. Debbie Greenhouse's awesome [interview](#), Dr. Martha Edwards' [interview](#), and Dr. Jan Key's [interview](#) highlighting May as **mental health awareness month** and reflecting on what we are seeing in peds.
- Happy **PRIDE**! See this [article](#) highlighting Trevor Project data. DYK the origin of pride? [Check it out](#). So thankful for all of you and would like to honor the strength, courage, and beauty of our LGBTQ+ colleagues/patients/families. Here's a little [gift of science](#) (freely accessible articles in J. Adol Health, all relevant to the kids/families we serve)...feel free to read/share.
- **Medicaid Unwinding** is having a real impact across the country on children. If you haven't seen the [SCDHHS bulletin](#), please check it out, and be sure to post [this flyer](#) all over! See an article on this quoting Dr. Greenhouse [here](#).
- Drs. Amy Martin & Blakely Amati have developed [this survey](#) re: **oral health** practices in primary care. Please take 3min to complete!!! This was determined to be IRB-exempt.
- Drs. Martha Edwards & Leigh Bragg are working on a new **Project Firstline** grant...ty!
- Our partners at ICS and Wholespire are in the process of completing a grant application with [Voices for Healthy Kids](#) under their "**Healthy School Meals for All**" initiative. This would be funding to support efforts to pass [S. 148](#), which would provide free school meals for all children attending public schools in South Carolina regardless of family income. (We've already begun some advocacy work on this goal in [local media](#) as well). SCAAP

- Check out this [article](#) from MUSC Peds resident Dr. Allison Kuipers on **period poverty**.
- We signed onto a petition supporting **Lift the Bar Act**, which would restore access to programs like Medicaid, CHIP, and SNAP for many immigrant families by removing the five-year bar and other barriers that deny critical care and aid to people who are lawfully present. AAP is a member of the Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign that is circulating this letter and is signed on to the letter as well.
- A few articles for **summer reading**:
 - [antiracism in action: deconstructing the role of CPS](#) (worth a read!)
 - [Pediatric refugees](#)
 - [gender discrimination and sexual harassment in a department of pediatrics](#)
 - [confessions of a pediatrician: a resident mom's perspective](#)
 - [caring for our children while training to care for all children](#)

Legislative advocacy updates

- Check out the [legislative update](#) as of 5/15/23 shared by the incredible Maggie Cash.
- Led by Dr. Kent Jones in partnership with geneticists and other advocates, the chapter supported [S.394](#) focused on **newborn screen notification**, which became law on 5/17/23!
- We continue to oppose [S.627](#), which proposes a **gender-affirming care** ban for children under 18yo and forces schools to our children before they are ready. We testified against this bill on 3/23/23 in Senate Medical Affairs. For now, it appears this will not move this session but will likely be taken up next session.
- We continue to support the **hate crime** penalty enhancement bill [H.3014](#) and this may be taken up next session.
- We supported [H.4122](#), which would improve **access to lifesaving meds**, including epinephrine autoinjectors, naloxone, etc., in school, and this became law on 5/16/23.
- We continue to oppose [S.505](#) & [H.3988](#), which would allow pharmacists and **pharmacy techs to test and provide treatment for certain diagnoses** and would **lower the age for pharmacists to provide routine vaccinations to 12 from 18yo**; unclear what will happen in the next session.
- We opposed [H.3681](#) **tobacco preemption** bill, which takes away the rights of local communities to pass important policies to prevent and reduce youth tobacco use; this was signed into law on 5/16/23.

Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP

President

Happy June! Below is some information that may be of interest to early career physicians: 1) Speaker Opportunity, 2) SOECP SOAP Notes Blog, 3) PFL Scholarship Opportunity, and 4) Live Virtual Event on Tourette Syndrome June 2nd. Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Your SOECP District IV Reps

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ADR: Erika Cravanas, MD— erika.cravanas@duke.edu

1. Speaker Opportunity: Section on Pediatric Trainees EDI Webinar on Abbott Elementary and Pediatrics

The Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Workgroup is looking for 1 - 2 male speakers who identify as underrepresented in medicine (URM) who are interested in sitting on a panel for our trainee members. The panel will be a deep dive into the intersection of Abbott Elementary and representation within pediatrics. This event is currently scheduled for June 12th at 8pm EST/5pm PST.

Are you interested or want to learn more? Email [Cayla Buck](#).

2. SOECP SOAP Notes Blog Submissions

Interested in submitting an article to the SOECP SOAP Notes Blog? Posts can be on any topic relevant to early career pediatricians. Many choose to submit articles related to National Health Observances (these are due the month prior to the health observance you are writing about). Once accepted, blog articles are posted to the SOECP SOAP Notes Blog and shared via the SOECP What's New monthly newsletter. Blog article submissions are due on the 15th of each month. [More information here!](#)

Check Out These Resources and Opportunities

Check out [Medicaid's bulletin](#) regarding **coverage for factor for hemophilia patients**.

Check out [SC Immunization Coalition's](#) resources, webinars, and especially their projects ongoing in rural counties!

Note the AAP has named its first [chief health equity officer](#)!

See this virtual reality training [module](#) on **equity and antiracism in global healthcare**

Resources for gender-affirming care:

[Plume](#), [Folx](#), and [Trace](#)

See other phone resources [here](#) for trans youth in our state.

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SC Health Professionals for Climate Action (led by our very own Dr. Hayley Guilkey), along with some other southern groups, are holding a series with the **Southern Environmental Law Center** about environmental health issues in the south.

A promotional poster for the SELC Summer Series. At the top, there are three logos: SCHPCA (South Carolina Health Professionals for Climate Action), SELC (Southern Environmental Law Center), and GCCA (Georgia Clinicians for Climate Action). The title "SELCSUMMERSERIES" is prominently displayed in large, bold, brown letters. Below the title, three events are listed, each with a date in a brown box, the event title in bold, and the time and Zoom link. The background is a light beige color with a faint, stylized leaf pattern in the bottom right corner.

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MAY 1ST **FRANK HOLLEMAN & SELC INTRODUCTION**
@ 7 PM (ON ZOOM)
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SELCINTRO](https://tinyurl.com/SELCINTRO)

JUNE 5TH **WATER WORKS, PFAS, AND ACTION**
@ 7PM (ON ZOOM)
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SELCTALK2](https://tinyurl.com/SELCTALK2)

JULY 10TH **INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION**
@ 7 PM (ON ZOOM)
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SELCTALK3](https://tinyurl.com/SELCTALK3)

**Want to learn more about
Southern Environmental Law
Center & ways to get involved in
your community? Join us and our
partners at Georgia Clinicians for
Climate Action this summer for our
SELCSummer Series talks!**

Office-Based Pediatric Readiness Tuesday 6/13/2023 @ 3pm EST



Dr. Matt Yuknis
Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Associate Medical Director, Critical Care Transport
Riley Hospital for Children
Indiana University School of Medicine

Zoom meeting information: Join from your computer or mobile device:

<https://bostonchildrens.zoom.us/j/98462641797?pwd=MjBkeHRwcFNzdS9PTFIBRGh3L3IxUT09&from=addon>

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408-638-0968 (If you are unable to dial into the primary number)

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Advocacy Corner

The legislative session is mostly on hold til January 2024; whew!

Check out LA's victorious tale over **gender-affirming care** ban here: On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, [House Bill 648](#) was defeated in the Louisiana Senate Health and Welfare Committee. HB 648 sought to create a statewide ban on gender-affirming care for transgender youth under the age of 18. The bill would have barred physicians from providing gender-affirming medical treatments such as gender-affirming surgery, hormone therapy, and/or puberty blockers to transgender patients under the threat of having their professional licenses revoked. The tie-breaking 5-4 vote came down to the chairman of the committee, a pharmacist, who stated that his trust in the patient-physician relationship and the findings from a [Louisiana Health Department study](#) influenced his decision to vote against the bill. Louisiana is the first state in the largely GOP-controlled South to defeat such a bill, marking a major victory for LGBTQ advocates. Louisiana's HB 648 is part of a wave of anti-LGBTQ legislation around the country. To date, [19 states](#) have passed legislation to ban gender-affirming care for transgender and gender-diverse youth. In 2022, Texas became the largest state to ban gender-affirming care. Recently,

relative to the proposed regulations. AAP is actively engaged via amicus briefs in legal challenges to several of these bills. The AAP will continue to monitor the status of gender-affirming care legislation across the country. Please contact the [AAP state advocacy team](#) for more information and resources on gender-affirming care in your state.

As we approach the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, we are closely monitoring a major change in federal policy impacting children and families who seek asylum in the United States. Effective this Thursday, the US will end the use of a public health law used to expel immigrant children and families during the COVID-19 PHE known as Title 42. Although Title 42 does not apply to unaccompanied children (those who arrive at the US border without a parent or legal guardian immediately present to care for them), last year, Title 42 was used to expel adults and children to Mexico or their home country more than 2 million times. The AAP has long opposed Title 42 and has continually advocated for increasing protections and humanitarian standards for children in federal custody. [AAP President Dr Sandy Chung's reflections on her border visit last summer is the subject of her next column in AAP News](#). In anticipation of the end of Title 42, the Biden Administration recently deployed Department of Defense personnel to the southern border and [announced](#) new policies to create regional processing centers outside the US and increase the number of refugees. However, the Administration has also proposed a rule that would severely limit access to asylum for most families about which AAP has [expressed](#) serious concerns. In addition, when the reinstating of family detention was under consideration by the Biden Administration, AAP, joined by 11 other clinician and provider groups, [voiced](#) their opposition. Thankfully, this policy appears to be on hold for now.

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) is excited to announce the revamp of our [Maternal & Child Health Bill Tracker](#) – A tool for professionals and individuals interested in federal legislation focused on improving and advancing maternal and child health (MCH).

Take this civics quiz! <https://www.aap.org/en/advocacy/aap-advocacy-guide/civics-quiz/>

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

Interested in Advancing Health Equity for Immigrant Families in SC?

As the outgoing Chair of the AAP Council on Immigrant Child and Family Health, Dr. Julie Linton is interested in exploring the development of a SC AAP Immigrant Health Committee that would consider clinical, educational, advocacy, and policy-level challenges and opportunities for caring for children in immigrant families in SC. Please email Julie Linton, juliemlinton@gmail.com, if interested. Also please stay tuned for a planning meeting at the SCAAP meeting in Asheville!

Making the CASE (Collaborative and Supportive Education) for Behavioral and Mental Health

by Silvia Pereira-Smith, MD (developmental-behavioral pediatrician)

To improve the behavioral and mental health support for youth in SC, I would like to invite you to MUSC Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics' monthly collaborative office rounds held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12-1pm in which providers from various backgrounds who are interested in pediatric behavioral and mental health can get together for collaborative discussions regarding various topics in which an expert speaker leads the conversation. 1 hour of CME or CEU will be offered to participants at no-cost. [Click here to join the CASE listserv!](#) You may also reach out to Nina Kahn at kahnni@musc.edu for further information.

Making the CASE (Collaborative and Supportive Education) for Behavioral and Mental Health is led by Silvia Pereira-Smith, MD (developmental-behavioral pediatrician) and Ashley Early, LISW-CP (developmental-behavioral social worker and mental health provider), along with Claire MacGeorge, MD (general pediatrician) and Erin Hayes, MD (child and adolescent psychiatrist). CASE is supported by HRSA Maternal Child Health (T20MC30802). It features a topic each month, often with an expert guest. This group's aim is to improve the ability of pediatric providers and other community professionals to address the day-to-day psychosocial issues of children, adolescents, and their families, and collaborate with developmental-behavioral pediatricians, social workers, and child psychiatrists through peer supervision.

Mark Your Calendars!

SCAAP Activities:

- **SCAAP summer meeting 2023:** August 10-13, 2023, at Grove Park Inn

- 6/1/2023: [AAP EDI Award Nominations Due](#)
- 6/1/2023: [Grant Information Session: Building Capacity for Trauma-Informed Pediatric Care](#)
- 6/2/2023: [Virtual Course on Tourette Syndrome and Beyond: Reducing Disparities and Understanding Tic-Related Conditions](#)
- 6/2/2023: [F. Edwards Rushton CATCH Award Nominations Due](#)
- 6/5/2023: [FrameWorks Toolkit Preview: Putting New Vaccine Confidence Messaging into Action](#)
- 6/9/2023: [PREP Self-Assessment Program Deputy Editor Nominations Due](#)
- 6/13/2023: [Chapter Grant: Building Capacity for Trauma-Informed Pediatric Care Applications Due](#)
- 6/15/2023: [Virtual Course: Identifying and Caring for Children and Adolescents with ADHD](#)
- 6/15/2023: [PREP Subspecialty Self-Assessment Editorial Board Nominations Due](#)
- 6/16/2023: [Project Firstline Chapter Grants and IPC Ambassador Program Applications Due](#)
- 6/20/2023: [Virtual Coffee Talk on Congenital Heart Defects \(CHD\)](#)
- 6/22/2023: [Virtual Course on High-Yield Clinical Pediatric Hospital Medicine](#)
- [Future NCE dates](#)

SCAAP Information

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