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SCAAP Newsletter

April 2024

Friends,

Happy Spring!

- **Board member voting continues through 4/5/24** for secretary/treasurer, member-at-large (Midlands), member-at-large (Lowcountry), trainee co-chair membership, & trainee co-chair DEI. And **award nominations are due 4/5/24 for career achievement and advocacy awards**. Ballot/nominations here: https://redcap.link/2024_awardnom_boardelection
- Thank you to all who participated in and planned a very successful **SCAAP state house day 3/26/24**...check out our social media channels for some great pics!
- TY to Dr. Lloyd Kapp for attending and sharing [notes](#) on this month's **DHEC pediatric advisory committee mtg**.
- Check out this month's [update](#) from our awesome **mental health task force**.
- All: We are **recruiting for committee/subcommittee members!** Please check out the [committee list](#) and reach out to join.
- Please contact president@scaap.org if you want to include kudos or announcements in the newsletter!

In the news:

- Check out **Dr. Martha Edwards'** blog <https://overunderinbetween.wordpress.com/>
- **Dr. Bob Saul**, immediate past president, crafted another articulate blog post! If you'd like to receive his weekly blog post via email, contact him at robertsaul@me.com

Grants:

- **AHIP Medicaid Unwinding** grant: \$10,000

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- **Abbott GI (4.5k) & Abbott nutrition (5k) grants**
- Other active grants: **Project Firstline, trainee engagement grant**

Vaccine info:

- Sanofi's info on the [Beyfortus 2024-2025 season reservation program](#)
- See [info](#) shared by Dr. Bragg on **recognizing measles** cases
- See CDC [health advisory](#) on the **increase in invasive serogroup Y meningococcal** disease in the US
- Download this [quick reference guide](#) from AAP for **age-appropriate dosing of the COVID-19 vaccine**. The chart includes information for immunocompromised children and has been updated to include the latest booster dosing information for children under 5yo.

Upcoming dates:

- Annual summer meeting August 8-11, 2024, Royal Sonesta in Hilton Head
- CATCH meeting January 24-26, 2025, Francis Marion hotel in Charleston
- Annual summer meeting August 7-10, 2025, Grove Park in Asheville

State advocacy updates:

- Check out the incredible [Maggie Cash's update](#) as of 3/4/24
- **Call or email your legislators here!** www.scaap.org/advocacy
- There will be numerous opportunities for various types of legislative advocacy this session. We'd love to put together a **Slack or What's App thread for advocates** who are interested in being activated for action! Email president@scaap.org if you're interested with your cell!
- [S.882](#) "**Prescriptions for minors**" is of significant concern and testified against this bill in subcommittee on 1/3/24 and offered input on amendments. This bill passed senate as amended, sent to House 3M.
- **Seizure Safe Schools Act** ([H.3309](#)): We have been working with SCASA and SC Advocates for Epilepsy again on this bill, and it passed house and senate.
- **Gender affirming care** ban [H.4624](#): we have been active in testifying against this in house and senate, and we are hopeful for delay as it's next step would be to senate floor. Check out this relevant article from [AAMC](#).
- [H.3988](#) **PREP act**: We have been in communication with other stakeholders on this issue and testified against it then worked on amendments. [S.505](#) is the companion bill. It passed the house and is now referred to senate med affairs.
- [S.21](#) **Children's Firearm Accident Prevention Act**: this bill would provide consequences for adults who do not store firearms safely, creating accountability if a child is injured. We are in support. This was referred to senate judiciary and has not moved.

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professionals uniformly testifying in opposition, this became law.

- **Hate crime** penalty enhancement bill [H.3014](#): we continue to support this bill an urge leg to be taken up in the senate this session. This passed house and is headed to senate floor.
- [S.975 anti-covid vax](#): we submitted testimony in opposition (along with the governor and DHEC) and despite this, the bill passed favorably out of senate med affairs.

National advocacy updates

- Registration for the **2024 AAP Advocacy Conference is open!** The conference will take place in Washington, DC, April 14 – 16, 2024.
- We signed onto a [letter](#) along with the AAP and partners in the Gun Violence Prevention Research Roundtable coalition in support of **gun violence prevention research funding** for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.
- Shoutout to **Cayla Wakser**, medical student member, who drafted a resolution that is sponsored by the Section on Pediatric Trainees on the importance of advocacy training in med school.
- Regarding the **Change Health outage**, AAP and CHA [issued a joint letter](#) to U.S. DHHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, advocating for new/continued flexibilities for Medicaid & CHIP.
- Check out this [timeline and video](#) on **AAP advocacy over the years**.
- [OnCall4Kids](#) is hosting their next in-person lobbying day on the hill 5/21/24 focused on gun violence prevention. [RSVP here](#). Committee application [here](#).
- **How to Sign Up for AAP Advocacy Emails:** The Academy sends regular advocacy updates and advocacy action alerts to AAP members, along with a weekly Capital Check-Up email, recapping the child health policy news from Washington when Congress is in session. To sign-up, email kids1st@aap.org along with your name, email address and AAP ID if known.

Conferences and Webinars

- Check out this [free info session](#) in **Columbia on Blue Zones** 4/3
- Check out these **behavioral health ECHOs** coming up [4/3](#) & [4/17](#) (free CME!)

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Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) Corner

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exciting opportunity for you! We are currently seeking 2 SOECP members to serve as co-editors for our monthly SOAP Notes Blog. As co-editors, you will have the opportunity to shape the content of our blog, collaborate with fellow members, and showcase your editing skills. Key responsibilities include:

- Work with AAP staff on creating and scheduling a call for review of articles
- Review all submissions, ensuring that content is appropriate for readership
- Edit articles for content, length, and citation
- Have a strong knowledge and understanding of APA style
- Communicate with authors on a timely basis
- Work with AAP staff on blog design and layout
- Coordinate blurb for monthly What's New e-Newsletter

Interested members can click [HERE](#) to learn more and to apply. The application deadline is **April 14, 2024**. Questions? Please contact [Elisha Ferguson](#).

2. SOECP Liaison Position—Open until the position filled

[SOECP Liaison to the Committee on Infectious Diseases \(COID\) Red Book Online \(RBO\) Team](#)

Term: 3 yr commitment with opportunity for reappointment (preferred: March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2027)

Eligibility: Applicant must be a member of the SOECP within 10 years of residency or fellowship training

[Apply Here!](#)

For details, including time commitment and responsibilities, refer to the [SOECP Liaison to COID RBO Team Position Description](#)

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

Visit www.scaap.org and go to membership to join.

Mark Your Calendars!

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- [4/3/2024: Webinar: Setting the Stage: Food Security and Advocating for Food Justice with Families](#)
- [4/5/2024: Webinar: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Screening, Assessment, & Diagnosis](#)
- [4/8/2024: Early Bird Deadline: Virtual Course on Pediatric and Adolescent HIV Training](#)
- [4/8/2024: Launch of AAP Hallways to \(Mental\) Health ECHO](#)
- [4/9/2024: Applications Due: Promoting Healthy Digital Habits Chapter Grants Supported by AT&T](#)
- [4/9/2024: Launch of AAP Social Media and Youth Mental Health ECHO: Strategies for Clinicians](#)
- [4/11/2024: Webinar: A Child Rights-Based Approach to Achieving Health Equity](#)
- [4/12/2024: Abstracts Due: 2024 AAP National Conference & Exhibition](#)
- [4/14-16/2024: 2024 AAP Advocacy Conference](#)
- [4/15/2024: Nominations Due: Section on Advances in Therapeutics and Technology Award for Pediatric Innovation](#)
- [4/26/2024: Nominations Due: 2024 AAP Education Award](#)

[Future NCE dates](#)

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Webinar Series: Building Pediatrician and Hospital System Capacity to Promote Food Security – Session 1 April 3

The AAP, [Share Our Strength – No Kid Hungry](#), [Children's Hospital Association](#), and [Food Research & Action Center](#) have created a 5-part webinar series that dives deeper into how pediatricians and other health care professionals can promote food security at the clinical, community, state, and national level. The series includes presentations from experts, a lived experience panel, an open discussion around WIC data sharing with USDA, and a presentation from Dr Caree Cotwright of the USDA. The first session in the series, Setting the Stage: Food Security and Advocating for Food Justice with Families, will take place on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, from 11:00 am–12:00 pm CT. [Click here](#) to learn more about each session and register for the series. For more information, visit the [Building Pediatrician Capacity to Address Food Insecurity](#) page.

Webinar: A Child Rights-Based Approach to Achieving Health Equity – April 11

Join the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics (COCP) on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 5:00–6:30 pm CT to learn the principles of children's rights and discuss how child health professionals can apply these principles in pursuit of health equity. This free webinar is open to both AAP members and non-members. [Register here](#). **Contact:** [AAP Council on Community Pediatrics](#)

SCAAP Information

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- Bob Saul, MD, FAAP robertsaul@me.com – Past president & Nominating committee chair

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