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SCAAP Newsletter

July 2024

Friends,

Happy July!

- **Registration & hotel block for the summer meeting in Hilton Head is open!**
<https://scaap.org/meetings/> We encourage non-trainee members as you register to volunteer to be a **judge in the resident poster competition**. TY to Dr. Jenny Hudson for handling this!
- Hooray! [SCDHHS preferred drug list](#) implementation is 7/1/24! TY **Dr. Wessinger** J Note there is a 180-day continuity of care period (can stay on same meds until 12/31/24). Many of the medications on the list, particularly many of the ADHD and asthma medications used for children, are listed as "brand preferred." But there are shortages of many of those brand medications right now. The pharmacy team at SCDHHS responded to this concern: "Magellan, SC Medicaid's pharmacy benefit administrator, monitors drug shortages and manufacturer-discontinued medications. Recommended overrides will be put in place when this occurs and removed when the situation is resolved. We welcome you to visit our SCDHHS pharmacy webpage at [Pharmacy | SCDHHS](#) for additional information related to the single, state directed preferred drug list. When on this webpage, please click 'Resources' and view any of the published links, which includes a "Single PDL Frequent Asked Questions" document. However, should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us."
- Interested in the AAP resolution process? There's still one reference committee left (register [here](#)), check out resolutions [here](#), and provide online comment [here](#) which closes 7/12.
- 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!

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Last week's meeting (DHEC advisory meeting (TY to Drs. Kapp & Edwards!))

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- **Danielle Wingo** has been selected as the new Maternal and Child Health Bureau Director. She started this role November 17, and in this position, she will have oversight for the Women's Health, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Population Health Surveillance and the Children's Health and Perinatal Services Divisions as well as the overall operations of the MCH Bureau.
- As of Monday 7/1/24 DHEC will be **Dept of Public Health**, not DHEC. Emails unchanged.
- **Dr. Linda Bell** is now Branch Director of health programs.
- **Jordyn Livingston**, Title Five admin maternal and child health : did a presentation on Results Based Accountability– a way of thinking and acting to improve lives of children families and communities. Idea that we are accountable to whole population. Is data informed and focuses on collaboration and communication. Goal: all babies in SC sleep safely. Have seen increase in deaths from 2020-2022. Indicator: # of accidental suffocations in SC. How are coroners assessing? Consistency across the state? Discussion took place on meeting parents where they are, connecting Jordyn to the Safe Sleep Coalition, engaging other partners (esp OBs for prenatal discussions).
- **Youth Access to Psychiatry Program-YAP-P**: This is a grant that has established a program to help improve access to mental health services for children and adolescents. It provides a rapid child psychiatry consultation to improve access to and quality mental health services with provider to provider consult usually within 24 hours. It also provides a direct connection to SC DMH mental health centers (all mental health centers in SC report to DMH). Provides training and resources for PCPs, practices, and staff. Provides patient and family education materials. The resources and education include clinical guidelines and pearls customized for SC, MOC/CME activity, ECHO clinic on youth behavior health. They have evaluated as part of the grant expanding to school-based health centers. Currently, they have chosen Glasscho which is a part of Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton counties.
- **Immunization Update**
 - Sherell Stephens is the new Immunization Section Director
 - Back to School vaccines for 2024-2025
 - 9th grade 1 dose of Tdap
 - 10th grade 2 doses of varicella or positive immunity
 - 12th grade 3 doses of polio
 - 4th grade 2 doses of Hep A
 - Community Partners
 - SC Immunization Coalition--Every visit is a vaccine visit
 - Targeted training on the importance of vaccines
 - Mobile vaccine providers to partner with schools, churches, health fairs
 - Discussion of vaccine rates and exemptions and trying to look into requiring a yearly update on vaccine exemptions. DHEC is going to look into this, but there is still concern with vaccines in the current political climate.

In the news:

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- [SC's first inpatient peds rehab unit is OPEN!](#) Put a dot on the map (check out this [article](#) published just before opening showing the need)!
- The Primary Healthcare Association awarded **Dr. Michael Foxworth** of HopeHealth Pediatrics in Florence as Provider of the Year!
- Feel free to share these relevant HealthyChildren.org articles on your personal or work social channels: [July 4th safety](#), [Food safety tips for outdoor meals](#)
- Check out Your Local Epidemiologist's take [on our role in GVP](#).
- Check out former SCAAP (now TNAAP) member's oresentation on the recent Chapter Highlights [webinar](#) focused on **BeSMART/GVP**
- **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

Vaccine & vaccine-preventable disease info:

- Relevant [article](#) from AAP news on divorced parents & immunizations.
- 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

Opportunities

- Check out this free virtual training on 6/11/24 regarding [substance use and mental health during pregnancy](#) developed by the University of Denver and sponsored by SCIMHA
- Institute for Child Success invites you to the South Carolina **kickoff of the National Black Child Development Institute** (NBCDI) on Wednesday, June 12 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Brookland Baptist Church (1066 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC 29169). Lunch will be provided at **NO** cost to you. [Please register here](#) to join.
- Check out these 3 upcoming free ECHOs: 6/5 [suicide prevention](#), 6/19 [school-centered collaborative care](#), 6/20 empowering kids to [make healthy choices](#)

Grants:

- AHIP Medicaid Unwinding grant: \$10,000
- AAP/Merck Adolescent Vaccinations and Wellness Grant Program: \$21,000
- Suicide Prevention Ambassador grant

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State advocacy updates:

- From our colleagues at **Wholespire**: “When the legislature adjourned in May, Proviso 1.67 was included in the Senate and House budgets addressing 2024-2025 school year. This Proviso is the same as last year's 1.68 encouraging participation in CEP and resulted in over 100,000 more children receiving free meals in the 2023-2024 school year. There have been reports as recently as yesterday of more districts signing up. We also worked with legislators to include Proviso 1.115, making reduced-priced meals free meals. At adjournment, it was only in the Senate budget. We have received word that this proviso made it into today's budget passage with up to \$1.6 million in recurring funds! I will be in touch after the Governor reviews the budget and responds to the General Assembly. We appreciate your partnership, support, and dedication to the children of our state.”
- There are numerous opportunities for various types of legislative advocacy this session. We put together a **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!

National advocacy updates

- “In a recent ruling, US District Judge Robert L. Hinkle [struck down](#) a 2023 ban on gender-affirming care in Florida. In a 105-page [ruling](#), Judge Hinkle called the ban on access to gender-affirming care discriminatory and unconstitutional. Citing from the AAP-led amicus brief, filed along with 18-plus medical organizations, Judge Hinkle ruled that gender identity is real and there are “well-established standards of care for treatment of gender dysphoria.” Furthermore, Judge Hinkle stated that the state overreached when it barred transgender minors from obtaining prescribed puberty blockers or hormone therapies with their parents’ permission. Judge Hinkle’s ruling affirmed that transgender people are constitutionally entitled to their health care needs and said, “the overwhelming weight of medical authority supports treatment of transgender patients...”. To date, 25 states have banned or restricted access to gender-affirming care for transgender and gender-diverse youth. This week the United States Supreme Court granted a *writ of certiorari* or petition to [review two cases](#) before the Court regarding the gender-affirming care bans in Tennessee and Kentucky. Arguments on these cases are expected to begin in the fall.”
- **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.

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Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) corner

1. AAP Mentorship Program Relaunch! Learn more [HERE](#)

The AAP Mentorship Program is being relaunched. Why join??

- **Personalized Growth:** Receive one-on-one guidance from an experienced mentor tailored to your career goals and aspirations.
- **Skill Enhancement:** Through self-paced courses, you can expand your skills in a variety of topics including leadership, core professional skills, and inclusive mentoring.
- **Network Building:** Connect with colleagues and leaders working toward a group goal through the Circles Program. Circles harness the power of peer support while building a sense of connection and shared experience.

Visit the [AAP Mentorship Program](#) to learn more about the programs offered and sign up to complete your profile and start your mentorship journey. Don't miss out on this opportunity to elevate your career!

2. SOECP Liaison Positions—Open until positions filled—Learn more and apply [HERE](#)

[SOECP Liaison to the Council on Community Pediatrics \(COCP\)](#)

- **Term:** 2-year commitment with opportunity for reappointment (preferred: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026)
- **Eligibility:** Applicant must be a member of the SOECP within 10 years of residency or fellowship training
- For details, including time commitment and responsibilities, refer to the [SOECP Liaison Position Description](#)

[SOECP Liaison to the Section on Senior Members \(SOSM\)](#)

- **Term:** 3-year commitment with opportunity for reappointment (preferred: November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2027)
- **Eligibility:** Applicant must be a member of the SOECP within 10 years of residency or fellowship training
- For details, including time commitment and responsibilities, refer to the [SOECP Liaison to SOSM Team Position Description](#)

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SOMSRFT Corner

Call for Applications: CATCH District Resident Liaison Positions – Due August 30

The AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program is seeking applications for the position of CATCH District Resident Liaison (DRL) in all 10 AAP Districts. The term for this position is 2 years starting in October 2024. The [CATCH mission](#) is to support pediatricians to collaborate within their communities to advance the health of all children. [Learn more](#) about the responsibilities and activities of the position. [Applications](#) are due Friday, August 30, 2024. Please note, at the end of the online application, a current CV and a letter of support in PDF format must be uploaded. Questions about this position and how to apply can be sent to [Maggie Kelly](#), Community Health Initiatives Specialist.

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.

SC Cancer Alliance Peds Resource Hub

The South Carolina Cancer Alliance identified a need to provide a central pediatric cancer resource hub. A well-vetted and robust Resource Guide was created to address this need. They worked in partnership with Francis Marion University to create an Educators Toolkit of resources for families and also for educators to help navigate common educational challenges faced by pediatric cancer survivors. The website can be found at www.sccancer.org/pediatrics. This page hosts a wealth of information and pediatric cancer resources for families, caregivers, and educators. In addition, the Alliance is part of the South Carolina Pediatric Cancer Task Force comprised of our state's leading pediatric oncologists from all 3 treatment centers in the state, SCDHEC and the State Cancer Registry, the Arnold School of Public Health Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and the Alliance.

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Mark Your Calendars!

National AAP activities:

- **7/5/2024:** [AAP Rural Youth Mental Health ECHO Registration Deadline](#)
- **7/9/2024:** [Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program Applications Due](#)
- **7/10/2024:** [Reference Committee C: AAP Governance and Operations](#)
- **7/12/2024:** [2024 Resolutions: Online Comment Opportunity Deadline](#)
- **7/16/2024:** [Webinar: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome \(SIDS\) Awareness Month Planning](#)
- **7/18/2024:** [Webinar: Sleep 101: An Introduction to Sleep Medicine](#)
- **7/18-21/2024:** [CardioPREP Virtual Course: An Intensive Review and Update of Pediatric Cardiology](#)

[Future NCE dates](#)

National AAP Updates

Webinar: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month Planning – July 16

Join the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Safe to Sleep® campaign, an AAP partner, for a webinar on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 12:00–1:00 pm CT that will share resources, inspiration, and lessons learned to help organizations, providers, and individuals prepare their own activities to mark SIDS Awareness Month in October. [Register here](#). For more resources, see the [SIDS Awareness Month digital toolkit](#).

Webinar: Sleep 101: An Introduction to Sleep Medicine – July 18

Please join the AAP Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM), and the AAP Section on Pediatric Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine (SOPPSM) for this healthy sleep webinar on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm CT. This session will provide an overview of diagnosis and management of common sleep disorders presenting in the primary care setting, followed by a Q&A session. [Register here](#).

2024 AAP National Conference & Exhibition Registration Open – Sept 27-Oct 1

Join the AAP in Orlando for the 2024 AAP National Conference & Exhibition. Connect in person, network with colleagues, participate in world-class education sessions, attend exciting special events, visit the exhibit hall, and much more! [Learn more and register here](#).

Call for Interest: CDC Family Healthy Weight Programs Expanding

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local pediatricians, or clinics. The AAP Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight (IHCW) is supporting this effort in partnership with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). [View the one-pager](#) for more details. Those interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact the [AAP IHCW](#).

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