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SCAAP Newsletter

June 2024

Friends,

Happy June!

- **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! She will be reaching out to residency programs with more details.
- See here for the bulletin around the [SCDHHS preferred drug list](#) implementation as of 7/1/24! TY **Dr. Wessinger**.
- Shoutout to **Cayla Wakser**, MUSC medical student, who's been accepted to the AAP advocacy internship program in the Washington office ... and **Dr. Shawna McCafferty** who just completed the program (accepted earlier, but deferred due to our friend COVID).
- Congrats to **Dr. Julie Linton** who was selected to the AAP Committee on Federal Govt Affairs!
- Our first-ever audit was finalized, and no major concerns were identified. Thanks to the finance committee for partnering with the audit firm.
- 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

Opportunities	Subscribe	Past Issues	Translate ▼
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- 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
- Abbott GI (4.5k) & Abbott nutrition (5k) grants
- Other active grants: Project Firstline, trainee engagement grant

Vaccine & vaccine-preventable disease info:

- 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 Maggie Cash's [legislative update](#) as of 5/13/24
- **Call or email your legislators here!** www.scaap.org/advocacy
- 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!
- Wins
 - [S.882](#) "Prescriptions for minors" – died J
 - **Seizure Safe Schools Act** ([H.3309](#)): signed into law 5/13 J
 - [S.975](#) anti-covid vax: died J
- Losses

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Campaign for Southern Equality's [Resource Guide](#). Additionally, if you are able, [please click here to share your story with the SC United for Justice and Equality coalition](#). Your patient's stories will help pursue possible litigation related to H.4624.

- [S.21](#) Children's Firearm Accident Prevention Act: died L
- [H.3594](#) Permitless Carry of Firearms: passed L
- **Hate crime** penalty enhancement bill [H.3014](#): died L
- TBD
 - [H.3988](#) **PREP act**: pharmacy- non-concur, conference committee appointed

National advocacy updates

- We signed onto a [letter](#) in support of Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations for the **Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) program**. The FY 2025 letter requests \$13 million for the program.
- **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 with your name, email address, and AAP ID, if known.

Elizabeth Mack, MD, MS, FAAP

SCAAP president

Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) corner

The SOECP is thrilled to announce the opening of the 2024 nomination forms for our Section awards, spotlighting the outstanding work of the Academy's early-career physician members. Click the links below for details on each award and to submit a nomination.

- [Advancement in Research Award](#)
- [Excellence in Education Award](#)
- [Leadership in Advocacy Award](#)

Questions? Please contact [Elisha Ferguson](#).

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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

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

Mark Your Calendars!

National AAP activities:

- **6/6/2024:** [Webinar: Strategies to Promote Safety Protocols in Youth Suicide Prevention](#)
- **6/7/2024:** [Proposals Due: Tobacco Cessation Implementation Grant](#)
- **6/11/2024:** [Live Virtual Event: Identifying & Managing ADHD with Co-occurring Conditions](#)
- **6/11/2024:** [Oral Health Webinar: Drive Policy and Practice Change – Oral Health Environmental Scans](#)
- **6/14/2024:** [Nominations Due: AAP Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion \(EDI\) Excellence Award](#)
- **6/15/2024:** [Applications Due: Section on Telehealth Care \(SOTC\) Research Grant Program](#)
- **6/18/2024:** [Live Virtual Event: Early Identification and Diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome](#)
- **6/18/2024:** [Webinar: Best Practices for Active Teaching and Learning Webinar](#)
- **6/21-23/2024:** [In-person Course: Practical Pediatrics CME Course in Williamsburg, VA](#)
- **6/28/2024:** [Webinar: Talking to Patients and Families About AI](#)

[Future NCE dates](#)

National AAP Updates

Webinar: Best Practices for Active Teaching and Learning Webinar – June 18

Attend the Best Practices for Active Teaching and Learning webinar on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 12:00–1:15 pm CT, to learn how to effectively engage learners and make an impact through education. Developed and presented by AAP Committee on CME members who are leading experts in CME/CPD, tools and resources to support educators and practical strategies for engaging learners will be

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educational materials. [Register here.](#)

Contact: [Jorell Silva](#), Project Manager, Live Education Activities

Webinar: Talking to Patients and Families About AI – June 28

Join us on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 11:00 am CT for an engaging discussion of how patients and families are using AI tools to find information about their health and health care. We'll focus on what this might mean for pediatric health care and share some ideas for how pediatricians and pediatric specialists can talk about this with patients. [Register here.](#)

Contact: [Council on Clinical Information Technology](#)

Call for Nominations: Council on Community Pediatrics (COCP) Awards – Deadline Extended: Due May 31

Know a pediatrician and/or early career pediatrician doing exceptional work in their community? It's time for these individuals to be recognized! Each year the COCP recognizes the work of outstanding community pediatricians by awarding the [Local Hero Award](#), the [Calvin C.J. Sia Community Pediatrics Medical Home Leadership & Advocacy Award](#), and the [Job Lewis Smith Award](#). Visit the [COCP Annual Awards](#) page to learn more and submit nominations for these awards. All nominations are due by 4:00 pm CT on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Webinar: Strategies to Promote Safety Protocols in Youth Suicide Prevention – June 6

In this webinar, hosted by the AAP on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 12:00–1:00 pm CT, participants will learn about increasing knowledge of strategies that can create time and distance between a young person experiencing suicidal thoughts and behaviors and use of lethal means; understanding the role of lethal means counseling as an effective part of a comprehensive suicide prevention strategy for youth; demonstrating approaches to partner with families about ways to reduce youth access to lethal means as an effective strategy to support a young person who may be at risk for suicide. [Register here.](#)

Contact: [Sneha Watarkar](#), Program Manager, Youth Suicide Prevention

June Health Observances and Awareness Days

June observances include National Gun Violence Awareness Month, Pride Month, Wear Orange Weekend, and more. Check out the [Campaign Calendar](#) on the Chapter and District Leadership collaboration site for resources and toolkits that AAP chapters can use on social media and in other member communications. The calendar is updated regularly, so visit often for the latest content.

Wildfire Resources to Help Protect Children and Families

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pediatricians and families. It is important to prepare families on how to protect themselves, especially children and pregnant people, with wildfire smoke able to blow thousands of miles away, affecting children and families not living in an area directly impacted by wildfires.

- **AAP.org:** [Wildfires Patient Care page](#)
- **HealthyChildren.org:** [Climate Change & Wildfires: Why Kids Are Most at Risk](#)
- **HealthyChildren.org:** [Wildfires: What Parents Need to Know](#)
- **PEHSU:** [Wildfires and Mask Use](#)
- **AAP, EPA, PEHSU:** [Wildfire Smoke Fact Sheet: Protecting Children from Smoke & Ash](#)
- **EPA:** [Climate Change and Children's Health Report](#)
- **EPA:** [Air Quality and Outdoor Activity Guidance for Schools](#)
- **EPA:** [Wildfire Guide Factsheets](#)

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