Alaska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Chapter Fact Sheet

ADVOCACY:

Promote the health and well-being of Alaska’s infants, children, adolescents and young adults
Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level
Increase involvement in the legislative arena to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in our state
Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children’s health
Promote the interests of Alaska’s children and pediatricians with the AAP

LEADERSHIP:

Become a “Chapter Champion” of a children’s health issue
Serve as an officer of the chapter
Serve on a national AAP Committee or in a Section or Council leadership position
Influence the practice of pediatrics by serving on a review board for an AAP publication

NETWORKING:

Network with other pediatricians both rural and urban to share knowledge
Develop valuable professional relationships throughout the state and across the country

EDUCATION:

Nurture your lifelong learning by attending weekly Pediatric Grant Rounds, rotating between Providence, ANMC and Alaska Regional Hospitals.
Attend Chapter sponsored Continuing Medical Education meetings and receive registration discounts on other local educational conferences
Participate in Chapter sponsored modules to earn MOC-2 and MOC-4 credit for Maintenance of Certification with the American Board of Pediatrics
Prepare yourself for the future role of the pediatrician in the changing health care system and optimize the future management of your practices

WHAT HAS YOUR CHAPTER DONE LATELY:

Provide weekly educational conferences in the Pediatric Grand Rounds series
Hosted annual CME conference at no charge to chapter members
Arranged for discounted registration for chapter members to the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership annual Pediatric Symposium

Advocated for creation of a statewide universal vaccine purchase program

Completed a grant-supported FACEBOOK Campaign to educate teens and their parents

About adolescent vaccines

Supported universal screening of newborns for congenital heart disease in Alaska

Submitted resolutions to the AAP Annual Leadership Forum, to assure that the unique needs of Alaska’s children are considered in the policies issued by the AAP

Passed legislation to increase the eligibility for Denali KIDCARE (SCHIP) to 175% of FPL

Established VackTrak immunization registry and collaborate with the State Immunization Program to assure up-to-date immunization practices in Alaska

Work closely with the University of Washing and the “WWAMI” program to offer training in Pediatric settings to first and third year medical students and help train family practice residents in pediatrics.

Work closely with Seattle Children’s Hospital Alaska Track Pediatric Residency Program

During their rotations in Anchorage, Bethel and Fairbanks

Ongoing work with the state Medicaid Advisory Group to ensure proper reimbursement

Promote CATCH supported grant partnerships, which provided the creation of our school-based Clinics.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Fellow $95; Specialty Fellow $95; Emeritus, Honorary and Retired Fellow $0; Associated Member $95; Candidate Member $95; RT and Resident $95.

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