



## Maine Chapter



## What are the benefits of belonging to the Maine Chapter?

### Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at the state level
- Support legislative action advocating for physicians, advancing pediatric practice and benefiting Maine children
- Serve as "Doctor of the Day" at the Maine State House, as Maine AAP representative
- Build coalitions with other organizations to improve the health and well-being of children and families
- Be part of our key efforts focused on improving health for foster children, children with disabilities or chronic conditions, and children affected by trauma, child abuse or substance abuse, oral health, vaccination promotion and rates, and more!
- Access to QI projects, grant funds, learning collaboratives, chapter-focused committees

### Networking

- Network with other pediatricians in Maine and New England
- Participate on national and regional AAP sections and committees
- Access chapter listserv to communicate with colleagues confidentially
- Receive timely CME announcements and other news
- Discover opportunities for collaboration on similar initiatives

### Education

- Receive chapter news, informational alerts and crisis intervention tips and stay current on local, state and national issues
- Receive reduced fees and advance notice for the Chapter's two annual Continuing Medical Education conferences
- Learn about opportunities to expand knowledge through advance notice on QI projects and special programs

### 2015-2016 Highlights

- Maine AAP was selected as the 2015 Outstanding Small Chapter by the National Academy of Pediatrics!
- Obtained grant funding for several initiatives: HPV Education, Improving Foster Care Assessments, GI Issues, Intergenerational Resilience
- Partnered with other organizations in the FIRST STEPS and IHOC initiatives to improve the health of Maine children and their access to quality care, developmental and safety screenings and proper immunizations.
- Provided testimony and OPEds addressing issues such as funding for children's health and safety, banning indoor tanning for youth under 18, regulation of toxins, improving nutrition and reducing obesity, continued CHIP funding, regulation of e-cigarettes and safety packaging for liquid nicotine, increasing vaccination rates and increasing herd immunity, advocating for transgender youth, improved screening for foster children, regulation of opioid treatment and services for babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and more!
- Sponsored a "Career Night" for residents to learn about negotiating job offers/contracts and general preparation for employment and fellowships
- Worked with statewide partners on 'From the First Tooth' which promotes screening at a young age, scheduled fluoride varnish applications, pediatric referrals to oral health providers and integration of oral health services into primary care and pediatric practices.
- Collaborated on obesity prevention with the "Let's Go!" program, including an expanded effort to focus on the unique nutritional needs and challenges for the intellectual and developmentally disabled population, and the WOW program
- Held a statewide conference in collaboration with the child and adolescent psychiatry community to promote behavioral health integration, suicide screening and protocol development, and improved diagnosis for youth with mental illness
- Collaborated with the Patient Centered Medical Home and Behavioral Health Home to support practice integration
- Participated in the assessment of 'Help Me Grow', a national model for a statewide program linking families to existing community-based resources and services for children at risk or in need of any number of services

**Annual Chapter Dues:** Voting Fellows \$150 Candidate \$150 Affiliate \$125 Resident \$0 Student \$0 Emeritus \$0

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