American Academy of Pediatrics





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MAINE CHAPTER FACTS:

"I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the Maine Chapter?"

Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level
- Support legislative involvement to advance pediatric practice and the welfare of children in Maine
- 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 new efforts focused on environmental health and early childhood development
- · Participate in chapter committees, learning collaboratives, and projects
- Participate with peers in quality improvement projects

Networking

- Network with other pediatricians in Maine and New England
- Participate on national and regional AAP sections and committees
- Access chapter listsery to communicate with colleagues confidentially
- Receive timely CME announcements and other news.

Education

- Receive chapter news and other informational alerts
- Receive reduced fees and advance notice for the Chapter's two annual Continuing Medical Education conferences
- Prepare yourself for the future role of the pediatrician and management of your practice through advance notice of QI learning collaboratives and other opportunities

What has your Chapter done lately?

- Earned the national AAP"s "Small Chapter of the Year" award in 2012; the Chapter's first national award of this kind!
- Launched an adolescent medicine learning collaborative using teleconference and offering practices up to \$1200 for one year of participation
- Nominated and secured a seat for a pediatrician (for the first time) on the Governor's Children's Growth Council
- Secured a Senate sponsor and led efforts to introduce a bill to ban indoor tanning for youth under age 18
- Testified in the State House and published letters and articles in newspapers throughout Maine to address issues such as funding for children's health and safety, banning indoor tanning for youth under 18, regulation of toxins, and improving nutrition for Maine children
- Advocated against State budget proposals that would harm public programs for children
- Led a project to train childcare providers to manage medication administration more effectively
- Sponsored a "Career Night" for pediatric residents to learn about practicing in Maine as well as preparing for employment and fellowships
- Worked with MaineCare to improve pediatric referrals to oral health providers
- Continued collaboration on obesity prevention and the "Let's Go!" program
- Presented an annual "Legislator of the Year" award to Representative Linda Sanborn, a family physician who has advocated vigorously for children
- · Worked on forging effective links with the child and adolescent psychiatry community
- Helped support and bring four CATCH grants to Maine
- Provided representation to statewide committees on early childhood, medical home, environmental health, oral health, and marriage equality

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows \$125 Candidate \$125 Affiliate \$100 Resident \$0 Emeritus \$0

Whom do I contact?

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