



MAINE PEDIATRICS

April 2022

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Homelessness: How One Provider Found a Way to Help

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, pediatric homelessness has been compounded by both an increased risk of transmission and infection of Maine youth, as well as increasing costs of food, health care, and other necessities for maintaining health.

Leaders like **Dr. Lynne Tetreault** have greatly impacted how we view homelessness; namely, being homeless does not mean that one is helpless – mentorship matters.

Read the full article, written by *Thomas LaJoie, MS3 at Tufts University School of Medicine, Student Rep on the MAAP Board of Directors*, to learn more about Dr. Tetreault's work, the way providers can get involved or help at the practice level, and the incredible work being done at the Preble Street Teen Center!



[Read the Article](#)

Innovations in Pediatric Healthcare

Registration is Open!

April 30 & May 1, 2022

Samoset Resort
Rockport

Committee Member Dr. Anne Coates shares,

'I'm looking forward to the morning keynote panel - an excellent, informative multidisciplinary session on breaking down the complexities of CF newborn screening and how best to support our patients and families as they navigate next steps in care and management.'

Committee Member Dr. Mahmuda Ahmed, MD shares,

'Managing scoliosis is no longer about surgical intervention. It is important for pediatricians to know about the best options available for correction of this condition. I'm very excited to learn more about the advanced, non-surgical approaches to treating pediatric scoliosis, which will be discussed by Dr. William Bassett.'

The Maine AAP Conference and Education Committee has done an outstanding job lining up speakers and content for our upcoming **Spring CME Conference on April 30 and May 1**. Be sure to check the website to read about the sessions and speakers!

There will be a Maine AAP Members only mentorship reception on Friday evening, 4/29, from 5:30 - 7:30 - many medical students and residents are attending - so please join us to share your pearls of wisdom!

Saturday evening's reception is open to all and will feature a resident poster session and a special toast offered by FASD Maine!

This year's Conference Planning Committee Members include; Jennifer Jewell, MD, MS, FAAP (Chair), Mahmuda Ahmed, MD, FAAP, Anne Coates, MD, FAAP, Deb Hagler, MD, MPH, FAAP, Stephanie Joy, MD, FAAP, Valerie O'Hara, DO, FAAP, Jeff Stone, DO, FAAP, and Mary Tedesco-Schneck PhD, RN, CPNP.

[View Conference Agenda & Register](#)



Children's Oral Health Network of Maine

The COHN has assembled a panel of statewide community leaders and providers who will share innovations in oral health care procedures and delivery in a panel talk titled, *'Harnessing Innovation: On the Path to a Future Free of Dental Disease'* at the Spring Conference on April 30th. Don't miss it!

The Maine AAP serves on the Health Integration Action Team of the [COHN](#). This group is exploring various models to build on [From the First Tooth](#) and integrate preventive dental care more comprehensively in the primary care medical home. The science behind dental disease has advanced greatly in recent years, and we now have prevention and early intervention tools that can be used in the primary care setting to improve the health of many children who lack access to dental care. Please [answer 2 questions](#) to help us in this work!

Adolescent Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT)

Maine DHHS is partnering with the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine (CCSME) to launch a Project ECHO on Adolescent MAT. Details on the program can be found [here](#). You can learn more about the SUD learning community at this [website](#). Please sign up by 4/8/22!



[Learn More/Register](#)

The Child Care Subsidy Program

Your patient's family may be eligible for low or no cost child care, and not be aware of this benefit. The program lets people choose a child care provider they trust, at an affordable rate or no cost. Eligibility Requirements: Parent/guardian must be employed, in school or job training, or retired, and the family must meet income requirements (at or below 85% of the Maine median income) -For a family of 4, income eligibility requirements are at or below \$76,643 a year.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



Consultation and Education for Primary Care Providers

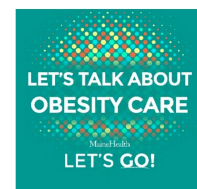
Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership is Maine's Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) Program. This partnership provides timely training and support to child and adolescent primary care clinicians (PCCs) and other clinicians related to the detection, assessment, treatment, and referral of behavioral health conditions within their practice. To learn more and become involved, contact Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership at 1-833-MPBHP11 (1-833-672-4711) or visit www.BHpartnersforME.org. Upcoming Program: **The Impact of Bias and Microaggressions** - April 13, 2022 7:30-8:30 am

[Read More/Register](#)

Let's Go!'s Podcast Series: *Let's Talk about Obesity Care*

Listen at: letstalkaboutobesitycare.podbean.com

Dr. Carrie Gordon will be hosting experts on a wide variety of topics on best practice for caring for children and adults who carry extra weight. Current topics include:



o Testing the Waters with Anti-Obesity Medications in your Primary Care Clinic o Food Insecurity and its Connection to Health and Care o Physical Activity and Physical Literacy: Putting Movement into Your Practice o Working with Patients with Selective Eating Challenges o Conversation with an Obesity Medicine Specialist o The Benefits of WIC for Your Patients. Let's Go! is a program of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

**2022 Pediatric Obesity Management:
From Early Identification to Treatment. 2nd Annual Course - Virtual April 28-29, 2022**

Pediatric obesity has worsened dramatically over the last two years. The toll of the pandemic on some of our most vulnerable patients has been staggering. Obesity is a chronic disease and, as such, early identification and effective management are critical. Fortunately, the past few years have also brought advances in the treatment of obesity and include behavioral interventions, bariatric surgery and pharmacotherapy. This course is designed for pediatricians, family physicians and pediatric allied health professionals seeking to improve their skills in treating obesity. Didactic training sessions, expert panels, and on-demand programming are included for an engaging and comprehensive training.

[Register Here](#)



Enhancing Adolescent Health and Immunization Services - Webinars

Next Session:

Teen Empowerment - Engaging Teens in Healthcare Decisions - April 13th 7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**AAP Section on Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics Opportunities and Resources
Mental Health Disorders Course - April 8-10, 2022**

Registration is open for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Common Pediatric Mental Health Disorders course in Rosemont, Illinois. In-person or virtual attendance is available. This course enables participants to learn critical concepts in the recognition of pediatric mental health disorders and apply evidence-based strategies. Earn up to 19.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit and 10 MOC Part 2. Questions? Email Carolyn McCarty: cmccarty@aap.org FMO: [SODBP Collaboration Site](#)

[Register Here](#)

Maine Tobacco Treatment and Prevention Conference - May 9-10, 2022

Join with other tobacco treatment, prevention and policy stakeholders at the Maine Tobacco Treatment and Prevention Conference. This year's conference on Evolving Nicotine and Tobacco Products: Emerging Challenges and How to Move Forward, will be held virtually on May 9-10, 2022.

The event will feature Matthew Myers, President of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids as keynote, nationally recognized speakers, and local experts discussing a wide array of tobacco treatment and prevention topics, new research and innovative approaches to tobacco control.

[Learn More/Register](#)

Words Matter: How Language Used in Health Care Settings Can Impact the Quality of Pediatric Care - Recording of event and slides are available below.

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- New [online leadership courses](#) developed with American Association of Physician Leadership
 - Access to the COVID-19 supply store -discounted pricing via the [AAP Amazon Business Account](#)
 - Regular [updates and information](#) to support you during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - State-specific information and resources on [your chapter's website](#); (If you're not a member of your chapter, please consider [joining today](#))
 - Access to the [AAP Volunteer Network](#) (found at [collaborate.aap.org](#)) to find an engagement opportunity that fits your schedule and skillset
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