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President's Message

Laura Blaisdell, MD, MPH, FAAP

It was so wonderful to share time and space at the Samoset with so many of you at our annual conference, poster session and members meeting last weekend! ([view the photo gallery](#)) Many commented on what a lovely, educational weekend it was and how easily it merged with family time for those who were able to enjoy the pool, hiking and the jetty!

Please take a moment to read the [member meeting notes](#) to get up to speed on Chapter happenings. As we look onward to next year's conference, we hope to see many more of you. Happy Spring!

SPOTLIGHT: Maine AAP 2023 Awardees



Legislator of the Year:
Representative Lori Gramlich



Child Health Advocate of the Year: Jeff Aalberg, MD



Resident of the Year
Danielle Doctor, MD

[Click here to read more about the three awardees!](#)



Advocacy/Legislation

On Wednesday, May 10th, Maine Families for Vaccines will be hosting their [first ever day of advocacy](#) at the State house in Augusta at 1:00pm.

They'll be educating lawmakers about vaccines and why we need strong laws to keep Mainers safe from preventable diseases. There are currently 13 pieces of anti-vaccine legislation under consideration. We've had our advocates at every single hearing, testifying against any rollback to Maine's laws. The first 6 were voted Majority Ought Not To Pass by the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. While there remain a few final steps to fully defeat those bills, the committee votes in opposition are critical which is why [we're asking you to join us in-person](#). You'll get a Maine Families for Vaccines t-shirt, lunch, and a chance to talk with lawmakers. Hope to see you there on Wednesday, 5/10!

There are bills on dozens!! of topics affecting providers, children and families, as well as the health of our communities. Please take a look at what we are following and let us know if you want to get involved!

Current Bill
Tracker

RAFFLE/GIVE AWAY FOR MAY

Maine AAP fleece vest!!

Congratulations to the
April Winner:
Amy Beckett, RN

In the News

2023 KIDS COUNT Data Book

The New 2023 KIDS COUNT Data Book - with a new look and additional features, is now available. More information [HERE](#).

Perinatal Depression Learning Community

Enter Here

You are invited to Join Perinatal Depression Learning Community Hosted by the American Academy of Pediatrics. [Click for more information.](#)

Upcoming Maine AAP Programs

TREAT ME Learning Collaborative - Block Six Asynchronous material is now available. Dr. Haner Hernandez, addresses "Harm Reduction". Dr. Hernandez is a master trainer and facilitator and provides individualized technical assistance and support to organizations that provide Substance Use Disorder and gambling prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery supports.

The next live webinar is on **May 18 12PM-1PM** regarding **Level of Care presented by Dr. Marc Fishman**, an addiction psychiatrist and director of Maryland Treatment Centers/Mountain Manor. He is also a member of the psychiatry faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. [READ MORE AND SIGN UP HERE.](#)

[TREAT ME Live In-Person Session](#) (click to register and see the agenda)

We look forward to welcoming you to the first of two in-person sessions in the TREAT ME collaborative. **Please join us on June 22 from 8am - 1pm at Maple Hill Farm in Hallowell.**

Upcoming Partner Programs

[Fostering Resilience - May 10th - 7:30AM - 8:30AM](#) - Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Webinar

[The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital presents "Partnerships in Pediatrics" - 2023 Conference - May 23 4:00PM-8:30PM](#) - Franklin Memorial, Farmington, Maine

[Save the Date! - Maine Child Welfare Education Annual Conference - June 28, 2023](#) - Moving Beyond ACES: Trauma and Resiliency in a Post-Pandemic World

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The power to spread good messages, share new clinical info or pertinent articles is exponential when using social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. <https://linktr.ee/maineaap>

The Maine AAP is grateful to our community of supporters, whose donations fund the important work that happens outside of the exam room. From legislative advocacy to vaccine clinics to mentorship, your gift will help Maine AAP ensure that Maine kids receive the best quality of care and that their doctors have access to the most up to date resources and guidelines. [Please consider your gift today.](#)

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