

MAINE AAP

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2023

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Welcome to membership in the **Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics** – we are so happy to have you on our team! Your commitment and engagement to the children and families of Maine, and interest in being part of our efforts to improve care will help our Chapter continue to grow and prosper.

This presentation is designed to help you feel connected and informed about the work of our Chapter and the National AAP.

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National AAP History

- The American Academy of Pediatrics was founded in June 1930.
- The founding members chose the name **American Academy of Pediatrics** (and not the American Academy of Pediatricians), to reflect their commitment to the interests of children and the pediatric specialty.
- Since 1930, the Academy has grown to approximately 64,000 members in the United States, and worldwide.
- Members include pediatricians, medical sub-specialists and surgical specialists and trainees.
- More than 46,000 members are board-certified in pediatrics and pediatric specialties and called Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP).

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National AAP By The Numbers

- **67,000 members**
 - 66 state and local chapters
 - 59 in the US (including Puerto Rico, Uniformed Services)
 - 7 chapters in Canada
- 25 national committees, 53 sections, 15 councils
- 2 offices
 - Itasca, IL (Chicago Suburb) – Main Office
 - Washington, DC – Federal Affairs
- 470 staff

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National AAP Governance

- Board of Directors
 - 10 District Chairpersons
 - 3 At-Large Members
- Executive Committee
 - President
 - President-Elect
 - Immediate Past President
 - Executive Director
- Executive Staff

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National AAP CEO/ Executive Vice President



**The CEO/Executive Vice President of the
Academy is Mark Del Monte, JD**

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Sandy Chung, MD, FAAP

National AAP President

Pediatrician Dr. Sandy Chung has held over 30 state and national leadership positions, including AAP Virginia Chapter President and Founder and Medical Director of the Virginia Mental Health Access Program. She is the CEO of Trusted Doctors, a pediatric practice of over 180 clinicians in Virginia, DC, and Maryland and serves as Medical Director of Informatics at Children's National Hospital's Pediatric Health Network. Her passionate advocacy for child health and pediatricians has delivered major advancements in healthcare equity, mental health, EHR burden reduction, appropriate payment, physician well-being, and optimal child health policies.

She is the recipient of multiple awards including the March of Dimes Lifetime Heroine Award recognizing a lifetime of community volunteerism, the Clarence A. Holland Award for providing outstanding contributions to the community and demonstrating leadership in the field of political advocacy, and the Virginia Chapter Child Advocate Award for standing up for the rights, values, and recognition of Virginia's children.

As an avid educator of the next generation of pediatricians, her publications include articles on telemedicine, virtual learning, and health information technology. Dr. Chung received her medical degree from the University of Virginia and completed her pediatric residency at the Inova L.J. Murphy Children's Hospital. She has appeared in numerous media outlets including the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, *Washington Business Journal*, *Virginia Business Magazine*, *Contemporary Pediatrics*, and *AAP News*. Dr. Chung is the proud mother of four amazing children who teach her something new every day.

National Committees/Sections/Councils

- **Committees** - Small groups of Board appointed pediatrician members and liaisons formed to provide expertise to the Board of Directors and membership in a particular content or operational area
- **Sections** - Membership entities within the AAP organized around a single subject, specialty, work setting or life stage
- **Councils** - Membership entities designed around subspecialties or multidisciplinary fields

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AAP Districts

- AAP is comprised of 10 geographic districts- **Maine is in District I**
- Each district has a committee composed of the following leaders:
 - District Chairperson
 - District Vice Chairperson
 - Chapter Presidents
 - Chapter Vice Presidents
 - National Nominating Committee Representative
 - Chapter Forum Management Committee Representative
- Each district has a regional meeting once a year and is paired with a different district each time so chapters and regions can learn from one another.



AAP Chapters

- 66 chapters (59 in US; 7 in Canada)
- Independently managed and incorporated
- Focus on local and state advocacy, education, leadership, networking, community building
- Each chapter is governed by its own board/executive committee, which is elected by the chapter membership

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Maine Chapter of theAAP

Our Mission & Vision

The mission of the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to improve the lives of children and adolescents in Maine.

Our vision is to be the leading authority, advocate, and voice for the health of Maine's children and for the profession of pediatrics.

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Core Values

- Children are our most worthy investment and need our voice
- Healthy children grow up to become healthy adults
- All children are entitled to the same access to quality care to achieve optimal physical and mental health
- Pediatric providers, families, communities, advocacy organizations and government must work together to achieve optimal health and well-being for children in our city
- Quality care is essential to good child health outcomes, and thus requires fair investment and funding

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2023 Executive Leadership

Executive Committee

President

Laura Blaisdell, MD, MPH, FAAP

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Brian Youth, MD, FAAP

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Christopher Motyl, DO FAAP

Secretary

Genevieve Whiting, MD, FAAP

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Deborah Hagler, MD FAAP

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Janice Pelletier, MD, FAAP

Sydney Sewall MD, MPH, FAAP

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Andrea Tracy, MD, FAAP

Aaron Wallace, MD*

*Resident Member

**Student Member

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Key Child Health Issues 2021-2024

General Child Health Issues [Vaccination, Asthma, Obesity] – increase in programming, grants to take a deeper dive, coordinate projects with other community and State groups; member of the Maine Obesity Advisory Council/Let's Go & WOW Clinics; Statewide campaign on Vaccination uptake with MePCA, Systems, MIP, MIC, Maine Families for Vaccines; best practices for asthma control, lung health, anti vaping

Social Determinants of Health – help practices improve screening rates, create closed referral loop, link to resources in their communities, learn about national strategies – entering year two of a national AAP collaborative with six Maine practices continuing into year two; Engage Diversity and Inclusion Champion to educate Board about Race as a Public Health Issues and its intersection with SDoH. National collaborative on Addressing Social Health and Early Childhood Wellness (ASHEW).

Mental Health / Substance Use in Youth – MI/SBIRT, System of Care to fill in gaps and increase primary care setting; Support DHHS/CDC Psych Access Grant; Partner with BBCH Ped Service Line on Education around psych evals, services and referrals; Working on grant proposal with DAYONE, applied to expand MI/SBIRT to include vaping and all substances – deeper dive for primary care clinicians

Access – Telehealth, Oral Health – Formed telehealth committee and working on grant to expand access, work on reimbursement and aligning efforts on legislation – statewide committee includes NE Telehealth, hospital systems, MAInsurPlans, Oral Health; partner with MMA/CQI, Maine Partnership for Children's Oral Health and MePCA to improve oral health screenings in office visits, improve referral systems, expand integration efforts, communications and education campaign, and new project create ECHO model and learning collaborative embedding hygienist in primary care and expand referral network



Committee Work Groups – board reps

Executive – Laura Blaisdell, MD, MPH, Brian Youth, MD, Chris Motyl, DO, Genevieve Whiting, MD, Deb Hagler, MD, MPH

Advocacy (Tobacco, Gun Safety, Mental Health, Environmental, Obesity, and more) Chairs: Syd Sewall, MD, Joe Anderson, DO, Deb Hagler, MD, MPH, Melissa Burch, MD, Mary Tedesco Schneck, PNP, PhD, Dan Hale, MD, Larry Losey, MD, Aaron Wallace, MD, Amy Buczkowski, MD, Alton Kremer, MD, Maria Libertain, MD and other members **BBCH Residents on Advocacy Rotations invited to participate*

Foster Care – Chair: Andrea Tracy, MD, Adrienne Carmack, MD, Deb Hagler, MD, MPH, Syd Sewall, MD, Amy Belisle, MD, MBA & Other members **BBCH Residents on Advocacy Rotations invited to participate*

Member Engagement/Communications–Chairs: Michele LaBotz, MD, Amy Buczkowski, MD, Mahmuda Ahmed, MD, Emily Keller, MD, Genevieve Whiting, MD, Austin Steward, Riley Heroux

Education/Conference – Chair: Jen Jewell, MD, MS, Mahmuda Ahmed, MD, Deb Hagler MD, MPH, Mary Tedesco Schneck, PNP, PhD,, Stephanie Joy, MD, Jeff Stone, DO, Anne Coates, MD, Maria Libertain, MD

Career Leadership/Mentorship- Chairs: Alton Kremer, MD, Anne Coates, MD, Gabe Civiello, MD, Melissa Burch, MD, Brian Youth, MD, Maria Libertain, MD, Austin Steward, Riley Heroux

Telehealth – Chairs:, Valerie O’Hara, DO, Mary Tedesco Schneck, PNP, PhD, Genevieve Whiting, MD, Deb Hagler, MD, MPH and other members

Development/Fundraising – Chair: Laura Blaisdell, MD, MPH, Chris Motyl, DO, Deb Hagler, MD, Alton Kremer, MD and other members

Sample of Current Projects

New Grants/Ongoing Projects

HP2030 Impact of COVID on Adolescent Mental Health (AAP)

Expanding the COPE work by including SBHC providers. Working with Greater Portland Health and recruiting for one or two additional School Based Health Centers

Maine AAP Leads: Mary Tedesco-Schneck, PhD, PNP, Deb Hagler, MD, MPH and Valerie O'Hara, DO

HPV/Adolescent Wellness Grant (AAP) – increase HPV vaccine rates among adolescents - ECHO grant in collaboration with the MMA CQI

TREAT ME (MeHAF)- Collaborating to improve addiction and mental health treatment, services and resources for adolescents

Key Partners: DayOne, Office of Child and Family Services, Opioid Response Network, ASAP clinic at Boston Children's Hospital, DHHS Mental Health Access Program

Maine AAP Leads: Deb Hagler, MD, MPH, Adrienne Carmack, MD

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Other Ongoing Projects

Improving Oral Health Screening & Oral Health Integration in Primary Care

Key Partners: Children's Oral Health Network (COHN), From First Tooth, Count ME In

Maine AAP Leads: Jeff Stone, DO

Gender Affirming Care in Pediatric Practice

Key Partner: OUT Maine

Maine AAP Leads: Mahmuda Ahmed, MD

Project Firstline – continue the work on infection prevention, expand focus on COVID vaccines and education

Maine AAP Leads: Amanda Goddard, MD

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Website and Social Media

Website:

www.maineaap.org

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/Maineaap.org/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/maineaap/?hl=en>

Twitter:

@maineaap

@MeAAP_FC (foster care specific)

LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8222197/>

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