

MAINE AAP NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

2024

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Maine Chapter

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.

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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Benjamin Hoffman, MD, FAAP

National AAP President

Benjamin Hoffman is the 2024 President of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr Hoffman is a general pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Oregon Health and Science University. He majored in Anthropology at UC Berkeley, and attended Harvard Medical School. He completed residency training at Seattle Children's Hospital.

At Doernbecher, he is Vice-Chair for Community Health and Advocacy, Director of the Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs, and Director of the Child Injury Prevention Program.

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 the AAP

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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2024 Executive Leadership

Executive Committee

President

Brian Youth, MD, FAAP

Vice President

Anne Coates, MD, FAAP

Treasurer

Christopher Motyl, DO FAAP

Secretary

Genevieve Whiting, MD, FAAP

Immediate Past President

Laura Blaisdell, MD, MPH, FAAP

Staff

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Emily Belanger, RN, BSN

Public Health & Advocacy Manager

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Development Director

Tiffany Harrington, MBA

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*Resident Member

**Student Member

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Committees & Chairs

Advocacy – Chair: Joe Anderson, DO

Career/Leadership/Mentorship – Chairs: Anne Coates, MD & Alton Kremer, MD

Communications/Member Engagement – Chairs: Michele LaBotz, MD & Amy Buczkowski, MD

Conference/Education – Chairs: Jennifer Jewell, MD, MS & Stephanie Joy, MD

Executive – Chair: Brian Youth, MD Chapter President

Foster Care – Chairs: Andrea Tracy, MD & Amanda Brownell, MD

Gun Safety – Chairs: Chris Turner, MD & Laura Blaisdell, MD, MPH

Mental & Behavioral Health – Chairs: Deborah Hagler, MD, MPH & Amy Mayhew, MD

Public Health & Environment – Chairs: Abby Fleisch, MD & Erin Flynn, MD & Brian Youth, MD

School Health – Chair: Alyssa Goodwin, MD

Telehealth – Chairs: Valerie O'Hara, DO & Mary Tedesco-Schneck, PhD, PNP

Examples of Key Child Health Issues & Recent Projects

General Child Health Issues [Vaccination, Asthma, Autism, Respiratory Illnesses, Obesity]

Social Determinants of Health

Mental Health / Substance Use in Youth

Youth Tobacco Cessation

Telehealth

Impact of COVID on Adolescent Mental Health

Gender Affirming Care in Pediatric Practice

Project Firstline and Infectious Disease Prevention in Schools

Vaccine Education and Disease Prevention

Environmental Toxins

and many more!

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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