

# American Academy of Pediatrics

## IDAHO CHAPTER NEWS

### Congratulations to the following

The American Academy of Pediatrics proudly presents a Special Achievement Award to

#### **Paul Douglas McPherson, MD, FAAP**

*For his distinguished service and dedication to the mission and goals of the academy for his dedication to the development of an Infant Crying Plan, the distribution of the plan across the state and the delivery of education to relevant stakeholders.*

The American Academy of Pediatrics proudly presents a Special Achievement Award to

#### **John Ullery, MD**

*For his distinguished service and dedication to the mission and goals of the academy for lending support and maintenance to an Idaho CHIPRA grant and towards state learning collaboratives.*

The American Academy of Pediatrics presented to the Idaho Chapter of the of the AAP the 2014 Award of Chapter Excellence for an outstanding annual program effectively furthering the objectives of the association.

## Idaho earned an A for their dental sealant program

Unfortunately, states across the U.S. have numerous difficulties increasing the number of children with dental sealants on permanent molars, the teeth most prone to get cavities, or tooth decay. Luckily here in Idaho we have a different situation. This past May a report was released by the PEW Charitable Trust that focused on the efforts of all 50 states and the District of Columbia and the effectiveness of their dental sealant programs. In this report only five states earned an A or A minus for the work they are doing through their dental sealant programs and Idaho was one of these states. This is an improvement from the B grade that Idaho earned in 2012.

There were four benchmarks that determined the grade each state earned. These benchmarks include: 1) The number of high-need schools that are served, 2) Whether dental hygienists are allowed to place dental sealants on children's teeth in schools without the child first receiving an exam from a dentist, 3) Whether states collect and provide school-based dental sealant program data to the National Oral Health Surveillance System, and lastly 4) The proportion of children receiving dental sealants in comparison to the national health objective.

We are grateful that here in Idaho we have wonderful school-based dental sealant programs delivered by the Idaho Oral Health Program, Delta Dental of Idaho, Miles for Smiles Mobile Dental Van, Idaho State University, and others across the state. For more information on these school-based dental sealant programs, or to learn how you as a pediatrician can help prevent one of the most common diseases in children, please contact Angie Bailey, RDH-EA, MSDH, Program Manager, Idaho Oral Health Program at [baileya@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:baileya@dhw.idaho.gov). To access the full report released by the PEW Charitable Trust, please go to <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2015/04/states-stalled-on-dental-sealant-programs>.

## Idaho Oral Health Action Plan and Idaho Oral Health Network for 2015-2020

Did you know that the number 1 chronic disease affecting young children is tooth decay, or that it is 5 times more common than asthma and 7 times more common than hay fever? According to the 2013 Idaho Smile Survey, 67% of third-grade children had some form of caries experience, meaning that these children had teeth with tooth decay or filled cavities. The Healthy People 2020 target for children aged six to nine is a rate of caries experience of 49% or less. Children with tooth decay are not able to succeed in school and are in pain all because of a disease that can be entirely prevented.

As a pediatrician you play a critical role in children's oral health. One of the specific ways you can do this is by providing preventive oral healthcare services such as oral health screenings, assessments and fluoride varnish applications to children during well-child visits. This, along with several other goals and strategies, is included in the newly released 2015-2020 Idaho Oral Health Action Plan. ***We need your help as pediatricians in preventing tooth decay in Idaho's children.***

If you, a colleague, or a member of your clinical staff would like to become involved in improving the oral health of Idaho's children please consider attending one of the upcoming inaugural Idaho Oral Health Network Meetings being held across Idaho. Participants of these networks include healthcare providers, community foundations, health district staff, school nurses, clinic and program managers, and many others. For more information on the 2015-2020 Idaho Oral Health Action Plan and the upcoming Idaho Oral Health Network Meetings, please contact Angie Bailey, Program Manager, Idaho Oral Health Program, Division of Public Health at [baileya@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:baileya@dhw.idaho.gov).

### AAP MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

District V & VIII,

The Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT) and Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) would love to invite everyone to sign up to be mentors in the AAP Mentorship Program:

<https://aapmentorship.chronus.com/about>

SOMSRFT and SOECP worked hard this past year to get a mentorship program up and running. We hope you become involved in our new and exciting program!



This award-winning documentary takes a look into the lives of five brave women affected by HPV. Their stories portray the misconceptions, stigma, shame, heartbreak, pain, and triumph that they experience while battling cervical cancer.

The film is available at ***no charge*** through the Indiana University School of Medicine as an online CME activity worth ***1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits***.

**Please use this link to view the film and obtain your CME's:**

<http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/hpvdocumentary>

To organize a live film screening event, please contact [lori@vaccinateindiana.org](mailto:lori@vaccinateindiana.org)

For additional Free HPV vaccine resources, please visit our website [www.vaccinateindiana.org](http://www.vaccinateindiana.org) and login. Membership is free.

