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Advocating for Kids

AAP Chapter CATCH Facilitator Recruitment

Interested in developing your skills as a mentor and leader in the field of community pediatrics?

The AAP [Community Access to Child Health \(CATCH\) Program](#) is seeking applications for the position of Chapter CATCH Facilitator (CCF). CCFs are appointed by their AAP Chapter to serve a renewable three-year term.

CATCH's mission is to support pediatricians, pediatric trainees, and advanced pediatric providers to collaborate within their communities to advance the health of all children. Our vision is that every child in every community reach optimal health and well-being. View the CATCH 30th anniversary [video](#) about CATCH's impact on innovation, community collaboration and advocacy, and leadership development.

Advocating for Kids (cont.)

AAP Chapter CATCH Facilitator Recruitment (cont.)

- Benefits for serving as a Chapter CATCH Facilitator (CCF) include:
- Mentoring others to make a difference in their communities.
- Offers opportunities to strengthen mentorship of pediatric residents.
- Become part of the leadership within the AAP chapter.
- Beneficial career development for academic medicine or professorship titles.
- Learn more about applying for grants for your own skill development and making a difference in your community.
- Connection with like-minded colleagues from across the nation.

Learn more about the [responsibilities and activities](#) of the position. The deadline to apply [online](#) is **August 15, 2025**. Questions? Contact AAP CATCH staff at catch@aap.org.

2026 AAP President-Elect & At-Large Board Election

The AAP National Nominating Committee (NNC) has chosen Wanda D. Barfield, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP, of Atlanta, Ga., and Lois K. Lee, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP, of Boston, as candidates for president-elect and also announced candidates for an at-large board member.

Voting will take place from Sept. 2-16. The winner will serve as AAP president in 2028. For more information read [AAP News coverage](#).

The winner of the September election will serve as AAP president in 2028, succeeding Terri D. McFadden, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP, who will serve as president in 2027.



Dr. Lee is a senior faculty advisor in the Office of Health Equity and Inclusion and a senior associate in pediatrics in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital. She also serves as a professor of clinical pediatrics and an associate professor of emergency medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is chair of the Council on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention Executive Committee.

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Dr. Barfield is director of the Division of Reproductive Health within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is a professor of pediatrics at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and an assistant professor of pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine. She previously served as CDC Liaison to AAP Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Executive Committee and AAP Committee on Fetus and Newborn.

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Spotlight on a Chapter Member

AAP Special Achievement Award

We would like to recognize Drs. Barker and Womack for receiving the AAP Special Achievement Award for distinguished service and dedication to the Mission and Goals of the Academy. We thank them for their hard work for Idaho's children.

Dr. Lisa Barker – Dr. Barker has been a vaccine champion for our chapter and has been active in the Vaccine Confidence grant. We are thankful for her ongoing advocacy!

Dr. Noreen Womack – Dr. Womack formed Idaho Children are Primary not-for-profit, carefully reviewing legislative actions impacting children. This has an enormous impact for children.

AAP Leadership Conference Report

Dr. Tom Patterson (Idaho AAP President), Dr. Brian Birch (Idaho AAP Vice President), and Sherry Iverson (Idaho AAP Executive Director), joined over 600 pediatric leaders at the AAP headquarters to learn, vote on resolutions, and network with leaders from around the country. Key issues include new social media plans for children of all ages, safe sleep practices in the hospital, and vaccine hesitancy.



Social Media Update

Social Media Snapshot: July Goodbye to July!

In the month of July, we welcomed **49 new followers**, bringing our total audience to **569 followers** across our platforms, and beating June's new follower count by 10! Our Facebook and Instagram content reached approximately **28k views**, a little under what we had for June.

During this month, we highlighted several important child health and safety topics, including:

- Life Jackets and how to select a safe one.
- Teen curfews and why they are important.
- Sleep safety for sleep deprived parents.
- Back to School Bootcamp introduction.
- Smoke Safety.

During this month, we launched our big series, Back to School Bootcamp. This series combines back to school preparation with vaccine confidence messaging and will be continuing through the month of August.

Looking ahead to August, we will continue our Back-to-School Bootcamp series as families prepare for a healthy start to the school year. We will also continue sharing child health, safety, and injury prevention topics, along with national health observances and awareness days that connect to children and families. The Children's Museum Fun Run will also be a source of content, so make sure to look out for that!

A few potential topics for August include:

School bus and pedestrian safety

Car seat and booster seat safety

Sports and concussion safety

Water safety and drowning prevention

Mental health and emotional well-being

Continued Safe Sleep efforts

Continued Suicide Awareness/Prevention efforts

Healthy lunch and snack ideas

Handwashing and illness prevention

National Immunization Awareness Month

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

National Breastfeeding Month

International Youth Day

Social Media Update (cont)

Social Media Snapshot: July

These are just a few ideas I am considering as I plan our August content. If you have other suggestions or topics you would like to see us cover, please feel free to reach out to me at my new email: marketingidahoaap@gmail.com.

Instagram: @idahoaapediatrics

Facebook: Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Please share our pages with your friends, family, coworkers, clinics, community partners, and anyone who wants reliable child health information for Idaho families.

Thank you and looking forward to what August brings!

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

Treasure Valley Climate and Health Symposium

Dr. Ethan Sims is an emergency medicine physician and the executive director of the [Idaho Clinicians for Climate and Health \[idahocliniciansforclimateandhealth.org\]](https://idahocliniciansforclimateandhealth.org), a group of healthcare professionals across degrees and specialties working to educate clinicians and the populations they serve about the health impacts being brought on by a changing climate. He would like to invite you to the Treasure Valley Regional Climate and Health Symposium scheduled for **September 2, 2026**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Luke's Plaza in Boise. Attached is a flyer with additional information or you may register and see the agenda at the following link.

<https://stlukesonline.org/en/healthier-communities/classes-and-events/treasure-valley-regional-climate-and-health-symposium/>

2026 IDPQC (Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative) Annual Summit

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2026 IDPQC Annual Summit.

When: **Thursday, September 3, 2026**

Where: The Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho.

Virtual Attendance Also available.

Attendance is FREE and topics will include:

- * The State of the State: Maternal Health in Idaho
- * Updates on Implementing the AIM Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle
- * A look ahead at our next IDPQC Statewide Initiative: The AIM Perinatal Mental Health Patient Safety Bundle

More details will be shared about the event as we finalize the programming and event agenda, but you can register now at the following link: [Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative - 2026 Annual Summit Registration Form](#)
If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to Phillip Wetmore (pwetmore@comagine.org).

2026 Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference

Monday-Tuesday, **October 19-20, 2026**

St. Luke's Plaza
Central Plaza Auditorium
720 E. Park Blvd., Boise, ID 83712

Join colleagues from across the region for an engaging, high-impact conference featuring:

- Expert-led sessions on the latest pediatric emergency medicine topics
- Practical, evidence-based insights you can take back to clinical practice
- Opportunities to network, collaborate, and learn alongside fellow professionals

Spots are limited, so don't miss your chance to be part of this must-attend event.

For more information and to register, go to: [Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference 2026](#)

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

2026 AAP Experience – National Conference & Exhibition



[AAP Experience: National Conference & Exhibition – October 2-6, 2026](#)

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Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

Recruitment for Primary Care Provider Research Study

Title: Primary Care Providers Needed for Research Study

Researchers at Washington State University are seeking rural primary care providers to participate in a research study examining perspectives on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to support patient communication during challenging healthcare conversations, including vaccination recommendations and preventive care discussions. The study has been approved by Washington State University IRB (26-0408-1).

Eligible participants:

- Physicians, pediatricians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or nurses
- Currently practicing primary care
- Serving rural communities in Washington, Oregon, or Idaho

Participation involves:

- One 45–60 minute interview via Zoom (audio call is fine!)
- Compensation of a \$100 gift card for participation

Participation is voluntary, and all responses will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law.

If you are interested, please register here: [LINK](#). To learn more, please contact the research assistant of the project, Andrew D. Sutherland, at andrew.sutherland@wsu.edu.

Sincerely,

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Resources

Wildfire Preparedness Guide

Here is the link to a Wildfire Preparedness Guide for Children & Teens created by the Fire Help Center.

<https://www.firehelpcenter.com/wildfires/safety-preparedness-guide/children-teens/>

Mother's Milk Pediatrician Guide

Mothers' Milk Bank of California has shared with us a new publication developed in response to feedback from pediatricians who identified a need for a practical guide to donor human milk.

The publication is designed to provide pediatricians with evidence-based information and resources to support conversations with families and clinical decision-making related to donor human milk.

[MMB Pediatrician-Guide.pdf](#)

2026 Kids Count Data Book

Here is the link to the newly released 2026 Kids Count Data Book [2026 Kids Count Data Book](#)

Book Corner

Mother Bruce series by Ryan T. Higgins

Charming children's book series featuring Bruce, a grumpy bear, and his humorous adventures.