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Advocating for Kids

Spotlight on Maternal Care in Canyon County

Idaho has seen a 22% drop in practicing OB-GYNs since 2022, resulting in increased pressure on remaining maternal health care services statewide. In response, the president-elect of the Idaho Medical Association, Dr. Megan Kasper, is stepping up efforts to respond to this demand, including opening a new clinic in Nampa, to address the gap and improve access for expecting families. Her vision and actions signal a meaningful shift toward bolstering maternal care access in Canyon County and beyond. Read more [here](#).

Pediatric Residents 2025

The AAP National Nominating Committee has selected Terri D. McFadden, M.D., M.P.H., FAAP, of Atlanta, and Marsha D. Spitzer, M.D., FAAP, of San Diego, as candidates for president-elect.

The winner will serve as AAP president in 2027, succeeding Andrew D. Racine, M.D., Ph.D., FAAP, who will serve as president in 2026.

AAP members can cast their ballots from September 3-17.

Spotlight on a Chapter Member

Oral Health Champion Recruitment

We are trying to recruit an Oral Health Champion for the Idaho chapter. Attached are a position description, a list of roles and responsibilities, and the AAP National Staff Support information. Please let Sherry know if might have a recommendation for this position.

Pediatric Residents 2025

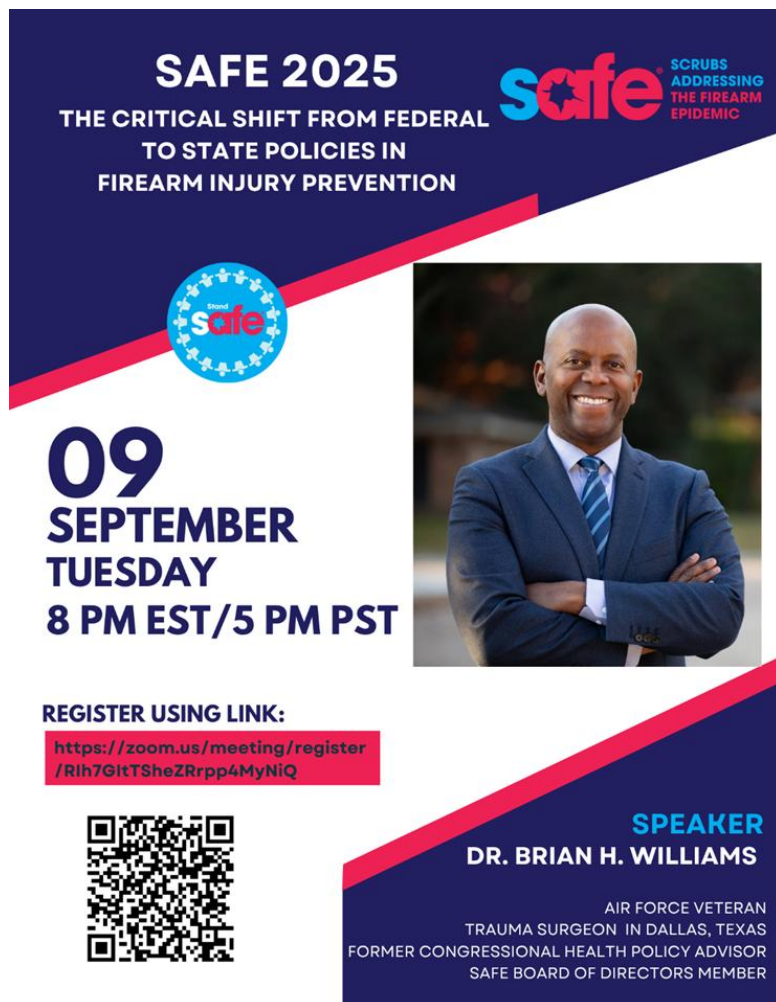
We would like to welcome to Idaho the following pediatric residents for 2025. We look forward to their involvement in our chapter.

Kholtyn Barney
Holly Burrell
Zakary Landers
Meghan Murphy

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

SAFE National Event on State Policies

Register for Sept. 9 National Event - Stand SAFE - State Policy Shift



The poster for the SAFE 2025 event features a dark blue background with a red diagonal stripe. At the top left, the text reads "SAFE 2025" in large white letters, followed by "THE CRITICAL SHIFT FROM FEDERAL TO STATE POLICIES IN FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION" in smaller white letters. To the right is the "safe" logo in red and blue, with the tagline "SCRUBS ADDRESSING THE FIREARM EPIDEMIC" in small white text. Below the main title is a circular logo with the word "stand" in white and "safe" in red, surrounded by a ring of white stars. The date and time are prominently displayed in large white letters: "09 SEPTEMBER TUESDAY 8 PM EST/5 PM PST". At the bottom left, a red box contains the text "REGISTER USING LINK:" followed by the URL "https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/Rlh7GItTSheZRpp4MyNIQ". Below the URL is a QR code. On the right side of the poster is a portrait of Dr. Brian H. Williams, a Black man in a suit and tie, smiling with his arms crossed. At the bottom right, the text "SPEAKER DR. BRIAN H. WILLIAMS" is written in white, followed by his credentials: "AIR FORCE VETERAN", "TRAUMA SURGEON IN DALLAS, TEXAS", "FORMER CONGRESSIONAL HEALTH POLICY ADVISOR", and "SAFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER".

SAFE 2025
THE CRITICAL SHIFT FROM FEDERAL
TO STATE POLICIES IN
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**09 SEPTEMBER
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SAFE is honored to host Dr. Brian H. Williams, an Air Force veteran, trauma surgeon, former congressional health policy advisor, and recent candidate for US Congress in Dallas.

Dr. Williams, a member of SAFE's National Board of Directors, will be sharing the critical shift from federal to state policies in firearm injury prevention work. Moreover, he will be discussing core themes from his best-selling memoir, *The Bodies Keep Coming: Dispatches from a Black Trauma Surgeon on Racism, Violence and How we Heal*, including the intersectionality of race, racism, and healthcare as well as the broader future of the firearm violence epidemic.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

Children's Champion Lunch

We would love to have you join our table for the 2025 Children's Champion Lunch. If you have an interesting in attending, please contact Sherry at sherrydeeiverson@gmail.com.



Idaho Immunization Coalition Casino Night Benefit Fundraiser



It's time to DOUBLE DOWN for PREVENTION!

Thursday, September 25

Basque Center | 601 Grove Street in Boise | 6:00 pm

The Idaho Immunization Coalition (IIC) is proud to host our **first-ever Casino Night Benefit Fundraiser** to support our mission of promoting vaccines and health advocacy across Idaho. As champions for public health, we work tirelessly to ensure Idahoans of all ages have access to life-saving immunizations and accurate health information.

Your support will help us expand our outreach, combat misinformation, and advocate for policies that promote the health and safety of our communities. Together, we can ensure every child, family, and neighbor in Idaho has the tools they need to live longer, healthier lives.

Here's how you can be part of the winning hand:

Become an event sponsor: Jackpot Sponsor, High Roller Sponsor, and Ante Up Sponsor (see flyer for details)

Casino night: Cards, dice, and a silent auction – it will be an evening of fun, food, and philanthropy

As a sponsor, you'll help us:

- ♦ **Advocate for strong public health policies** that keep Idahoans healthy
- ♥ **Expand outreach efforts** to ensure every child and adult has access to vaccines
- ♠ **Combat misinformation** with clear, trusted resources for families and providers
- ♣ **Build healthier, stronger communities** across urban and rural Idaho

This is your chance to **make a lasting impact** and show Idaho that your organization is "all in" for building a stronger, healthier future. Can we bet on you? Please contact me at kjs@idahoimmune.org.

Thank you,
Karen Sharpnack
Executive Director, Idaho Immunization Coalition

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

St. Luke's Children's Lecture Series

St. Luke's Children's Lecture Series now has their grand rounds available on YouTube. Here is the link to view:

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVOv0F9dFxH43zcGZvE2zyU8K_-b1-s0-&si=gTfux_lm1OBaPPI-

Idaho Immunization Summit



Idaho
Immunization
Coalition

SAVE THE DATE

IDAHO IMMUNIZATION SUMMIT



NOVEMBER 13, 2025



8:30 AM – 5:00 PM



**BASQUE CENTER:
601 W GROVE ST,
BOISE, ID 83702**

Registration opens
summer 2025.



Space will be
limited!

Medicaid Case Management Service for Pregnant and Postpartum Women with Substance Use Disorders

CASE MANAGEMENT FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE



Telligen, in partnership with Idaho Medicaid, offers comprehensive support for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder. Our specialized case managers can help:

- Coordinate care between pregnancy and behavioral health providers.
- Connect to recovery supports.
- Provide education and support during pregnancy and after delivery.

Participating in case management is voluntary. This is a free resource that can support pregnant and postpartum women with Idaho Medicaid and the children in their household.

Idaho Medicaid participants, their caregivers or providers can contact Telligen at cmidaho@telligen.com or call a Case Manager directly at 208-433-7502 with questions or to enroll in case management.

Scan the
QR code to
contact us
to sign up



Resources (cont.)

Idaho Home Visiting Program

Idaho Home Visiting Program: Supporting Families Where They Are

The Idaho Home Visiting Program (IHVP) is a valuable, underutilized resource that supports families with young children. This free, voluntary service pairs trained home visitors with pregnant women and caregivers of children from birth to age 5. Visits occur in the home or another convenient location and focus on building a trusting, long-term relationship and individualized support.

Home visitors work collaboratively with families to:

- Promote positive parenting practices
- Conduct developmental screenings for infants and young children
- Connect families to local services and community resources
- Address common challenges related to early childhood and parenting

IHVP funds two evidence-based models: Parents as Teachers (PAT), available statewide, and Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), offered in the Treasure Valley and Panhandle Health Districts. Families must meet eligibility criteria, but generally young or first-time parents, families with low-incomes, and those facing additional stressors such as involvement with child welfare, substance use, or developmental concerns are likely to be eligible.

To learn more or refer a family:

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/children-families-older-adults/about-home-visiting>

Story from a Parents As Teachers Home Visitor:

"I have a family I've been serving for about 15 months. When they enrolled in the program, mom had just left an abusive relationship, and she had serious behavioral concerns about her almost 4-year-old. The first ASQ-SE [Ages and Stages Questionnaire -- Social-Emotional] we completed together returned a score that was in the 90th percentile [of risk] and validated mom's concerns. In the time I've been serving this family, they've been able to find stable housing and have been able to find multiple supports for each member of the family, including mental health counseling for each member, and in home behavioral support 1-2 times a week. We recently completed a new social emotional screening on the child, and Mom was excited to see his score is now in the 'no or low risk' range. While the child still has behavioral concerns, his mom feels a lot of hope and optimism about their future."

Book Corner

My One-of-a-Kind Body: The Ultimate Guide to Caring for Me (on sale October 21, 2025) pediatrician and child health expert **Dr. Whitney Casares introduces the concept of body literacy**. This engaging, relatable guide for kids ages 7 to 12, with full-color illustrations throughout, celebrates body diversity and encourages kids to love the body they're in— just as it is—while taking good care of themselves.

The AAP website HealthyChildren.org offers [several lists](#) that parents can pull from. Other groups, including the [Association for Library Service to Children](#) and the [Cooperative Children's Books Center](#), also provide book lists for children. Read Out and Read hosts a [podcast](#) as well where Dr. Navsaria speaks with authors about their work and can provide tips for parents.