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Advocating for Kids

Coalition for Safe Health Care

The Idaho Coalition for Safe Healthcare (ICSH) is dedicated to ensuring safe, legal, and equitable access to evidence-based medical care for all Idahoans. Our mission revolves around safeguarding the doctor-patient relationship, advocating for healthcare professionals' ability to provide accepted standards of care, and preserving patients' rights in medical decision-making. We strive to recruit and retain healthcare professionals by fostering an environment where evidence-based healthcare is valued and supported. Through education initiatives, we aim to raise awareness among healthcare professionals, policymakers, and the public about the adverse impacts of criminalizing healthcare practices. Our coalition also works to protect healthcare professionals from legal challenges and serves as experts to policymakers on healthcare-related legislation. Pediatricians play a crucial role in our efforts to ensure that all Idahoans receive safe and equitable healthcare, having a subcommittee to offer focused agenda items. Join us in advocating for evidence-based care and health equity in Idaho by joining our coalition. We look forward to connecting with you. [JOIN](#)

Capitol Visit

Dr. Brian Birch attended the 2024 AAP Advocacy Conference. Here's a picture and additional conference information.



Nearly 300 Pediatricians Advocate for Children in Nation's Capital

This week, **nearly 300 pediatricians** were in Washington, DC, for the 2024 AAP Advocacy Conference.

The attendees took to Capitol Hill on Tuesday with two timely asks for their lawmakers: pass legislation to protect young people online and reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program. The bipartisan, bicameral bills that attendees advocated for this week have since gained new cosponsors!

Leading up to their day on the Hill, attendees participated in advocacy skills-building workshops and sessions on key child health policy issues. Conference highlights included remarks from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, a conversation with the first pediatrician in Congress, Rep. Kim Schrier, MD, FAAP (D-Wash.) and a panel discussion with pediatricians who serve in various roles at different levels of government.

On the morning of their congressional meetings, attendees heard directly from **seven members of Congress** - all of whom emphasized the importance of pediatrician advocacy.

Throughout the day, the group had more than **240 meetings** in the House and Senate, across **45 states**. Check out these posts from the AAP on [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) with highlights from the Hill day!

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events



Registration for the 7th Annual Idaho Breastfeeding Summit is Now Open!

Join us on June 20-21 in Twin Falls, Idaho for this highly anticipated event. Whether you prefer to attend in person or virtually, we have you covered! We recognize the importance of providing options that accommodate everyone's preferences and needs. [Register Now](#)

Continuing education credits will be available for Lactation Consultants, Nurses, and Dietitians. This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and stay up-to-date with the latest research and practices in breastfeeding support.



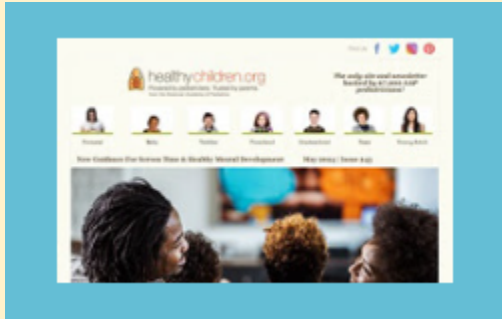
Save the Date for the Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Summer Meeting

We hope you will consider joining us for our ICAAP summer meeting scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, June 30 from 6-8:30 p.m.
Cottonwood Grille in Boise

We will be sending out an invite with additional information soon.

Resources



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Get the latest information from the AAP's website for parents by registering [here](#) for the monthly e-newsletter. Each issue focuses on a different topic and pulls together the site's very best content all in one place. Click [here](#) to see the newsletter archives.

Book Corner

Proud Book: *Nurturing Boys to be Better Men – Gender Equality Starts at Home* by Shelly Vaziri Flais, MD, FAAP.

Pediatrician and mother of four Dr. Shelly Flais gives parents the tools they need to start the lifelong process of raising their boys into men who are mentally healthy, empathetic, and committed to gender equality.

Dr. Flais provides concrete techniques for parents to push back against cultural stereotypes and toxic masculinity as they nurture their sons. Because “kids do as they see,” the work of being role models for gender equality starts in the home.

Dr. Flais explains developmentally appropriate opportunities for growth and awareness of gender equality at every age from before birth through early adulthood.

This conversation-starter emphasizes the benefits of gender equality for boys and girls and men and women, and discusses it not only in the context of the family, but also the extended family, school, and greater community.