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Advocating for Kids

April – Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Members of the Idaho AAP helped bring awareness to child abuse awareness and prevention during the month of April in many ways. Pediatric offices in Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and the Treasure Valley decorated their offices and handed out pinwheels to patients throughout the month. Dr Brian Birch, the Idaho Children’s Fund and the chapter were at Boise’s First Thursday in downtown Boise. In spite of a rainy evening, we visited with many community members about preventing child abuse. A special thanks to Umpqua Bank who hosted our tables and provided beverages and cupcakes and snacks enjoyed by all.



Advocating for Kids

Pinwheel Awards

The Idaho chapter of the AAP is honored to receive the “Pinwheel” award from the Idaho Children’s Trust Fund. Over the past two years, the Idaho AAP has paid for prevention messages to be placed around the state in a unique messaging with blue cups with messages on the fences of schools. In addition, many members have decorated their clinics with pinwheels and have handed out pinwheels to kids during their visits. For information on all our activities for this year, check out the advocacy article in this newsletter. We thank Idaho Children’s Trust Fund for this award, and we look forward to initiating more projects in future years in an effort to prevent child abuse in Idaho.

Lakeside Pediatrics in Coeur d’Alene also received a Pinwheel Award for their efforts in child abuse treatment and prevention. Attached is a document detailing their efforts. Congratulations to Lakeside Pediatrics!

TEN-4-FACESp Mailing

Clinics around the state received posters and related information for their staff to implement the TEN-4-FACESp bruising screening of our youngest patients. If your clinic needs more posters or other materials, please contact Sherry at sherrydeeverson@gmail.com.

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.



Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative Summit

Registration is Now Open for the First Annual IDPQC Summit!

When: May 16, 2024

Where: Boise State University or Virtual

Attendance is free and topics will include: The State of the State Maternal Health in Idaho; Implementing the AIM Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle; Perinatal Mental Health

Anyone actively involved with the IDPQC is encouraged to attend, along with those interested in future engagement. [Register here](#)

Member Update

ICAAP Leadership Update

Dr. Cristina Abuchaibe has served as our vice president for almost one year. As a pediatric cardiologist living in eastern Idaho, she was a great representee for our executive committee. During this legislative session, she testified for the first time remotely, and provided powerful patient stories to illustrate the impact of unwinding Medicaid. Cristina's next adventure takes her to Florida, and we wish her THE BEST. The Florida AAP is gaining a strong new member. She will continue to be part of our chapter.

As our president, Dr. Jared Hansen stated...

“Cristina genuinely cares for the patients and families that she serves, as well as her professional colleagues. She is a true altruist, always prioritizing the needs of others before her own. It has been a great pleasure and honor working with Cristina and learning from her through mutually shared patients and within the Idaho Chapter.”

Dr. Tom Patterson has agreed to step in and fill out the rest of her term. Tom has been very involved and served in many roles in the Idaho chapter and at the national level.

Resources

Car Seats: Product Listings for 2024

There is an array of car seats on the market. Some parents may be uncertain which features to look for based on a child's age, size, and other needs. This newly updated [list](#) can help sort through all the choices.

Study: Measles spike threatens elimination (click title to link)

Nearly 30% of all measles cases since early 2020 have been reported in the first quarter of 2024.



Download Free Resilience Posters for Your Clinic

Share helpful and practical infographics to support caregivers in parenting children – whether or not they have experienced trauma. These resources, in English and Spanish, can be printed as posters for the clinic, shared with families as flyers, and used in social media. Visit [here](#).

Book Corner

Proud Book: *I am Extraordinary* by Stephen Curry. This book encourages kids to enhance their differences that make them extraordinary.