



IDAHO CHAPTER  
American Academy of Pediatrics

## NEWSLETTER

### Advocating for Kids

Firearm Safety Legislative Advocacy: Calling all Medical Professionals - Please join fellow doctors, advanced practice providers, nurses and researchers in D.C. on Thursday, October 19, as we call upon lawmakers to support bills promoting gun violence prevention (safe storage, assault weapons ban, backgrounds checks). RSVP link:

[📍 OnCall4Kids 📍 10/19/2023 FLY-IN RSVP \(google.com\).](#)

For more information on firearm safety legislative advocacy, please visit [Pediatricians, other physicians keep pressure on lawmakers to enact stricter gun laws | AAP News | American Academy of Pediatrics \[publications.aap.org\]](#)

The new AAP Firearm Injury Prevention Special Interest Group (SIG) will hold a networking meeting on Friday, October 20 in conjunction with the National Conference and Exhibition. All are welcome! If you are interested in being part of the SIG but have not yet signed up, you can do so via the QR code below; membership in the SIG is free and open to all AAP members. Leaders from the SIG and COIVPP will be present to hear your ideas and vision for what the SIG can do to support pediatricians in helping keep children and families safe from firearm injury and violence.

SIG sign-up form:



### Resources

PEHSU Regions 8, 9 and 10 are putting on a PFAS ECHO series in Oct/Nov (flyer attached) to increase knowledge and awareness of PFAS and the clinical care of PFAS-exposed patients (focusing on pregnant individuals and children). It is open to anyone interested (public health, CHWs, etc.), though healthcare providers are their target audience.

We would like to share with you the attached Medical Home Portal Periodical for October.

### Spotlight on a Chapter Member

Sherry Iverson, our Executive Director, will be retiring from St. Luke's this month after 37 years of incredible service and dedication. If you wish to contact Sherry in the future, please email her at [sherrydeeverson@gmail.com](mailto:sherrydeeverson@gmail.com), or call her on her cell phone at 208-867-3533. Sherry, thank you for your amazing contribution to St. Luke's and your continued leadership for Idaho AAP.

### Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings

Mark your calendar for our Chapter visit to the Idaho Legislature on February 22, 2024. We will meet at the Capitol Rotunda on the first floor at 8:00 am for photos. Please wear your White Coat and a stethoscope to be quickly identified in the Capitol. We will watch some committee hearings and encourage each of you to make appointments to meet with your Senator and/ or Representative that morning. Sherry will also be setting up some opportunities to meet some lobbyists that we work with to learn more about their advocacy for kids during the Legislative Session.

Our Winter business/awards dinner will be held that night at Cottonwood Grille at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendar and we will have more details coming on how to prepare for your Capitol visit.

### New Idaho AAP Member

Welcome to the following new chapter members:

Katie Coleman – medical student  
Emily McCarty, MD FAAP

### Book Corner

The 2024 Pediatrics in Review, a great resource, is now available for subscription.

To subscribe, go to [2024 Pediatrics in Review | AAP.](#)