



**The Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
would like to wish you a wonderful Doctors' Day.  
Thank you for all you do for children!!**



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## Advocating for Kids

Dr. Ben Hoffman, AAP President, was in Boise and presented at the 2024 Western Region Association of Pediatric Program Directors Conference. Please see the picture below from the conference that includes a quote by Ben, encouraging all pediatricians to take an active role in advocacy.



### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chapter Champions

In 2017, the American Academy of Pediatrics wrote its statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. In 2019, the Academy published its policy statement, The Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health. One of the early steps in this important journey was to find a DEI Chapter Champion. We are so excited to announce that Drs. Jessie Duvall and Sara Swaboda will help the Chapter as we embark on our mission to address the impact of social injustice on the health of Idaho's children, while also considering how our chapter members, chapter leaders and pediatric providers can adequately represent the children and families for whom we care. One of our first tasks will be to help decide whether our chapter should create a committee or task force to help us on our path toward diversity, equity and inclusion.

If you have the skills, talents, knowledge and, most importantly, the drive, to help us embark on our DEI path and desire to inquire further, please reach out to our executive director, Sherry Iverson.

We are eager to start this journey, which is long overdue and now more important than ever. We look forward to you joining us on the road to a more diverse and inclusive membership and leadership, and a more racially and socially just healthcare system for Idaho children.

One of the first projects will be establishing a booklist that includes diverse authors and diverse characters. PROUD is a movement of "pediatricians reading out loud about diversity". We will feature a book each month in our newsletter's Book Corner and create resources for providers regarding guiding families on how to talk to children about racism during well child checks.

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## Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

### Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Child abuse and neglect are preventable and all our communities and families will benefit when children and families are well supported. Take a moment this month to wear blue one day to draw attention to this important message, check out the activities on the Idaho Children's Trust fund website for events that you can join in your region.

First Thursday: Brian Birch MD, and the Idaho AAP, will be at First Thursday on April 3 in downtown Boise. We will be passing out pinwheels and talking about how we all have a role to help prevent child abuse. Stop by Umpqua bank, 190 N 8th St, Boise, ID 83702, to say hi and enjoy some snacks.

### April 25 – Breastfeeding: The Basics and Beyond

The Idaho Chapter of the AAP offers "Breastfeeding: The Basics and Beyond" on April 25 from 12:15-1 p.m. via Zoom. We would encourage you and your staff to join us for an important update presented by Nicole Hackman, MD, FABM, IBCLC, who will discuss the fundamentals of breastfeeding medicine. Dr. Hackman will review practical tips to support your patients, common misconceptions, and highlight important changes in the field including use of donor milk in the newborn nursery and the 2023 infant feeding guidelines for patients living with HIV.

To join us for this Zoom presentation, please respond to Marilyn Fuller at [idahoaap@gmail.com](mailto:idahoaap@gmail.com) to receive the link. Hope many of you can participate.

## Resources

### Delta Dental of Idaho: Oral Health Grant Application Opens April 1, 2024

Delta Dental of Idaho is seeking submissions from throughout Idaho for the Spring 2024 cycle of their Oral Health Grant Program. Grants may be awarded in amounts between \$5,000 to \$25,000 for capacity building, capital and equipment, and special projects focused on improving dental infrastructure and workforce capacity in Idaho; improving access to affordable, timely, and high-quality dental health care; and reducing oral disease through education, prevention, and treatment. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) public charities or government entities and their instrumentalities who serve individuals in the state of Idaho. The online application opens April 1, 2024, and closes April 21, 2024. Decisions will be made in mid-June. To preview the application and view detailed funding guidelines, create an account on the Delta Dental grant management system [grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ddoi](http://grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ddoi).

Thank you,

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## Book Corner

Proud Book: *Red: A Crayon's Story* (Michael Hall)

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