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## Advocating for Kids

### AAP President-Elect Election

Elections for the president elect is open from September 11 to September 25.

Take a few minutes to read their bios and VOTE!! [National AAP Election Center](#)

### AAP Leadership Conference Report

Tom Patterson, Jared Hansen and Sherry Iverson went to the AAP leadership conference at the AAP headquarters July 24-28. Over 600 general pediatricians, sub specialists and staff worked on resolutions to guide the board of directors of key issues of concern from round the country. Medicaid reimbursement, safe packaging of edibles, gun safety curriculum for schools, to safe sleep messaging were a few topics addressed. A complete list of resolutions from last year and the action on them and this year's top 10 can be found at [aap.org](#).

### AAP Council on Adolescents and Young Adults

Please see the following information. We encourage participation and would like to have a chapter member join to amplify our issues. Please let Sherry know if you are interested.

We are thrilled to announce that the Council on Adolescents and Young Adults (CoAYA) is now official, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>! Over the past year, the CoAYA EC worked hard to bring the policy, education, advocacy and programmatic work together from the committee and section, in an effort to create more synergy and alignment of all the adolescent health activities across the Academy. A workplan has been created for the 1<sup>st</sup> year as a Council; and the Executive Committee will be meeting at the National Conference this Fall to work on an implementation plan for the goals and objectives that will be shared with you later this year.

The work of the Council will be conducted mainly through subcommittees; each Executive Committee member will lead a subcommittee. But, as you can imagine, our leadership cannot do this work alone. One of our major goals for the Council is to create more opportunities for member engagement; we hope you will consider getting involved at whatever level works best for you and fits within the time you have to volunteer. You will be hearing about these opportunities in the near future. From Liz Alderman, MD, FSAHM, FAAP, CoAYA Chairperson

**Genetic Support Foundation**

Please see the attached information regarding the Genetic Support Foundation. This could be a very valuable resource for providers.

**IOHA Update**

Please see the attached update from the Idaho Oral Health Alliance.

**Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events**

**2024 AAP National Conference & Exhibition**

<p><b>ALL ACCESS REGISTRATION</b></p>  <p><b>SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!</b></p> <p>Registration is now open for the 2024 AAP National Conference &amp; Exhibition, taking place on September 27-October 1, in Orlando, FL. The conference schedule also is available. Be sure to check it out and see everything the National Conference has to offer.</p> <p><b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION</b></p>
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**AAP Immunization Conversation Video**

Practice Immunization Conversations in Free, 30-minute Virtual Simulation  
Learn how to respond to hesitant parents and receive feedback in the immersive and interactive training course called “Increasing Immunization Confidence,” designed for pediatricians and all pediatric care team members. Included in the module is a refresher on infection prevention and control for your clinic. Learn more and register on the Bodyswaps partner [website](#).



## Spotlight on a Member

### AAP Special Achievement Award

Congratulation to Dr. Joe Wilbanks on receiving the AAP Special Achievement Award for distinguished service and dedication to the mission and goals of the Academy. Dr. Wilbanks received this award for his outstanding work serving as the Idaho chapter Newborn Hearing Champion and for his service as the EUDI Physician with the state program.

## Resources

### CNN Water Safety Report

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#### **Children Should Wear Swimsuits with Bright, Contrasting Colors To Improve Visibility In The Water, Experts Say**

[CNN](#) (6/7) reported, “The color of your child’s swimsuit could impact their safety at a swimming pool or the beach. That’s according to water safety experts who have taken a close look at how the hue of swimwear may influence how visible a child is under water.” Director of health and safety for the American Lifeguard Association Bernard Fisher said, “A child’s swimsuit color can significantly impact their visibility in the water, which is crucial in preventing drownings. Bright and contrasting colors stand out more clearly against the water, making it easier for lifeguards and parents to spot a child quickly, especially in an emergency situation.” The article added, “The **American Academy of Pediatrics** [recommends](#) swim lessons as a layer of protection against drowning and says they can start for many children as early as 1.”

**AAP News:** [Practice water safety to prepare for summer fun](#)

## Book Corner

**Proud Book:** *Providing the following books from First Book Marketplace with immigrant and refugee stories of strength and resilience.*

[Immigrant and Refugee Stories for Kids and Teens \(fbmarketplace.org\)](http://fbmarketplace.org)