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Advocating for Kids

White Coat Day.

We held our White Coat Day on February 22. Those joining us were Dr. Susan Bradford, Dr. Brian Birch, Dr. Jared Hansen, Sherry Iverson, Dr. Savarra Mantzor, and our four residents, Dr. Diana Green, Dr. Nathan Hannay, Dr. Sivani Kuruvada and Dr. Megan Marstaeller. We met with our partners, Voices for Children and the American Heart Association, to learn about key legislation. We then observed the House Health and Welfare Committee.



OnCall4Kids

OnCall4Kids is a non-partisan coalition of physicians and healthcare workers. We apply a scientific approach to the gun violence epidemic. We use evidence-based data and personal testimony to support our expert opinion that improved gun safety legislation can save lives.

We focus on safe storage regulations, universal background checks, and a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Website: [OnCall4kids](https://oncall4kids.org) [HERE](#)

Spotlight on an AAP Member

Dr. Jennifer Salame is a pediatric hospitalist with St. Luke's. She earned her medical degree at Loma Linda University. Following that, she completed her pediatric residency and chief year at Phoenix Children's Hospital. She relocated to Idaho in 2021, along with her husband and children. She is looking forward to Idaho AAP Executive Committee participation as a representative of early career physicians as they take the leap into independent practice. Outside of work, you will find her living her best mom life – attending school activities and library story times, party planning, baking and exploring parks!

Jennifer would like to present the following opportunity from the Idaho AAP Career Physician Section: Seeking pediatricians practicing in Idaho, any specialty or location is welcome! You will meet with a pediatric resident at least three times in the academic year, either in person or virtually. Residents are already assigned an academic mentor through the residency program to ensure successful completion of necessary competencies for graduation. The intent of this mentorship is to allow pediatricians beyond the residency program to share their own experiences for the purposes of professional guidance, networking, and personal support for the residents.

Questions? Email salamej@slhs.org.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/SPVFzPKFjHUMzFKU6>

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

Pediatric Advisory Evening

Sara Swoboda and Jessie Duvall are co-hosting a pediatric advocacy event at the home of Mark and Becky Uranga next **Wednesday, March 6 from 6-8pm**. There will be information from the Idaho Coalition for Safe Healthcare (ICSH), a new group of physicians and other medical professionals advocating for Idahoans to have access to safe and evidence-based healthcare including reproductive health care and care for LGBTQ+ communities. This will be a casual evening to learn and meet others interested in advocacy.

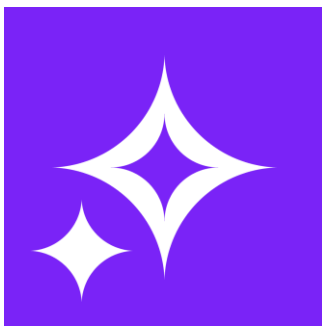
We want pediatric healthcare clinicians to be up to date on what is happening at the state level now, and to strategize on how to advocate over the long-term. We are in the middle of the legislative session and several issues have come up that are pertinent to caring for youth in Idaho:

- Mandating parental consent for all minors under age 18 to receive any healthcare information or treatment.
- Medicaid funding and expansion.
- Changing IRIS to be opt-in rather than opt-out.
- Reestablishing the maternal mortality review committee.
- Further restrictions on transgender people.
- Changes to concussion laws.
- And more...

Please RSVP if you can attend, the event is free. Feel free to forward to others who may be interested.

You do NOT need to purchase a ticket to attend - the sign-up form will ask you if you want to donate, but you can just click through it to sign up.

<https://givebutter.com/vexCxZ>



[ICSH Pediatrician Gathering](#)

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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.

Resources

Virtual Office Hours – Newborn Screening for Hearing and EDHI Program

The virtual office hours has a recording about newborn screening for hearing and the EHDI Program. The AAP Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program is hosting a four-part series of virtual office hours. Each office hour will include a recorded didactic presentation which can be viewed anytime, followed by a Q/A. The second session on February 22 will explain the EHDI 1-3-6 benchmarks and the pivotal role of pediatric professionals in their advancement. Access the recording and slides slides [here](#).

Fluoridation Information

Providing some current fluoridation information below:

[Community Water Fluoridation | Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Fluoridation \(aap.org\)](#)

Sanofi Follow Up: Cracking the Codes Website

Complimentary Educational Resource for Immunizers –
Sanofi’s Cracking the Codes: Coding, Billing, and Payer Coverage

We are pleased to share a complimentary on-line educational resource for coding, billing, and coverage information, as brought to you by Sanofi. Through their Cracking the Codes platform, you can access educational coding and billing videos for all of their immunization products and their administration, information about other topics of interest, and downloadable resources. The Cracking the Codes portal also includes a Coverage Finder Tools for Beyfortus® (nirsevimab-alip), which allows you to search for coverage and reimbursement information for the payers in our state.

This entire resource is available to you on-demand, 24-7. Please take advantage of this educational resource at www.CrackingtheCodesTraining.com.

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