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American Academy of Pediatrics

NEWSLETTER

Advocating for Kids

Members of Idaho Children Are Primary traveled to Eastern Idaho this week to meet with seven legislators. Idaho Children Are Primary (ICAP) is a non-partisan 501c(4) organization that rates legislative bills and provides evidence-based data to lawmakers during session. Based on these meetings, AAP members should watch for more legislation on school choice, library restrictions, and Medicaid cuts. Also as a reminder, everyone vote! Dr. Noreen Womack

Resources

The **Maternal and Child Health Program** of the **Idaho Department of Health and Welfare** and **Comagine Health** have partnered to establish Idaho's Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC). The Idaho PQC brings together clinical providers, public health leaders, payers and community-based organizations to improve outcomes for pregnant people and babies.

Excited to learn more about the **Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC)** and get involved? Complete the **IDPQC Interest Form** [u10944266.ct.sendgrid.net] to sign up for future newsletter, project updates, and express interest in leadership roles.

The Idaho Division of Public Health's Environmental Health Program developed a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) in 2021 using federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information, go to <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/lead-poisoning> [healthandwelfare.idaho.gov].

The **Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs)** are a national network of experts in the prevention, diagnosis, management, and treatment of health issues that arise from environmental exposures from preconception through adolescence. Follow this link to view their recent newsletter. [PEHSU September Newsletter 2023 \(contentsharing.net\)](#)

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings

Neuroimmune Institute, is hosting a virtual CME conference March 1-2, 2024, via Zoom and has granted our organization 500 fee waivers for physicians. The topic is *Improving Quality of Life in Patients with Autism: Emerging Research, Evaluation, and Management of Co-Occurring Conditions*. **The virtual conference is being offered free of charge to 500 physicians who have not attended a prior Neuroimmune event. The link to register and request the fee be waived can be found on Neuroimmune Institute's [Virtual CME: Improving Quality of Life in Patients With Autism Conference Fee Waivers | Neuroimmune Institute](#)**

Book Corner

The [AAP Pediatric Obesity Clinical Support Chart | AAP](#) provides practitioners with an evidence-based quick reference guide for evaluating and treating overweight and obesity in the clinical setting. The content is grounded in the latest clinical practice guideline from the AAP. Other nutrition resources available from the AAP include the "[Nutrition Resources Package](#)."

New Podcast Episode: Hearing Assessments Beyond Neonatal Screening, Virtual: Driving to Predict Crashes

In this episode, Julia Hecht, MD, FAAP, explains the need for hearing assessments for infants, children and adolescents beyond the newborn screenings. Hosts David Hill, MD, FAAP, and Joanna Parga-Belinkie, MD, FAAP, also speak with Elizabeth Welshe, PhD, about how a virtual driving assessment for new drivers helped predict the likelihood of first crashes. Listen to the podcast [Pediatrics On Call Podcast \(aap.org\)](#) or on your favorite podcast platform.

"[Pediatric Allergies: A Clinical Support Chart](#)" provides clinicians point-of-care guidance on the assessment and treatment of pediatric allergies in children of all ages, from infants to young adults. "[Pediatric Asthma: A Clinical Support Chart](#)" provides point-of-care guidance on the assessment and treatment of chronic and acute asthma in infants, toddlers, school-aged children, and young adults. Save \$10 on this exclusive package. Order [Allergy and Asthma Charts Package | AAP](#).