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Advocating for Kids

ICAAP 2025 White Coat Day and Winter Business/Award Dinner

On February 12, Chapter leadership, pediatric residents and the AAP National President, Dr. Kressly, were at the state Capitol. On the agenda was the House Health and Welfare Committee hearing a bill on Medicaid expansion repeal. Chapter members signed up to testify, and contacted their legislative leaders, emphasizing the impact of a repeal on Children and families. Thank you, Dr. Kressly, for visiting Idaho, and providing guidance and support during a very challenging legislative session. You truly are an advocate for children and pediatricians, and reminded everyone of the importance of always showing up for kids!!!



April – National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. The pinwheel is the national symbol for this month, and represents what we want for all children, a happy, healthy and carefree childhood. What could you do in your practice to celebrate this month – decorate your office with pinwheels, wear blue every Tuesday? Please check out the Idaho Children’s Trust Fund website below to locate events in your community and around the state.

<https://idahochildrenstrustfund.org/childabusepreventionmonth/>

Advocating for Kids

Youth Mental Health Crisis Survey

My name is Audrey Chau and I am a Senior at Princeton University. I am working on a Senior Thesis exploring the roles and responsibilities of pediatricians in addressing the ongoing youth mental health crisis in the U.S., especially among low-income populations. As part of my research, I would like to invite you to participate in an anonymous survey for all pediatricians in Idaho. Your perspectives and insight will be highly valuable in understanding how medical professionals and systems can improve mental health outcomes for low-income youth going forward.

Survey Details:

Link: <https://forms.gle/WJCSgRzT1AMFcZTK6>

The survey will take no longer than 10 minutes of your time.

Your formal consent to participate in the study will be sought at the beginning of the survey. All questions are optional and your responses are kept strictly confidential. The information collected will only be reported in aggregate. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to directly contact me at nc3167@princeton.edu.

Spotlight on a Member

2024 Idaho Chapter AAP Awards

At our winter business/awards meeting and dinner, we honored our 2024 Idaho Chapter AAP Award recipients. We thank them for their many contributions to the children and parents of Idaho.

Idaho Pediatric Provider of the Year: Dr. Sean Timpane and staff

Idaho Child Advocate of the Year: Dr. Katherine Stevens

Idaho Organization of the Year: Idaho Voices for Children



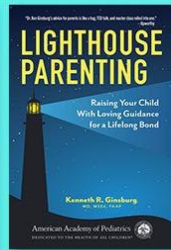
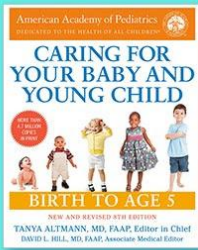
Resources

Idaho Oral Health Alliance News

IOHA: Fluoride Varnish Training Program Pilot: The IOHA has created an in-person training program to assist medical practices in adopting basic oral health services including assessments and application of fluoride varnish. The training, based on best practices and research by the American Academy of Pediatrics, can be delivered in less than an hour and includes printed and on-line resources, tips for seeking reimbursement and dental referrals, and ongoing support for the six-month pilot phase. If you know a medical clinic in Idaho that would like to participate in this pilot or wants to know more about early childhood caries prevention, connect them with Jennifer Wheeler, IOHA Executive Director, jwheeler@idahooralhealth.org

Baby Teeth Matter Campaign: The IOHA, in partnership with Delta Dental of Idaho, created an informative webpage focused on the importance of baby teeth that gives basic tips on cleaning infant mouths, watching out for bacteria, and providing water in nighttime bottles instead of milk. The page also shares that babies should be seen by a dental professional at the eruption of the first tooth or by age one. Additional resources include how to build healthy habits with the child and signs to watch for that indicate tooth decay. The webpage within the IOHA website can be found here: <https://www.idahooralhealth.org/baby-teeth-matter/>

Resources

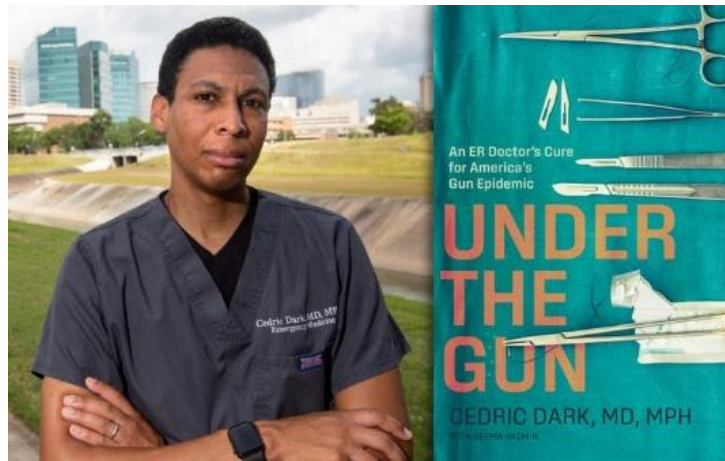


Parenting and Patient Education Resources

Empower parents with the latest pediatrician-approved guidance with these new resources.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

Spring StandSAFE Event



Tuesday, March 11 at 5 PM Pacific Time (8 PM Eastern)

This event is one of SAFE's two annual events that are open to all. Our esteemed guest is Dr. Cedric Dark, who will be talking about his recent book "Under the Gun - An ER Doctor's Cure for America's Gun Epidemic".

While reading the book in advance is not required, it is an excellent book that you can purchase directly from the publisher here: <http://bit.ly/UnderTheGunBook>

All are welcome.

Dr. Dark is a graduate of Morehouse College and earned his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine. He holds a master's degree from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. He completed his residency training at George Washington University where he served as Chief Resident. Currently, Dr. Dark is an Assistant Professor in the Henry J. N. Taub Department of Emergency Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine.

We hope you will forward this invitation on to your medical school or nursing school network, to help more healthcare providers or future ones enter the firearm injury prevention space.

REGISTER for FREE, VIRTUAL EVENT

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

Now Recruiting – AAP Safe Sleep Media Training ECHO!

The AAP is recruiting pediatricians to be part of the AAP Safe Sleep Media Training ECHO. This ECHO serves as a forum for AAP members to improve knowledge, skills, and confidence around media interviewing, talking to communities, and engaging on social media, as it relates to pediatric-focused content, specifically, safe sleep. This ECHO will meet on **Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:00 am CT/11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET** on the following dates: **March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, and June 5** for a total of **7** sessions.

[Applications](#) will be accepted on a rolling basis with first come, first served. See attached flyer for additional details. Please direct any questions to Lisa Brock, lbrock@aap.org ECHO Program Manager.

American Academy of Pediatrics
Safe Sleep Media Training ECHO

Calling all pediatricians to be a part of the AAP Safe Sleep Media Training ECHO. This ECHO serves as a forum for AAP members to improve knowledge, skills, and confidence for participants to feel comfortable giving media interviews related to safe infant sleep for their communities and the general public

**Join Us Biweekly
Thursdays
10am-11am CT**

Who Should Apply?	Topics Covered:	Session Dates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pediatricians who:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Are interested in learning about Safe Sleep Media Training◦ Provide primary care to infants, children, and young adults◦ Want to network and collaborate with others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe Sleep Message Development• Vetting and Preparing for an Interview• Interview Skills• Appearance and Conveying Your Message• Writing for Media• Building Relationships and Pitching the Media• Engaging on Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 13• March 27• April 10• April 24• May 8• May 22• June 5

[Click Here to Register Today!](#)

Questions about this program?
Contact Lisa Brock at
lbrock@aap.org

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To register, go to: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0efb1ffd389449d3be312a006eafe68f>

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

OnCall4Kids Day of Legislative Advocacy – 04/08/2025 Fly-In

About the Fly-In:

CALLING ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS!! We want YOU to come join us in DC for our next day of legislative advocacy! Over the past two years, we have made incredible progress - let's keep up the momentum!!

OnCall4Kids has now participated in hundreds of meetings with lawmakers and other offices of the executive branch. We have also had nearly 100 participants at each of our fly-ins, and we have and represented over 35 states in meetings. On Tuesday, April 8th, OnCall4Kids is headed back to DC to meet with the new Congress during the first 100 days of the new administration. We hope to be joined by all types of healthcare workers to address gun violence as a non-partisan public health crisis. It remains the number one cause of death of children in America. We are ready to represent all 50 states, so please join us and pass on our RSVP to other colleagues across the country!

This is an IN-PERSON ONLY event. **At this time, there are financial stipends available for the first two people from each state who RSVP to attend.** All of our fundraising is through the March Fourth platform since we share a common goal of passing a federal assault weapons ban. Please be assured that 100% of the funds raised from our fundraising link will go towards sending OnCall4Kids healthcare workers to DC. We remain very grateful to March Fourth for the help and platform they give to us to fundraise. However, on the Hill, we remain our own coalition of healthcare workers and we represent science and personal experience only.

We will again be lobbying for three bills that could save lives:

- Assault Weapons Ban/GOSAFE Act
- Background Check Expansion Act (Universal Background Checks)
- Ethan's Law (Secure Storage)

Please answer the questions below IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND IN PERSON MEETINGS IN DC on 04/08/2025. Plan to be available from 8a-5pm to accommodate last minute changes in meeting times. For those that join us, we will host very informative info sessions and lobby training to ensure that everyone is prepared. If you can't attend, please send the link to any friends/co-workers who may be interested in this cause! If you want to help sponsor a healthcare worker to attend in your place, please consider donating on our website - www.oncall4kids.org.

Thank you from your OnCall4Kids team!

[. RSVP Form for 4/8/25 in DC](#)

[Register Here](#)

Registration Now Open for the Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative (IDPQC) Annual Summit

Join the Maternal and Child Health Program of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and Comagine Health for the annual IDPQC Summit this May. This free summit is open to anyone actively engaged with the IDPQC, and anyone interested in future engagement or implementation of other maternal quality improvement efforts.



Summit topics will include:

- The State of the State: Maternal Health in Idaho
- Updates on Implementing the AIM Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle
- Workshop on hospital policy implementation

Attendance is free.

Date: Friday, May 30, 2025

Location:

- **Boise State University**
- **Virtual attendance is also available**



Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

48th Annual AAP District VIII SONPM Conference – June 5-8, Boise Centre East, Boise, ID



48TH ANNUAL AAP DISTRICT VIII SECTION ON NEONATAL PERINATAL MEDICINE CONFERENCE

Registration & Full Agenda LIVE on Conference Website

Acute and chronic management of the tiny baby.

Featuring:

- Pre-conference ventilation workshop
- Presentations on acute and chronic care topics of the tiny baby
 - Networking events
 - Idaho Botanical Gardens Social Event
- **NEW: Full day Saturday is also excellent for PCPs, as it focuses on discharge and f/u care of the medically complicated infant.**
- CME available for full conference or single day Saturday

For additional information go to: <https://district8sonpm.org/>

Idaho Breastfeeding Summit



Back to the Roots

8th Annual

IDAHO BREASTFEEDING SUMMIT
EAGLE, IDAHO
WATERS EDGE EVENT CENTER
JUNE 23-24, 2025

Hosted by the Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition
Registration opens in April with live and virtual options
Pending continuing education for lactation, nursing and dietetics
[Become a Sponsor of the Summit](#)

Keynote Speaker
Melissa Cole, MS, IBCLC, RLC

Melissa specializes in presenting on tongue tie, complex feeding cases, clinical herbal care for the perinatal period, and beyond!
Presentation titles to be announced soon.

Highlight IdahoSpeakers

Dr. Jennifer Anacker
Anacker Clinic of Chiropractic
The Calm Connection: Why a regulated nervous system is key to breastfeeding success

Kathy Strickland, MSPT
Trillium Healing
Torticollis and Plagiocephaly for the Lactation Consultant

Olivia Mangeac, PA-C
Functional Medicine of Idaho
Presentation title coming soon

University of Idaho
Graduate Students
Breastmilk research updates

Andrea Rasmussen
US Department of Labor
Laws that Support Parents of Newborn Babies

Become an IBC member
IBC members receive a 10% discount to the annual Summit

Sign up for IBC emails
Including, invitations to the quarterly meeting.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

AAP National Conference



JOIN US IN DENVER!

September 26–30, 2025

The AAP National Conference & Exhibition is the largest gathering of pediatric health care professionals in the world, offering a remarkable opportunity to unite in their unwavering commitment to the well-being of every child. This year, the National Conference will take place from September 26-30 in Denver, Colorado.

Registration and housing opens **May 1** for AAP Members and **May 8** for all! Visit AAPexperience.org for the latest updates.

Idaho Chapter Immunization Representative

This legislative session identified the critical importance and benefit of having a Chapter Immunization Representative (CIR) (role position description attached). A CIR can help provide leadership to other pediatricians in Idaho and assist chapters with navigating the current climate of growing vaccine hesitancy and declining childhood immunization rates.

Additionally, CIRs will have the opportunity to participate in a Community of Practice meeting series in spring/summer 2025, consisting of five 1-hour meetings that cover a variety of immunization issues and topics and will be eligible for a stipend payment at the end of the series.

If you have an interest or have questions, please contact Sherry Iverson at sherrydeeiverson@gmail.com.

Book Corner

Silas Stands Tall: A School Story about Cerebral Palsy by Brandi Harrington and Leighanna Martin
Silas has cerebral palsy and wears leg braces to help him walk. Starting at a new school means a chance to make friends – but it also means deciding how to share his story. Will Silas find the courage to talk about his differences? And how will his classmates respond? Follow Silas and his new friends on a journey of understanding and friendship.