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### Advocating for Kids

#### **Primary Election Voting Information**

Prepping for the Primaries: In Idaho only 17% of people vote in the primary. You can change that. This year's primary elections take place on May 19, and you can still [register](#). Then, go to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org), fill in your address, and see all the races in which you can vote. Get informed and make a plan to vote!

## Spotlight on a Chapter Member

### Happy Mother's Day

*Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing mothers in our chapter!!*



### National Nurses Week

*Thank you to all those dedicated nurses at clinics, in hospitals and providing home care all around Idaho. We appreciate you!!*



### Michelle DeVoe – The Case for Disability Insurance

“Michelle, I need you to sit down. I have your MRI results.” Those words will forever ring in my head. I had an MRI to see why I was having a swallowing issue and something unexpected was found; a brain tumor. Over the next few weeks, with many tests, a craniotomy and then the pathology result, I was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, grade 4. My life will never be the same. Due to the aggressive nature of the tumor, and the post-surgical effects on my brain, I medically retired.

I had planned to work for at least 5 more years, but fate had other ideas. My daughter is in college, and luckily, I had the forethought to have enough set aside for her tuition through her entire collegiate career. But then the panic set in, did I save enough? My life may be shorter than I hoped for, but did I save enough to cover our life, to take the trips we had dreamed of in retirement, to pay for all the treatments I'm going to need? Then I remembered the words of one of my attendings in residency. “Make sure you get disability insurance for your specialty. That way if you can't practice, you will be covered.”

I was fortunate that I listened to him and did what he recommended. I'm waiting for my claim to be paid, but at least for now, I'm able to concentrate on my chemotherapy and radiation. I urge you all, get practice specific disability insurance! You never know what can happen.

### Lakeside Pediatrics Recognition

We are so honored to be named Best Pediatric Office in the Best of 2026 by the Business Journal! 🏆

Thank you to our amazing patients and families for your continued support and for taking the time to vote for us. We are truly grateful to be part of your lives and care for your kiddos every day. 💙

This recognition means so much to our entire team!



## Social Media Update

### Social Media Snapshot: March

April Showers Bring May Followers!

In April, we welcomed **51 new followers**, bringing our total audience to **436 followers**. Across Facebook and Instagram, our content reached approximately **25,700 views** and generated more than **400 interactions**.

May is already shaping up to be another strong month, with many timely opportunities to connect with families and promote child health and safety. Planned content for May includes:

- Continued injury prevention and safety messaging, including safe sleep, water safety, bike safety, and suicide prevention awareness
- Vaccine education and encouraging reminders about staying up to date
- Sharing and amplifying high-quality content from other AAP chapters and trusted pediatric voices
- Seasonal and timely topics related to spring and summer child health needs
- Awareness posts tied to important May observances such as **Nurses Week/Nurses Day, Mental Health Awareness Month, Water Safety Month**, and more

If you come across a high-quality, credible post that aligns with our mission, please feel free to send it my way. I am always happy to share relevant content through our stories or feed.

If you have not followed our social media pages yet, please check them out:

**Instagram:** @idahoapeditrics

**Facebook:** Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

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### Strong Families, Safe Kids Fair

Dr. Lisa Barker, her daughter, Ellie, and I had the pleasure of representing the Idaho AAP at the Strong Families, Safe Kids Fair at the West Boise YMCA this past Friday!

We were grateful to connect with community partners and families while celebrating Strengthening Families Month and supporting the health and well-being of Idaho's children.

At our table, families joined us for rock painting and safety trivia, fun activities that opened the door to meaningful conversations about keeping kids safe and healthy.

Events like this highlight an important truth: preventing child abuse starts with strong, supported families. When families have access to resources, connection, and safe environments, children can grow and thrive.



## Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

### Shot Smarts Conference

The Shot Smarts Conference is scheduled as follows:

Boise (BSU) – Monday, May 11

Post Falls (Hyatt Place) – Wednesday, May 13

Pocatello (ISU) – Friday, May 15

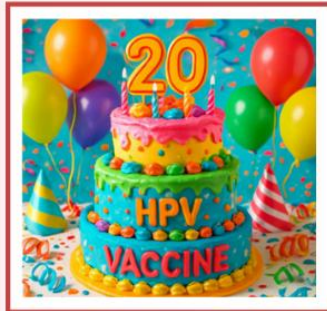
Here is the link for the agenda and to register: <https://app.keysurvey.com/f/41836183/102d/>

### Celebrating 20 Years of the HPV Vaccine: A Western Regional Summit on Prevention and Progress

# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE HPV VACCINE

## A Western Regional Summit on Prevention and Progress

Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM MT  
(11:00 AM – 1:00 PM PT)



**REGISTER TODAY** to join us for our virtual summit as we bring together public health professionals, healthcare providers, and others to reflect on two decades of progress and discuss the future of HPV prevention.

Participating states include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

### Key topics and speakers:

- **Survivor Perspective** with Tamika Felder, Cervivor
- **HPV Vaccine Landscape and Dosing Schedule** with Dr. Sherri Zorn, FAAP, Washington Chapter of the AAP, Washington HPV Free Task Force
- **HPV Vaccine Hesitancy and Communication Techniques** with Dr. Deanna Kepka, Huntsman Cancer Institute & University of Utah
- **Dental Partnerships and HPV-related Oral Cancer Prevention** with Nicole Woodruff, NP, University of Washington
- **Cervical Cancer Elimination** with Dr. Isabel Scarinci, University of Alabama at Birmingham

## Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Breastfeeding Summit**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho Breastfeeding Summit is scheduled as follows:

#### **Thursday, June 26**

Idaho State University in Idaho Falls

Here is the link for more information and to buy tickets. [Register Here](#)

### **2026 Climate Change Symposium Hosted by District VIII**

#### **Symposium that Followed Wildfires can be Model for Chapters to Provide Climate Change Education**

Following the wildfires in Los Angeles County and parts of Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, and Hawaii in 2025, District VIII hosted its inaugural Climate Change Symposium as an opportunity for pediatricians, educators, public health professionals, and community partners to address the profound impact of heat and fire on children and families. Learn more in [AAP News](#).

#### **2026 Climate Change Symposium | May 16 | 1:00–4:30 pm CT**

Open to all AAP members and anyone working with children that cares about climate change. AAP District VIII will host its second Climate Change Symposium on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 1:00–4:30 pm CT. This virtual, half-day event will offer practical, evidence-based strategies to address climate-related health risks in clinical practice and communities. Experts in pediatric environmental health, climate science, and advocacy will share updates, best practices, and real-world examples of how pediatricians can lead on climate and health at local and regional levels. [Register here](#).

### **Mark Your Calendar – Idaho Chapter AAP Summer Meeting**

Please consider joining us for our summer meeting.

When: **Thursday, July 16 – 5:30-8 p.m.**

Where: Cottonwood Grille  
Boise, ID

### **Register Now – 2026 Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference**

The Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference **attendee registration opens May 1st!**

Vendor and Sponsor registration is **OPEN NOW!**

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#### **[Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference 2026](#)**

We're thrilled to invite you to join us for another incredible year of learning, connection, and hands-on experience. Visit our website to register and explore details on the agenda, conference topics, the St. Luke's EMI Nursing Scholarship, and more!

#### **What you need to know:**



##### **New Venue!**

This year's conference will take place in **Boise at St. Luke's Central Plaza** on **October 19th & 20th**.



##### **Hands-On Skills Labs**

Interactive skills labs will be offered in the **afternoon on Monday, October 19th**—don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your practice!



##### **Social Event at Topgolf**

Join us for a fun social event at **Topgolf on Monday, October 19th**. Space is limited, so be sure to register early to secure your spot!

We can't wait to see you there—register soon and be part of an exciting and impactful conference!

## Resources

### **The Resilient Parenting Podcast**

*The Resilient Parenting Podcast tackles challenges facing ANYONE in a parenting role. Every family is different. The Resilient Parenting Podcast explores the unique strengths of every child, family and community. Join Ken Bass, a long-time radio personality and Michelle Bass, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) as they interview professionals in the field and folks with lived experience. Building parental resiliency and hope by creating a supportive, healing, and learning community.*

Here is the link to our podcast. You can stream us wherever you get your podcasts.

<https://theresilientparentingpodcast.buzzsprout.com/share>

Please check out the podcast on the Crying Plan with Sherry Iverson as the guest speaker.

### **AAP Policy Statement Includes List of Essential Emergency Equipment for Primary Care Offices**

Although not common, pediatric emergencies may present in the primary care or subspecialty office setting. The ability to stabilize and rapidly transfer these patients to a higher level of care is an important skill for physicians who care for children. However, not all clinicians and office staff feel comfortable or prepared in such situations. The AAP has developed a policy statement and accompanying technical report, "[Preparation for Pediatric Emergencies in the Office](#)," as guides to help pediatricians manage the most common emergencies that present in the office setting. The recommendations, the first since 2007, emphasize an individualized approach based upon office size, location and patient population and consider the latest evidence-based science, focusing on the most common emergencies that occur in the pediatric office: respiratory distress, seizures and psychiatric emergencies. Learn more in [AAP News](#).

## Book Corner

*A Chair for my Mother* by Vera B. Williams

An award-winning book for 4–8-year-olds looking at teamwork and responsibility.