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Idaho AAP Dinner – Type 1 Diabetes: Screening, Staging, and Monitoring

We encourage you to consider joining us for our Chapter dinner:

Type 1 Diabetes: Screening, Staging, and Monitoring presented by Sanofi

Moderated by: **Justin Gregory, MD, MCSI, Field Medical Director**
Bryce Nelson, MD, PhD, Field Medical Director
Sydney Zackeroff, PharmD, Medical Science Liaison

When: Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 pm

Where: Cottonwood Grille
913 W. River Street
Boise, ID

RSVP via email to idahoap@gmail.com by November 1st

Advocating for Kids

Advocacy Training for Health Professionals

On Saturday, November 11th from 10am to 12pm, Idaho Clinicians for Climate and Health are working with Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics are working together to bring you "Advocacy Training for Health Professionals". We'll meet in the state capitol, with legislative experts and other non-profit leaders on legislative advocacy to learn how to be most effective in using our trusted voice as health professionals to support or defend our communities and engage with elected leaders.

Sign up to attend here, space is limited!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094AAAA82AAFC1-66171814-advocacy>

See attached flyer and sign up today!

All the best,

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Spotlight on a Chapter Member

Vote Kids: Help Get Out the Vote with AAP this Election Season

Dear AAP members,

Election Day is on Tuesday, November 3. This midterm election cycle, thousands of key federal, state, and local policymaking positions are up for election across the country – from the U.S. Congress to state governor seats.

Elected leaders at all levels of government shape policies that impact the health of children, families and communities.

Every election season, AAP leads a **nonpartisan Get Out the Vote Campaign**. This year's campaign, [Vote Kids](#), focuses on the critical connection between voting and health, the importance of making a voting plan, and the powerful role of pediatricians in civic engagement.

Check out this [AAP News column](#) from AAP President Andrew D. Racine, MD, PhD, FAAP, reflecting on the history of voting and why engagement in the civic process is so critical.

Tomorrow (Sept. 15) is National Voter Registration Day. The most important step you can take is to **make sure YOU are registered to vote and have a plan to cast your ballot**. [Check your voter registration](#) through [Vot-ER](#), a nonprofit organization working to integrate civic engagement into healthcare, and [visit this webpage](#) for more on how to make a voting plan.

Pediatricians can also play a vital role in getting out the vote to eligible patients and families and spreading the Vote Kids message! AAP members can [visit this webpage](#) for GOTV tools and resources to use leading up to Election Day.

This [AAP Voices blog post](#) from AAP Committee on State Government Affairs Chair Lisa Costello, MD, MPH, FAAP, and AAP Committee on Federal Government Affairs Chair Geoffrey Rosenthal, MD, PhD, FAAP, emphasizes **what's at stake** this election and how **voting is one important way to speak up for child health**. Here's the blog on [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and look out for more GOTV content to amplify on the Academy's social media channels leading up to the election.

Thank you for your efforts to Get Out the Vote and share the Vote Kids message this election season! Visit aap.org/votekids to learn more.



Now Recruiting – Supporting Child Development Starting with Newborn Hearing Screening – An AAP ECHO Program

Join us for a program focused on enhancing primary care provider (PCP) and pediatric subspecialist skills in supporting child development!

All EHDI programs are required to engage, educate, and train providers in their EHDI system, and the American Academy of Pediatrics Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Provider Education Center (EHDI PEC) is here to help!

The EHDI PEC is hosting an ECHO program, **Supporting Child Development Starting with Newborn Hearing Screening Echo Program** to increase the knowledge, confidence and capacity of PCPs and pediatric subspecialists to collaborate across EHDI systems to better serve deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) children and their families.

Participants will learn about key topic areas relevant to the work of state/territory EHDI programs, including how to:

- Support developmental outcomes, including language acquisition, of children after their newborn hearing screening
- Support screening for hearing beyond the newborn period
- Address the unique needs of infants who are D/HH due to congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) and their families
- Collaborate with multiple different clinicians and system partners
- Engage in peer-to-peer connections with other professionals and lived expertise partners.

Each ECHO session will include a live American Sign Language interpreter and other necessary accommodations such as closed captioning to ensure all learners can fully participate.

Due to feedback the EHDI PEC received from many EHDI programs, we are focusing the first round of recruitment for this ECHO primarily on PCPs and pediatric subspecialists. However, EHDI coordinators and other EHDI system partners are welcome to participate and encouraged to connect with providers in their states/territories to join sessions as well. Participation in this ECHO can help EHDI programs accomplish required NOFO activities related to provider education.

This ECHO series will be held on a monthly basis with sessions from October 2026 through February 2027, all scheduled for **the second Tuesday of the month at 12pm CT/1pm ET**. To learn more, [view the flyer here](#).
[\[canva.link\]](#) [Register Online Here! \[app.smartsheet.com\]](#)

Questions? Contact AAP ECHO at aapecho@aap.org.

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Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

Vaccine Confidence Media Skills ECHO

You're invited to participate in the free virtual **Vaccine Confidence Media Skills ECHO** from the American Academy of Pediatrics! Please share with your networks.

This six-session ECHO series will provide **advanced media training** to equip pediatricians, advocates, and partners with strategies to counter false rumors about vaccines using **tested messages** and evidence-based **communications strategies**. You will learn in an interactive format how to effectively engage in **online conversations**, share **pro-vaccine narratives** in the media, and **collaborate with key voices** to advocate on behalf of specific communities. *Note the curriculum has been updated to include a session on **Advocacy**.*

Join us **every Monday** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Central)

Session 1: October 19, 2026: Vaccines: How We Got Here and What Are We Doing About It

Session 2: October 26, 2026: Crafting Effective Messages

Session 3: November 2, 2026: Cracking the Algorithms and Myth Busting

Session 4: November 9, 2026: Vaccine Policy/Advocacy Communications: **New Session on Advocacy**

Session 5: November 16, 2026: Managing Tough Interviews

Session 6: November 23, 2026: Case Studies featuring AAP Influencers

[Register now to reserve your place!](#) **[Flyer linked here](#)**

ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes), is a telementoring platform that leverages video conference technology to connect experts with primary care teams in local communities, fostering an “all teach, all learn” approach.

Questions? Contact Lisa Brock, Program Manager, ECHO Initiatives at lbrock@aap.org

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Our ECHO team is celebrating 10 years as an ECHO Superhub! Discover some of our proudest achievements in our **[10-Year Impact Report](#)**

National Perinatal Assn. 2027 Interdisciplinary Conference – Artificial Intelligence vs Intelligence Amplified

Get Involved in the IDPQC!

The [Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative](#) works to improve the quality of maternal health outcomes for all Idahoans. As we continue to expand our activities around the state, we are always looking for people who would like to get engaged in our work. Applications are now open for all PQC leadership and subgroups – use the link below to tell us a bit about yourself and how you would like to get involved.

[IDPQC - Leadership and Group Sign Up Form](#)

Please reach out to Phillip Wetmore with any questions at pwetmore@comagine.org.

Resources

Now Recruiting – Supporting Child Development Starting with Newborn Hearing Screening – An AAP ECHO Program

New Resource: Child Development Milestones from Birth to Age 5

Access [developmental milestones](#) for children aged 2 months to 5 years. This quick and convenient reference can help providers review milestones during well-child visits and provide supporting resources for each age to further educate and support families.

Tools for Embedding the Early Childhood Development Care Continuum in Clinic Operations

New Resource: Tools for Embedding the Early Childhood Development Care Continuum in Clinic Operations

Please consider sharing in your chapter communications.

The Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems: Evidence to Impact Center's [new toolkit](#) provides resources to help pediatric practice teams put the Early Childhood Developmental Continuum of Care into action. The toolkit, developed with the AAP, includes resources to:

- Strengthen the practice team.
- Improve practice workflows.
- Create opportunities to bill for practice transformation.
- Improve community relationships and referrals.

Respiratory Virus Season Immunization Resources

Dear Chapter and Society Vaccine Confidence Campaign partners,

I am writing to share with you two new/updated resources as we gear up for respiratory virus season. First, I'm attaching a summary of RSV, influenza, and COVID pediatric immunization guidance from the AAP, along with key messages for public communication and other helpful resources. Also, we have a series of immunizations factsheets (linked [here](#)), which are designed to help clinicians facilitate immunization conversations with families.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can be helpful as you plan your respiratory virus season comms plan!

Thank you,

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Resource Guide: Medicaid Coverage Changes for Immigrants

States are currently sending out notices of eligibility redetermination to many enrolled immigrants who are currently eligible for Medicaid and CHIP regarding changes to their coverage that will take effect on October 1, 2026. These changes are the result of the implementation of H.R. 1, the budget reconciliation package. Beginning October 1, 2026, immigrants enrolled in these programs, including those with lawful humanitarian statuses such as refugees, asylees, parolees, and trafficking survivors, will no longer qualify for federally funded coverage.

To better understand these impending changes, AAP State Advocacy developed a resource guide outlining who will be affected. States are addressing these changes differently and some may continue coverage through state-funded programs. To better understand the federal changes imposed by H.R. 1, please see the attached guide.

Book Corner

Pringle and Finn by Paul Castle

A tale that celebrates love, teamwork, diversity and family in all forms.