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Advocating for Kids

Voting for AAP President-Elect

Terri D. McFadden, MD, MPH, FAAP, of Atlanta, and Marsha D. Spitzer, MD, FAAP, of San Diego, are running for AAP president-elect. [Learn more](#) about what inspired them to run. Voting will take place from September 3-17, 2025. The winner will serve as AAP president in 2027. For more information and videos about the candidates for president-elect and district offices, visit the [National AAP Election Center](#) (AAP login required) and read AAP News [coverage](#).

Spotlight on a Chapter Member

Report from AAP Leadership Conference

Dr. Brian Birch, Dr. Tom Patterson and Sherry Iverson attended the AAP Leadership conference at the Headquarters outside Chicago in July. This forum brings together Chapter leadership from around the country to discuss and vote on the top resolutions which address the key issues facing children and pedestrians at this time. One highlight was that Sherry presented, alongside Dr Costello and Dr Hubbard, on advocacy efforts during challenging times. Sherry wore the “everyone is welcome shirt”, and shared the story from classroom poster to a ruling from the Attorney General banning the message in schools. Many physicians connected with Sherry afterwards and had ordered the tee shirts and posters for their clinics and staff even during the presentation. All in all, it was a powerful few days re-energizing all attendees to work harder for THE KIDS!!!



Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events

ECHO Idaho Oral Health in Primary Care Series

The Idaho Oral Health Alliance (IOHA) is pleased to announce the creation of an 8-part educational webinar series hosted and managed by ECHO Idaho. This free virtual series is designed for primary care clinicians who want to learn more about oral health for their patients. We ask that you share this opportunity with medical colleagues. The promotional flier is attached.

The series starts September 16 and continues every third Tuesday, 12:30-1:30 MT. [Register here.](#)

The IOHA has long championed medical-dental collaboration and continues to seek ways to encourage medical providers to adopt oral health assessments, basic preventive care, patient education, and referrals. The IOHA also offers in-clinic training for medical teams who wish to adopt some components of oral health integration into primary care settings, and the organization hosts several web-based resources for families on the [Baby Teeth Matter](#) page and providers on the [Fluoride Varnish Resources](#) page.

ECHO Idaho is housed under the University of Idaho's WWAMI Medical Education Program and employs an "all teach, all learn" model that empowers participants throughout the state. Program participants learn from their peers and specialists in the field during one-hour virtual educational sessions that each include a didactic presentation and a case study. Sessions are recorded, and participants of the live sessions receive continuing medical education credits.

Topics covered during this 8-part series include: an overview of the impact of oral health on overall health and the role of non-dental providers; recognizing and responding to common oral health conditions; managing pain, infection, and trauma; systemic and comorbidity issues; considerations for children and patients who are pregnant; consideration for patients with behavioral and medical risks; medication impacts on oral health, and prevention and early intervention.

This series is made possible by generous donations from Delta Dental of Idaho, MCNA, PacificSource Health Plans, and the Idaho Oral Health Alliance. Echo Idaho is a program under the University of Idaho's School of Medical and Health Professions.

Register in advance for one or all sessions of the series. The series starts September 16 and continues every third Tuesday, 12:30-1:30 MT. [Register here.](#)

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2025 Pediatric Emergency Conference

The Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is proud to sponsor one **keynote speaker** at the upcoming **2025 Pediatric Emergency Conference**, hosted by St. Luke's Children's Hospital. This year's event will be held **October 9–10** at the scenic **Shore Lodge in McCall, Idaho**. Designed for physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, EMS professionals, and other pediatric care team members, this two-day conference offers the latest in pediatric emergency and trauma care. Attendees will gain practical, evidence-based insights through engaging lectures, case-based discussions, and networking with regional experts.

Event Highlights:

- Focused pediatric emergency and trauma content
- CME and CE opportunities
- Beautiful lakeside venue perfect for fall in Idaho

Location:

Shore Lodge
501 W. Lake Street, McCall, ID 83638

Register now to secure your spot and enjoy a weekend of learning and connection in the heart of Idaho's mountains!



[Event Details & Registration](#)

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings/Events (cont.)

Supporting Your Teen: Addressing Depression and Eating Disorders Together

Families for Depression Awareness is presenting our free webinar — [Supporting Your Teen: Addressing Depression and Eating Disorders Together](#) — on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM ET/ 4:00 to 5:30 PM PT. We would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this resource with your network.

Join Families for Depression Awareness and the National Eating Disorders Association for a webinar exploring the complex relationship between depression and eating disorders in teens. Rocio Avila, LCSW-S will discuss how these conditions intersect, share practical strategies for supporting teens, and provide guidance on accessing appropriate treatment resources.

[Register to join us](#) for a live webinar discussion or watch on demand after it airs.

21st Annual Keeping Children Safe Conference

Save the date for this conference. It is scheduled for October 23. For more information, go to <https://www.idcartf.org/annual-conference>.

Idaho Immunization Summit



The graphic is a promotional poster for the Idaho Immunization Summit. It features a dark blue header with the Idaho Immunization Coalition (IIC) logo and the text 'Idaho Immunization Coalition'. Below the header, the words 'SAVE THE DATE' are written in large, bold, white capital letters. To the left of this text is a photograph of a large conference room with many people seated at tables, facing a stage. The photo has a 'Page 3 of 6' watermark and a star icon. Below the 'SAVE THE DATE' text, the words 'IDAHO IMMUNIZATION SUMMIT' are written in white capital letters on a dark blue background. To the left of this, there are three icons: a calendar, a clock, and a location pin. Next to each icon is text: 'NOVEMBER 13, 2025', '8:30 AM - 5:00 PM', and 'BASQUE CENTER: 601 W GROVE ST, BOISE, ID 83702'. To the right of this text, there is a map of Idaho with the text 'Registration opens summer 2025.' and 'Space will be limited!'.

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The AAP Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT) and Section on Advances in Therapeutics and Technology (SOATT) are launching a special interest group (SIG) for AAP members interested in the development, application, implementation, and utilization of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) tools in pediatric health care. The AI-SIG will officially launch in August 2025 through the AAP Community platform. Chapter executive directors and chapter staff that sign up for the SIG will have read-only access. Executive directors and chapter staff will be able to follow discussions and view posts, articles, videos, and other resources, but cannot contribute. To sign up for the AAP AI-SIG, please [use this form](#) (AAP ID required) and enter "Chapter Staff" for question #6, or contact [Lisa Krams](#), Manager, Digital & Health IT Quality. If you already emailed Lisa Krams directly to sign up for the AI-SIG, you do not need to fill out the form.

Resources

New AAP Resource: Firearm Safety Image Gallery

NEW INJURY PREVENTION IMAGE GALLERY FIREARM SAFETY



Explore the AAP's new Injury Prevention Image Gallery featuring free, high-quality images that promote firearm safety and other injury prevention strategies for families and caregivers. These visuals help communicate simple, effective steps—such as storing guns locked and unloaded and securing ammunition separately—to keep kids safe at home.

www.aap.org/ipimages

Book Corner

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Discover a school where all young children have a place, have a space, and are loved and appreciated.

Readers will follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions. A school that shows the world as we will make it to be.