



The Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics: Professional Home for Pediatric Residents in Alabama



The Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics (AL-AAP) is not only the professional home of practicing pediatricians across Alabama, but also the best place for pediatric residents and fellows in training from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of South Alabama to take important first steps in developing career-long bonds with fellow pediatricians and professional habits to build their journey as pediatricians.

Below are ways that the AL-AAP is working with and for members in training:

How members in training benefit from Alabama Chapter-AAP membership

- **Waived meeting registration fees** to the two annual conferences (Spring & Fall).
 - 2018 Spring Meeting: May 3 - 6, 2018, Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Point Clear, AL
 - 2018 Annual Meeting: September 28 – 30, 2018, Hyatt Regency Birmingham-The Wynfrey Hotel
- **Important connections** to practicing pediatricians
- **AL-AAP Pediatric Resident Elective Rotation Catalog.** Find out more about practices in the state willing to host residents for elective rotations.
- **Career days.** The AL-AAP conducts a day-long career day for USA 2nd year residents every Spring and has participated in UAB's similar event in the past.
- **Advocacy Sessions.** Chapter leaders provide education to residents on advocacy and AAP involvement. For example, Cason Benton, MD, FAAP, is meeting with every intern at UAB during their Injury/Advocacy month.
- **Assistance with CATCH (Community Access to Child Health) grant applications.** CATCH grant opportunities from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) are announced two times a year.
<http://www2.aap.org/catch/funding.htm>
- **Advocacy Opportunities**
 - Annual Legislative Day each Spring in Montgomery at Alabama State House
 - Opportunities to attend AAP Legislative & Medical Association Government Affairs conferences
 - Chapter-driven advocacy initiatives, such as the [#IAmMedicaid](https://www.iammedicaid.com) social media campaign www.iammedicaid.com
 - Opportunity to get involved in national AAP advocacy project (currently, "Access 4 Kids")
<http://bit.ly/2hoCGP2>
- **Opportunity to exhibit at AL-AAP conferences to showcase resident projects.**
- All of the general benefits of Chapter membership (see back).

Learn More & Connect

See more links for residents at www.alaap.org (initiatives->residents) as well as other Chapter initiatives

Connect on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaChapter.AAP/>

Become a "Tweetiatician": <https://twitter.com/Alchapaap>



The Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics:

Why Belong?

✓Advocacy

- Increase your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities, as well as third-party payor relations, to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in your state.
- Join coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Promote the interests of Alabama pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics and at the state policy level.

✓Leadership

- Participate in Chapter committees in areas of interest/passion.
- Serve as a key contact with your legislators/Congressmen.

✓Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests.

✓Education/Quality Improvement

- Receive quarterly Chapter newsletter, regular e-newsletter, practice management listserv and other mailings.
- Attend CME meetings, including two annual conferences, practice management workshops and periodic webinars on topics that reflect the Chapter's strategic priorities; participate in meaningful quality improvement projects.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- Through its Pediatric Council, successfully advocated for: developmental screening to Blue Cross Blue Shield, which began covering standardized screening at well-child visits; obesity coverage through our Children's Health Insurance Program; coverage of oral health services in the medical home; value-based payment for Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition and most recently, maternal depression screening.
- Established a state Child Health Improvement Partnership, the Alabama Child Health Improvement Alliance (ACHIA), partnering with many state organizations to foster adoption of QI principles among pediatricians and child health improvements across the state.
- Conducted multiple quality improvement collaboratives for members through ACHIA, cultivating QI expertise and significant improvements in dozens of practices in the areas of obesity, HPV vaccination, developmental screening and asthma.
- Advocacy efforts by Chapter members has resulted in increased understanding of the need for adequate state Medicaid/CHIP funding for child health services; for the last several years, the Chapter has been a key partner in a coalition advocating for increased revenues for the state's ailing General Fund.
- Sponsored career days for second-year pediatric residents; engaged residents & medical students at conferences.
- Partnered with 12 organizations to promote safe teen driving through a media campaign and legislative advocacy; worked with other partners to pass Safe at School insulin/glucagon delegation legislation in 2014.
- Conducted a social media campaign, through which members provided healthy tips to parents via Facebook.
- In 2015, helped create a safe sleep blueprint for pediatrician champions to implement at all state birthing hospitals.
- Through our Reach Out and Read program, more than 300 medical providers in 60 practices and clinics have prescribed more than one million brand new books at well-child visits during the last 11 years.

Annual Chapter Dues

Voting Fellows: \$165
Candidate Fellows: \$83
Post-Resident Fellows: \$0
National Affiliates (NPs/PAs): \$100

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