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INAAP Monthly News & Updates

This newsletter contains important updates and the latest news from INAAP. Keep scrolling for more information on:

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Letter from the President

Happy New Year! Hopefully you were able to spend time with loved ones and recharge this holiday season. This month has already brought some wonderful opportunities to gather as Pediatricians - we are starting our in-person meetings again this year on the 10th and the annual Physician Day at the Statehouse was held on Tuesday, January 16th.

I was excited to talk with all of you who were able to join, and I look forward to meeting even more of you in the months ahead!

Jaime Stelzer, MD
INAAP President

From The Executive Director's Desk

As we begin 2024, I look forward to new opportunities to gather in person and work together. To that end, the first of our in-person meetings took place on January 10th in downtown Indianapolis where we tackled the issue of Medicaid unwinding, and also provide an overview of the INAAP committees that will be active in 2024. Thank you to all who attended that event, and I hope even more of you can join us for our next meeting in March!

I am also excited to have launched the new INAAP career center earlier this month which should give our members an ideal way to both post and find jobs in the field of
More information about the new career center is available in this newsletter and on our website.

Chris Weintraut, JD  
*INAAP Executive Director*

### Upcoming Events

**Webinar: Vaccine Hesitancy**  
- Tips from Frameworks Institute  
  Feb 6, 2024, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
  Zoom Webinar  
  [Register Now](#)

**INAAP In-person Member Meeting: Legislative Wrap-up and Next Steps**  
  March 13, 2024, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
  Board of Governor's Room at Riley Hospital for Children  
  [Register Now](#)

### Welcome Our New INAAP Members!

Last month, the following individuals joined the INAAP community. Please join us in recognizing:

- **Mariju Baluyot, MD**  
  Indianapolis, IN
- **Melanie Butz, MD**  
  Indianapolis, IN
- **Dominic Nardi, MD**  
  Indianapolis, IN

### New in 2024: INAAP Career Center

INAAP is proud to announce the launch of its new Pediatric Career Center. Whether you are looking for a new opportunity or looking to hire top pediatric clinicians, this is the spot for you:

- Search and apply to top pediatric jobs at institutions that value your credentials.
- Upload your resume so employers can contact you. You remain anonymous until you choose to release your contact information.
- Create Job Alerts and receive an email each time a job matching your specified criteria becomes available.
- Access career resources, job searching tips, and tools.
- Post your job, or your institution’s job, where the industry’s most qualified pediatric professionals go to advance their careers.
- Email your job directly to INAAP job seekers via our exclusive Job Flash™ email.
- Search our Resume Bank using robust filters to narrow your candidate search.
2024 Legislative Session Digest

The first weeks of the 2024 Legislative Session saw plenty of announcements from government leaders and packed committee schedules. In addition, Hoosiers received updates in the form of Governor Eric Holcomb’s final State of the State address and remarks from Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush during the annual State of the Judiciary.

As it stands at time of publication, 419 bills have been filed in the House, while the Senate filed 294 bills. Attention now turns toward the committee report deadlines. Any bill that does not advance out of committee by the deadline is officially considered dead, although language from legislation could still be revived as amendments later in session.

Use the link in this post to get a summary of everything that is happening at the Statehouse. At the bottom of the document you will also find a link to INAAP’s 2024 bill tracking list which includes all of the legislation that we are following this year.

Upcoming Webinar: Vaccine Hesitancy - Tips from FrameWorks Institute

To rebuild widespread confidence in the power of immunizations, advocacy from pediatricians is vital. Making sure that our advocacy is effectively framed can help or hinder progress toward the ultimate goal of ensuring the health of children and adolescents through vaccination.

INAAP is delighted to virtually host the FrameWorks Institute on Tuesday, February 6, to share more about these new evidence-based communications recommendations with our members. Whether we are sharing information about vaccines in social media or in a news interview, talking with policymakers or addressing a group of parents, these framing strategies can help improve how we talk about vaccines.

CEASE Program: 2024 Recruitment Opening Soon

We are excited to announce that the Indiana State Department of Health has renewed funding for 2 more years of the CEASE Program! We are now looking to open recruitment for new clinics to participate in the program starting this Spring 2024.

CEASE (Clinical Effort Against Secondhand Smoke Exposure) seamlessly integrates the Ask-Assist-Refer model into clinic workflows, offering a structured approach to tobacco cessation support for teens + parents. As a participant, you will undergo comprehensive training, equipping you with the necessary skills to provide effective and
patient-centered care. Limited spots are available for this year, so if you have interest, please let us know!

For more information about the program, please see the links below OR contact Kelsey Back at kb@inaap.org.

Visit our Website  See the CEASE Info Sheet

Reach Out and Read Updates

Share the Winter Booklist!
The days are cold and the nights are long — winter is the perfect time to encourage parents to cuddle up with their young children and a good book! With help from our friends at Scholastic and All About Books, we've curated a perfect list for doing just that: bit.ly/ROR12DaysofBooks. (Want premade elements for social? Email Lori Brooks.) You can find all of our seasonal booklists on our Resources page.

Here are some easy ways encourage families to work on literacy skills during regular activities without adding extra time to your day. There also are things they can do during planned play and reading times:

- Engage your child in singing, rhyming games, and nursery rhymes.
- Read picture and story books that focus on sounds, rhymes, and alliteration (words that start with the same sound, as found in Dr. Seuss books).
- Reread your child's favorite book(s).
- Focus your child's attention on books by pointing to words and pictures as you read.
- Provide a variety of materials to encourage drawing and scribbling (e.g., crayons, paper, markers, finger paints).
- Encourage your child to describe or tell a story about his/her drawing and write down the words.

Reminder:

The data provided in your Progress Report is pivotal to telling Reach Out and Read's story in Indiana. We must aggregate site data to report back to current funders, submit new grant requests, support state and federal allocation requests, and forecast future book needs.

Book Specials
Books4School: A network favorite for the 0-6 month age range, Dr. Mariana Glusman's “I Love You Like Sunshine” is now available exclusively through InterstateBooks4School for $2.95! Filled with beautiful photographs and a delightful poem of love and wonder, this book also features practical advice based on the latest research on brain development. An ideal book for parents to read aloud during cuddle time with baby and where building connections can begin. Order in the usual way through Books4School.

All About Books: All About Books brand-new 2024 catalog is available digitally here. Stay tuned for more news on when the physical copies of All About Books and Scholastic 2024 catalogs will be available!

Program Update
Program Manager, Madison Shepherd, will be on maternity leave from beginning of February until Late April. If you need anything regarding Reach Out and Read Indiana, please email Clare Wright at cb@inaap.org.
A traumatic event is a frightening, dangerous or violent event that poses a threat to a child’s life or body integrity. Trauma can result from adversities such as community violence, natural disasters, unintentional injuries, terrorism, racism, immigrant or refugee traumas and/or those involving the caregiving relationship such as intimate partner violence, parental substance use, parental mental illness, caregiver death, separation from a caregiver, neglect or abuse – originally defined as adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Pediatricians are likely to be the first, and often only, professionals who encounter the nearly two thirds of American children who have experienced trauma and have the greatest potential for early identification and response to childhood trauma.

Registration is now open for a new AAP Trauma-Informed Pediatric Care and Resilience Promotion ECHO! This ECHO will serve as a forum for participants to develop effective knowledge and skills that will enable them to facilitate conversations around childhood trauma with pediatric patients and their families.

The ECHO sessions will be held on the following dates from 1:00 PM CST/ 2:00 PM EST:
- Session 1: January 19, 2024
- Session 2: January 26, 2024
- Session 3: February 2, 2024
- Session 4: February 9, 2024
- Session 5: February 16, 2024
- Session 6: February 23, 2024

Register here.

INAAP’s Payor Council is Here to Help!

Do you have a payment, prior authorization, or formulary issue that you just can't get resolved? Help is here! Submit your problem to INAAP and our payor council will work with our partners at the Indiana State Department of Health and the Family and Social Services Administration to see if we can find a solution.

Email concerns to Chris Weintraut at cw@inaap.org.
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