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MDAAP Executive Director's Digest – April 2, 2021

MDAAP/AAP/CDC Project Firstline Zoom Webinars – “Infection Prevention and Control”: The MDAAP has received a grant from a partnership between the National AAP and the CDC to provide education and training on infection prevention and control. To stop the spread of infectious disease threats – including COVID-19 – anyone working in a healthcare facility needs a foundational knowledge of infection prevention and control and must understand and be ready to implement infection control protocols and procedures throughout their workday, including during every patient care activity and healthcare interaction. The CDC's Project Firstline ([Project Firstline | Infection Control | CDC](#)) is a collaborative of diverse healthcare and public health partners that have come together to make that happen. With lectures presented by Susan V. Lipton, MD, MPH, FAAP (who currently serves as the Chair of the MDAAP Infectious Diseases Committee, in addition to her current position as Division Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore), join us for our last webinar on Wednesday, **April 7, 2021** at 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET – “Infection Prevention and Control Addressing When Parents are Essential Workers.” Please register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7ZxKxMQ00Tyb31V2xE94gQ. All sessions will be archived, and the recording links will be shared with you after the webinar events.

Webinar: “Vaccine-Based Prevention of Meningococcal B Disease: Tools for Interpreting and Implementing Recommendations”: Join this event offered by the Boston University School of Medicine on Thursday, **April 8, 2021** at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET to learn about Meningococcal disease, specifically serotype Best, (MenB), an ongoing problem that can develop from initial symptoms to death within 24 hours. Given how disabling this disease can be that could have been prevented with vaccination, it is essential healthcare providers delivering vaccinations enhance their standards of care in practice in order to deliver the highest rates of preventative care in this area. The goal of this webinar offering free CME credit is to improve comprehension and initiate practice changes so as to improve immunization rates. To view more information and to register, go to <https://www.pathlms.com/bucme/courses/29827>.

National AAP/AHA Voices for Healthy Kids Project – MDAAP Experts Needed in Obesity, Endo, & Oral Health: The "Health Leaders for Healthy Kids Network" seeks to recruit healthcare professionals that work to prevent and/or treat diseases associated with sugary drink consumption. The National AAP Voices for Healthy Kids project staff have identified the Baltimore, Maryland area as a prime region for sugary drink policy work and are looking to recruit AAP healthcare professionals with expertise in Obesity, Endocrinology, Oral Health who can be leaders for sugary drink policies at the local, state, and federal levels. If you are an expert in these areas and would like to be a part of this initiative, please contact Mala Thapar/National AAP Voices for Healthy Kids at mthapar@aap.org by Friday, **April 9, 2021**. [Attachment]

MDAAP Chapter Chats – April to June 2021: *Join MDAAP President Debbie Badawi* to discuss issues regarding your patients/families and practices as Maryland pediatric healthcare providers!

*Friday, **April 9, 2021** at 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET – register in advance for this webinar at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bq-J-aA3RaGQ1WWD_fteBQ - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining

the webinar.

*Tuesday, **May 11, 2021** at 8:00-9:00 a.m. ET – register in advance for this webinar at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SSAynaXeSLau_FQ2tPSBxA - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

*Friday, **June 11, 2021** at 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET – register in advance for this webinar at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3pst3ZlqSwwKbFZP59tH-A - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

MDAAP Human Trafficking Focus Group: Join MDAAP President Debbie Badawi on Wednesday, **April 14, 2021** at 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET to provide your feedback regarding an MDAAP/University of Maryland School of Social Work project (with grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice) to develop training programs for Maryland pediatricians and pediatric healthcare providers regarding human trafficking. The proposed training programs would involve e-learning modules and live training sessions. If you are interested in participating, we ask that you review two online learning modules (20-30 minutes each in length) prior to the Focus Group Zoom: 1) "Human Trafficking 101" (at https://storage.googleapis.com/sswfiles/PARI/Human%20Trafficking%20101/story_html5.html or <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/pari/resources/elearning-units/>) and 2) "Working with Patients Experiencing Human Trafficking" at https://storage.googleapis.com/sswfiles/PARI/Human-Trafficking-Medical-Providers/story_html5.html or <https://www.ssw.umaryland.edu/pari/resources/elearning-units/>)

At the Focus Group Zoom, your feedback will be collected about:

- 1) How long did each of the e-learning modules take you?
- 2) Given that these modules are a prerequisite for the live training, how much of a review do you want/need of the content?
- 3) Given that these modules are a prerequisite for the live training, what would you expect, or hope, to get out of the live training? Review of the content? Overview of additional resources? Review of case studies? Time to work through case studies/practice in small groups?

Please register in advance at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZakdeyrrTkuE9NGMbya91Ocl6iGcyzW5o9E>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Zoom.

MDAAP/ADANE Nutrition Webinar Series: The MDAAP is partnering with the American Dairy Association North East for a four-part webinar series:

"Hunger: A Pediatrician's Direct Response to COVID-19" on Tuesday, **April 27, 2021** at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. Register in advance at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e9dYHd9QLKfxyAzrQrhWw. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

"New Approaches to the Nutritional Care of Children with Food Allergies" on Thursday, **May 27, 2021** at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. Register in advance at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ovrd-RJ7SBm4nr9nZ1W37w. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

"A Thoroughly Modern Approach to Childhood Nutrition in the 21st Century" on Tuesday, **August 17, 2021** at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. Register in advance at

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DtT0Hs3OS4WqHzSoeIMIAA. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

“COVID-19 and Intuitive Eating: A Non-Dieting Approach to Children and Families” on Thursday, **September 30, 2021** at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. Register in advance at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kbMZiKaoT22eRmwS6n3RHQ. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

MDAAP Chapter Membership Available Your Practice Staff: *Did you know that your clinical and administrative staff can join the MDAAP Chapter too?*

*For **Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants** the annual Chapter-only membership fee is \$75 each

*For **Professional Staff** (other clinical staff and administrators/managers/administrative staff), the annual Chapter-only membership fee is \$50 each

The membership application is available at <https://www.mdaap.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MDAAP-Chapter-Only-Application-2020.pdf>. For more information on member benefits, see <https://www.mdaap.org/memberbenefits/>.

MDAAP Legislative Matters

MDAAP Legislative Zoom Meetings Have Ended: Our last Zoom meeting was Mar 2, 2021. Stay tuned for email updates as they will continue until the close of the January-March 2021 Maryland legislative session.

COVID-19 Topics

Register to Become a COVID-19 Vaccination Provider: Per Kurt Seetoo/MDH Center for Immunization, as Maryland begins to receive larger allocations for COVID vaccine, the MDH is trying to get all interested providers registered as COVID providers. See the attachments to this email:

*MDH letter of March 22, 2021 from Kurt Seetoo and David Blythe, MD

*MDH COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Quick Reference Guide

*MDH ImmuNet COVID-19 Registration Instructions

Questions? Contact Mr. Seetoo at kurt.seetoo@maryland.gov or 410-767-6679.

The Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force: The Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force (VETF) will work with the state's 24 local health departments to focus COVID-19 vaccination efforts on underserved, vulnerable, and hard-to-reach populations to ensure the equitable delivery of vaccines. The task force will leverage resources with close ties to key communities, including the state's Vaccine Advisory Group, the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, the state's network of Medicaid providers, and additional public sector and community partners. In addition to evaluating the county plans and targeting resources at equity-focused vaccination efforts, the task force will serve as a clearinghouse for proposals and requests from nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations seeking to serve vulnerable populations. ([Governor Larry Hogan - Official Website for the Governor of Maryland](#))

From the MDAAP Oral Health Committee

Fluoride Varnish and Oral Health Screening Program for Kids – Training for EPSDT

Medical Providers in Maryland: View the series of “Maryland’s Mouths Matter” modules at <https://www.mchoralhealth.org/flvarnish/> to learn how medical providers can reduce the incidence of dental caries among children ages 5 and under and to contribute to the establishment of a dental home. EPSDT medical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners) in Maryland must complete the curriculum post-tests to become eligible to seek reimbursement for the application of fluoride varnish for children ages 9 months through age 5 via the Maryland Medicaid Program. Questions? Contact Stacy Costello at stacy.costello@maryland.gov.

MDAAP Upcoming Meetings/Events – FMI, <https://www.mdaap.org/events-meetings/> - *Mark your calendars!*

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP/AAP/CDC Project Firstline Zoom Webinar – “Infection Prevention and Control: Addressing When Parents are Essential Workers”

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7ZxKxMQ0QTyb31V2xE94gQ.

Thursday, April 8, 2021

12:00-1:00 p.m. ET

Boston University School of Medicine: Vaccine-Based Prevention of Meningococcal B Disease: Tools for Interpreting and Implementing Recommendations Webinar

Register at: <https://www.pathlms.com/bucme/courses/29827>

Friday, April 9, 2021

12:30-1:30 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Chat Zoom Meeting

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bq-J-aA3RaGQ1WWD_fteBQ.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

7:00-8:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Child Maltreatment/Foster Care Committee Zoom Meeting

Register at

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEudOyprTwqGNymXrHCdwjLR3AB_gw91JOK.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

7:00-8:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Human Trafficking Focus Group

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZakdeyrrTkuE9NGMbya91Ocl6iGcyzW5o9E>.

Thursday, April 15, 2021

6:00-8:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter General Membership Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82282991380?pwd=ekViZ1dGOEFFXNi9FY211VnlpTXU2Zz09> –

Webinar ID: 822 8299 1380 – Passcode: 934448 – Dial 301-715-8592 or 312-626-6799

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Teen Safe Driving Coalition Zoom Meeting

Details – TBD.

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
12:00-1:00 p.m. ET
MDAAP/ADANE Zoom Webinar: "Hunger: A Pediatrician's Direct Response to COVID-19"
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e9dYHd9QLKfxyAzrQrhWw.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
8:00-9:00 a.m. ET
MDAAP Chapter Chat Zoom Meeting
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SSAynaXeSLau_FQ2tPSBxA.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
MDAAP Teen Safe Driving Coalition Zoom Meeting
Login – TBD.

Thursday, May 27, 2021
12:00-1:00 p.m. ET
MDAAP/ADANE Zoom Webinar: "New Approaches to the Nutritional Care of Children with Food Allergies"
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ovrd-RJ7SBm4nr9nZ1W37w.

From National AAP

Call for Hardship Scholarship Applications – Deadline Thursday, April 15, 2021: The American Academy of Pediatrics Hardship Scholarship Program is specifically designed to help allay financial difficulties for residents and fellowship trainees in good academic standing. The Academy grants annually a number of hardship scholarships varying from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Each applicant will be reviewed carefully, and awards will be granted to the most deserving pediatric residents and fellowship trainees. For further information and requirements, please go to 2021 Hardship Scholarship Application ([Section on Pediatric Trainees \(SOPT\) Funding, Awards and Financial Wellness Information \(aap.org\)](#)). You will be prompted to create a username and password. This will allow you to save your progress and return to the form later, if necessary. Questions? Contact Kimberley VandenBrook kvandenbrook@aap.org.

AAP Education Award—Nominations Due Friday, April 30, 2021: The AAP is pleased to announce that individual nominations are being accepted for the 2021 AAP Education Award. This award will recognize one member of the Academy whose career reflects educational contributions that have had a broad and positive impact on the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. The selection subcommittee considers potential nominees with a broad perspective of educational contributions, ranging from bedside instruction to formation of a national child health educational policy. For more information, go to [ANNOUNCEMENT \(aap.org\)](#). Questions? Contact Nikki Berry nberry@aap.org.

PediaLink Editorial Board - Nominations Due Saturday, May 15, 2021: AAP Fellows are encouraged to apply for those qualified and interested in online learning, medical education, and continuous professional development. Find the call for nominations packet at [2019 AAP Headquarters Letterhead Template](#) and the list of responsibilities at [Microsoft Word - PediaLink Editorial Board-Job Description 2021 \(aap.org\)](#). Questions? Contact Lisa Donato at ldonato@aap.org.

AAP "COVID-19 Response Advocacy Report" of March 23, 2021: See the most recent report at [COVID-19 Advocacy Report 9.0.pdf \(aap.org\)](#).

COVID-19 Immunization Administration Payment: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has nearly doubled Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payment for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, including administration of vaccines requiring two doses, to \$40 per

administration. This follows significant advocacy by the AAP through its participation on the American Medical Association Specialty Society RVS Update Committee. This updated MPFS payment rate reflects the additional resources necessary to ensure the vaccine is administered safely and appropriately during the COVID-19 public health emergency. For more information, go to [COVID 2020.pdf \(aap.org\)](#).

"Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report": Find the March 25, 2021 report at [Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report \(aap.org\)](#). Questions? Contact Blake Sisk at bsisk@aap.org.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Webinar Series Available: Although patients with rare conditions are primarily cared for by sub-specialists, the initial care pediatric patients receive in the medical home helps establish early diagnosis. Early diagnosis can inform prognosis, service planning, and monitoring for associated developmental and medical conditions. This free education series on PediaLink highlights the updated care considerations and emerging therapies related to the care and management of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Find more information and view the webinars at [Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy \(aap.org\)](#).

AAP COVID-19 Advocacy Resources: See [COVID-19 Advocacy Resources \(aap.org\)](#) for information including:

- *Advocacy Reports
- *School Re-Opening
- *Legislative Summaries & Analysis
- *Telehealth Advocacy Materials
- *Provider Relief Grants Materials
- *Letters to Congress
- *Health Equity
- *Vaccine Resources

AAP Pediatric Subspecialty Shortages Fact Sheets: Pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists care for children with special health care needs. Since physicians in many pediatric subspecialties are in short supply, children and families face challenges in accessing timely health care. Pediatric subspecialty shortages mean traveling long distances to get care, waiting weeks or months to get an appointment with a subspecialist, going without care altogether, or getting care from providers with less specific training. See all states' resources at [Pediatric Subspecialty Shortages Fact Sheets \(aap.org\)](#) – Maryland's fact sheet is available at [Maryland SubspecialtyFactSheet.pdf \(aap.org\)](#).

AAP Spina Bifida Webinar Series: Spina bifida is the most commonly occurring complex congenital birth defect and has been associated with increasing survival rates. This free webinar series ([Spina Bifida \(aap.org\)](#)) addresses important care guidelines, and highlights the critical role of pediatricians, subspecialists and other clinicians in caring for individuals with spina bifida. The first webinar in the series focuses on understanding all the body systems and the impact of spina bifida, while providing an overview of the medical and non-medical issues associated with spina bifida. The second webinar highlights the greater role primary care pediatricians can assume in supporting children with spina bifida, and their families, with an emphasis on the valuable role of both the primary care medical home and sub-specialty clinicians in coordinating effective treatment for individuals with spina bifida. Each of the webinar modules are eligible for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 2. Learn more and access the webinars by visiting the [American Academy of Pediatrics Spina Bifida page](#). Questions? Contact Nkem Chineme nchineme@aap.org.

Telehealth Tool Kit Available to Members: A new communications tool kit of telehealth resources is now available on AAP.org. Download graphics and videos and link to

HealthyChildren.org articles to help parents and caregivers understand the basics of a telehealth appointment and how to get ready for one. Share these tools on your website, email, and social media to let them know telehealth is an option in your practice. The telehealth campaign is an AAP initiative supported by HRSA. Find the tool kit at [Promoting Telehealth \(aap.org\)](#).

Project Firstline ToolKit for Infection Control Training: The New CDC Firstline Facilitator Toolkit can help you lead training on critical infection control information. Whether your team has 10, 20, or 60 minutes, there are resources to support you. Together we have the power to stop infections. Find the toolkit at [Project Firstline Facilitator Toolkit | Project Firstline | Infection Control | CDC](#).

Funding Opportunities

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Paraprofessionals: The purpose of the BHWET Program for Paraprofessionals is to develop and expand community-based experiential training to increase the supply of students preparing to become peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals while also improving distribution of a quality behavioral health workforce. A special focus is placed on the knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns of children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth in high need and high demand areas at risk for behavioral health disorders. The application closes on Monday, **April 12, 2021**. For more information, see [Search Grants | GRANTS.GOV](#).

HRSA NHSC Loan Repayment Programs: Go to [Loan Repayment | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#) to view information about:

**NHSC Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP):* Awards up to \$50,000 in exchange for a two-year commitment to provide primary medical, dental or mental/behavioral health care at approved sites in high-need, underserved areas - [NHSC Loan Repayment Program | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#).

**NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program (NHSC SUD Workforce LRP):* Provides up to \$75,000 in exchange for a three-year commitment to health care professionals who provide substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services - [NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#).

**NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program (NHSC Rural Community LRP):* Awards up to \$100,000 for three years of service for providers in rural communities - [NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#).

All programs are accepting applications through Thursday, **May 6, 2021**.

Educational Opportunities

MDH Webinar Series: "Spotlight on Syphilis: What Health Care Providers Need to Know": Join the Maryland Department of Health's Center for STI Prevention for a free, CME, lunch-time Syphilis Webinar Series this **April 2021** (<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OIDPCS/CSTIP/Pages/HotTopics.aspx>), provided in collaboration with the STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at Johns Hopkins. Presenters are faculty in the departments of Medicine, Gynecology & Obstetrics, and Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Help address the urgent threat of syphilis. Learn about national and Maryland surveillance trends; diagnosing and staging infection; up-to-date CDC

screening and treatment recommendations; complex cases; preventing maternal syphilis and the devastating consequences of congenital syphilis; accessing public health resources for information about patients' prior testing and treatment, assuring patient and partner treatment, and more. Questions? Contact Elisabeth Liebow elisabeth.liebow@maryland.gov.

Webinar: "Exploring Strategies for Sustainable Systems-Wide Changes to Reduce the Prevalence of Obesity: A Workshop": The Roundtable on Obesity Solutions ([Roundtable on Obesity Solutions | National Academies](#)) is convening a one-day public virtual workshop on Thursday, **April 8, 2021** ([Exploring Strategies for Sustainable Systems Wide Changes to Reduce the Prevalence of Obesity A Workshop Series -April Workshop | National Academies](#)). This workshop will be the first in a series to explore sustainable systems-wide changes to reduce the prevalence of obesity. The workshop series will examine the connections between drivers of obesity and promising solutions that have potential for lasting systems change, including effective health communications, structural racism, and stigma and bias. For more information and to register, see [Exploring Strategies for Sustainable Systems-Wide Changes Tickets, Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

Webinar: "Addressing Food Insecurity Among Young Children During the Pandemic: Innovations from Vermont and Washington State": Join this Center for Health Care Strategies event on Tuesday, **April 13, 2021** from 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET to learn about state efforts to align or innovate early childhood and Medicaid programs to help families with young children find resiliency in the face of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic disruptions and beyond. More information and registration details can be found at [Addressing Food Insecurity Among Young Children During the Pandemic: Innovations from Vermont and Washington State - Center for Health Care Strategies \(chcs.org\)](#).

Webinar: "Understanding the Opioid Epidemic: Providers' Role in the Treatment of OUD": Are you a Maryland prescriber interested in learning more about treating patients with opioid use disorder? Hosted by the Maryland Addiction Consultation Service and Calvert County Health Department, join this free CME event on Wednesday, **April 14, 2021** at 12:00-1:00 pm ET. Register at [Understanding the Opioid Epidemic: Providers' Role in the Treatment of OUD Registration, Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

Webinar: "How To Use Google Tools To Generate More Patients": While appearing in Google search results is essential for getting found online, Google is more than just a search engine, it's a marketing machine with robust tools you can leverage to grow your practice. Join this 45-minute webinar on Wednesday, **April 14, 2021** at 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET to learn how to enhance your website and leverage Google tools to generate more new patients. In this webinar, attendees will learn: Understanding Google analytics; Creating and using a Google my business account; Optimize your website content to be found in searches relevant to your patients; and Effects and importance of online reviews. Register at [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#).

Webinar: "Diabetes Care Considerations in the Time of COVID-19": The Maryland Assembly on School Based Health Care will host this event on Wednesday, **April 14, 2021** at 3:00 p.m. ET, presented by the University of Maryland Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology at Midtown Pediatrics. The webinar will provide a review of care for the school-aged child with Diabetes including technology, mental health components, medical orders, and updated information regarding Type1 diabetes and COVID-19. This webinar is free to participate but space is limited, so register soon at [MASBHC Home Page](#). This activity has been submitted to the Maryland Nurses Association for approval to award 1 contact hour. Questions? Email masbhc@gmail.com.

Webinar: "Compassion Conversations": Consider joining the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare's inaugural event on Friday, **April 16, 2021** at 8:30-9:00 a.m. ET for their new series about the role of compassion in leadership and organizational culture from

healthcare and other leaders. More information and registration details are available at [Compassion Conversations | The Schwartz Center](#).

Webinar: "BHIPP Resilience Break: Young Adult Perspectives: Conversations about Primary Care and Behavioral Health": Co-hosted by Maryland BHIPP and the Maryland Coalition of Families, join this event on Friday, **April 16, 2021** at 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET. This event will offer attendees insight into the patient perspective, will help providers feel more prepared when patients have behavioral health needs, and will share why some screening tools may be more effective than others and how to help patients take the next step. Free CME/CEU credit available for participation. To register, go to [WebEx Enterprise Site](#).

Webinar: "Advocating for Health Equity for Children": Hosted by the Delaware Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, join this CME event on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. ET. The focus of this event is to expand the knowledge of child health advocacy, policy and legislative activities; critical topics around child health disparities and equity and around diversity, equity and inclusion, and culturally effective health care. MDAAP member Joseph Wright, MD, FAAP is featured as a keynote speaker. The cost for AAP members is \$20; for non-members, \$30. For more information and to register visit <https://msdcme.rievent.com/a/EGYQHL>.

NYMAC Virtual Meeting, May 4-5, 2021: Join a dynamic group of Families, Advocates, Healthcare Providers, and Public Health Professionals and share, learn and plan to effect positive changes in access to genetic services. See the meeting brochure at [Meeting Brochure/Continuing Education Information | NYMAC \(nymacgenetics.org\)](#). Register at [NYMAC Virtual Meeting, May 4th & 5th, 2021 \(constantcontact.com\)](#).

Webinar: Hopkins "47th Annual Pediatric Trends": Pediatric medicine is evolving on a daily basis and it can be difficult for a general pediatric practitioner to remain up-to-date on new standards of care, therapies, and medications. The goal of this course is to fulfill the need in the practicing pediatric community to increase and improve competence in the field of pediatric medicine and to integrate best practices based on evidence-based medicine and current research. This event will be held from **May 11-14, 2021**. On-line registration and speaker information is available at <https://hopkinscme.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=24030>. Questions? Contact Ashley Rzepinnik asarant1@jhmi.edu.

Webinar: 5th Annual Maryland Tobacco Control Conference – "Navigating the Changing Landscape: The Future of Tobacco Control in Maryland": Hosted by the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the University of Maryland School of Law and the Maryland Department of Health, this free event on **May 12-13, 2021** from 1:00-4:15 p.m. ET will bring together local, state, and national experts to discuss the state of tobacco control. Presenters and attendees will discuss best practices and policies to reduce tobacco use and health disparities, covering a wide range of topics, including: tobacco prevention and cessation, law and policy, enforcement, and the latest research trends. Continuing education credits will be offered. Registration is available at [5th Annual Maryland Tobacco Control \(Virtual\) Conference Tickets, Wed, May 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#). Questions? Contact Megan Griest mgriest@law.umaryland.edu.

Webinar: "The Medical Promise of Climate Solutions: Moving to Action for Health and Equity": This Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health event will take place during **May 21-25, 2021**. The Keynote speaker will be Senator Sheldon Whitehouse addressing "Opportunity for Climate and Health in the 117th Congress." See the details of the agenda and register at [Annual Meeting 2021 · The Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health \(MSCCH\) \(medsocietiesforclimatehealth.org\)](#).

ANA COVID-19 Webinar Series: "Boosting Vaccine Confidence in Minority Populations - Specific Strategies to Encourage and Educate Your Patients": While enthusiasm to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is high among many, a significant number of people are reluctant to take the important step of getting the "shot in the arm." Many factors have an impact on this reluctance, not the least of which include racial, cultural, and ethnic background and past experiences. This on-demand webinar is FREE for all nurses. Registration is required prior to viewing. Register at [Caring for Covid-19 Patients: Disease Progression and Nursing Interventions You Need to Know \(on24.com\)](https://on24.com).

"Engage-Calm-Distract: Understanding and responding to children in crisis": Developed for medical providers this resource kit (<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/engage-calm-distract>) contains strategies for reducing children's distress reactions and providing distraction activities when performing medical procedures. Providing comfort, listening, and reducing distress reactions in children, as well as their caregivers, allows you to focus more on providing needed medical treatment and can lead to better immediate and long-term physical and emotional outcomes for your patient.

FYIs

April is Autism Awareness Month: The National Institute of Mental Health's Office of Autism Research Coordination is pleased to invite you to two special events to recognize National Autism Awareness Month:

*Wednesday, **April 7, 2021** at 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET – "An Afternoon of Comedy with Asperger's Are Us" - [2021 NIMH/OARC Autism Awareness Month Special Event - An Afternoon of Comedy with Asperger's Are Us | IACC \(hhs.gov\)](#).

*Wednesday, **April 28, 2021** at 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET – "The Federal Response to COVID-19: Addressing the Needs of the Autism and Disability Communities" - [The Federal Response to COVID-19: Addressing the Needs of the Autism and Disability Communities | IACC \(hhs.gov\)](#).

View other autism-related events at [Autism Events | IACC \(hhs.gov\)](#).

April 10, 2021 is National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: This day is observed each year to educate the public about the impact of HIV on young people. 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses occurs in young people ages 13-24. This National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day, learn why investing in youth health and education is critical to ending HIV at <https://go.usa.gov/xsbyA>.

STD Awareness Week: April 11-17, 2021: Observed the second full week in April, STD Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness about STDs and how they impact our lives; reduce STD-related stigma, fear, and discrimination; and ensure people have the tools and knowledge to prevent, test for, and treat STDs. For more information, go to [STD Awareness Week - campaigns and resources from CDC](#).

Drexel FNP Student Seeking Pediatric Preceptor: The MDAAP was contacted by Rebecca Cox, a student in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at Drexel University. She is looking to work with a pediatrician or pediatric nurse practitioner to complete 80 hours from June 21-July 30, 2021. Rebecca is in need of completing her pediatric requirements, looking to spend two days weekly with a provider. She states she is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and will provide her own PPE based on Drexel requirements as well as the practice's preferred PPE. Rebecca's resume is attached; if interested, contact her directly at rjc365@drexel.edu. [[Attachments](#)]

BHIPP Bulletin, March 2021: This issue features "Understanding Adolescent Self-Injury"

(BHIPP Bulletin - March 2021 (mailchi.mp)). For prior bulletins, see <https://mdbhipp.org/newsletter.html>.

"All Children See" Program - Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS: More than 2% of children under the age of 18 are blind or visually impaired, and up to 5% of young children are at risk for permanent vision loss from conditions such as amblyopia (also known as "lazy eye") and strabismus. Because 80% of learning is visual, vision plays a critical role in the cognitive, physical, and social development of a young child. For a variety of reasons, many children in the US have eye care needs that are not being met. The consequences of delaying treatment for children with visual impairment can be life-long—including vision loss. The All Children See Program ([Home - Children's Eye Foundation | AAPOS](#)) pairs children needing a comprehensive eye exam with nearby, highly qualified pediatric ophthalmologists. ACS prioritizes seeing children who have already failed a vision screening and partners with eyeglass companies, eye patching companies, and other organizations that provide any necessary follow-up care. Questions? Contact Mary Louise Z. Collins, MD at mcollins@gbmc.org. [Attachments]

Maryland Poison Center: "Data Snapshot – 2020": Poisoning continues to be the leading cause of injury related death in the U.S. The Maryland Poison Center (MPC), a service of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, has provided poisoning treatment advice, education, and prevention services to Marylanders since 1972. In 2020, the MPC managed more than 39,000 cases; just over 31,000 of which were related to people coming into contact with dangerous or potentially dangerous substances (exposures). See the report at [MPC Data Snapshot \(2020\)](#) (mdpoison.com).

"Raising the Next Generation: A Survey of Parents and Caregivers": The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released its March 2021 report, offering unique insights about raising children in America today. More than 2,000 diverse parents and caregivers were polled about their aspirations for their children, the challenges they face, and what enables their families to thrive. While the majority of parents across all racial and ethnic groups share a common sense of optimism, they also face individual and systemic barriers that affect their families' physical and mental health. Visit [Raising the Next Generation: A Survey of Parents and Caregivers](#) (everyfamilyforward.org) to download the report.

NIH Minority Health and Health Disparities Strategic Plan 2021-2025: Charged with leading scientific research to improve minority health and reduce health disparities, NIMHD developed the 2021-2025 NIH Minority Health and Health Disparities Strategic Plan in collaboration with all NIH Institutes, Offices and Centers and externally with experts and communities impacted by health disparities. This strategic plan demonstrates the commitment of all of NIH to improving minority health and reducing health disparities. The plan's goals include: 1) Scientific Research, such as advancing the understanding of the causes of health disparities; 2) Research-Sustaining Activities, such as strengthening the national research capacity to address minority health and health disparities, especially in minority-serving institutions; and 3) Outreach, Collaboration, and Dissemination, such as cultivating and expanding the community of researchers and advocates in the area of minority health and health disparities. (https://nimhd.nih.gov/about/strategic-plan/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

"Costs of Emergency Department Visits in the United States, 2017": This Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) Statistical Brief presents statistics on the cost of ED visits in the United States using the 2017 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS). Total ED charges were converted to costs using HCUP Cost-to-Charge Ratios based on hospital accounting reports from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). ED visits include patients treated and released from the ED, as well as those admitted to the same hospital through the ED. Aggregate costs, average costs, and number of ED visits are presented by patient and hospital characteristics. ([Costs of Emergency Department Visits in the United States, 2017 #268](#) (ahrq.gov))

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