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## **MDAAP Executive Director's Digest – January 7, 2022**

**MDAAP/HCHD COVID-19 Grants Program - Applications due Monday, January 17, 2022:** The Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, with support from the Howard County Health Department, is offering grants to primary health care providers serving children living in Howard County, Maryland. Eligible practices include those comprised of primary care pediatricians, family practice physicians, and nurse practitioners located in Howard County, as well as those who can document that they serve 1,000 or more children who reside in Howard County. For multi-provider practices, grants will be awarded to the practice, not the individual providers.

These grants will fund two categories of activities:

**\*Category 1: Deliver COVID-19 Vaccination at the Practice:** Applicants in this category must be [registered](#) with the State's ImmuNet program specifically to become a COVID-19 vaccine administrator. The proposed funding should be used to augment existing clinical infrastructure in order to accommodate for the administration of COVID-19 vaccination. **Proposals in this category shall not exceed \$60,000.**

**\*Category 2: Outreach and Prevention:** Applications in this category shall (1) Propose activities to educate and promote the benefits and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccination in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner; and (2) Propose activities to educate and promote the prevention of COVID-19 through documented proven strategies of mask wearing, handwashing, and social distancing that are culturally and linguistically appropriate. This can include hosting community events that provide education as well as vaccination and developing social media ads for your practice or videos to be used at Howard County sites. **Proposals in this category shall not exceed \$60,000 if vaccination events are offered.**

See the attached funding information sheet and application form. Please complete the attached application and **submit it no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2022, to [GrantsMgr.MDAAP@gmail.com](mailto:GrantsMgr.MDAAP@gmail.com).** *Have questions or need assistance in completing your application? Contact MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner, [loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:loretta@mdaap.org) or 410-878-9702.*

## **MDAAP Virtual 2022 Resident Advocacy Day – Tuesday, February 15, 2022:**

**ATTENTION MDAAP RESIDENT MEMBERS!** This year's event will be **virtual**; the day will start with a prep meeting (with MDAAP leadership and MDAAP lobbyist Pam Metz Kasemeyer) – followed by meetings with legislators and/or their staff members – and we'll end the day coming back together to debrief as a group. The specific schedule is still under construction, and will be emailed to you when available.

**Webinar Series: "Enhancing Adolescent Health & Immunization Services Project":**

*Mark your calendars!* The MDAAP is working with National AAP on an initiative which will offer CME/MOC2 credit. More details forthcoming for these webinars on:

**\*Wednesday, February 23, 2022**, at 7:00-8:15 p.m. ET

**\*Wednesday, April 13, 2022**, at 7:00-8:15 p.m. ET

**\*Wednesday, June 22, 2022**, at 7:00-8:15 p.m. ET

**National AAP's Section of Pediatric Trainees Seeking District 3/Asst District 3**

**Representative:** *ATTENTION MDAAP MEDICAL STUDENT MEMBERS!* If you are interested in applying for the District 3/Assistant District 3 Representative, see the attached "AAP MedStud DR-ADR SOPT Position Description" for more information. The link to apply is <https://fs25.formsite.com/aapmembership/pwhgez7g6/index.html>. Questions? Contact or Julie Raymond ([jraymond@aap.org](mailto:jraymond@aap.org)).

**Governor Hogan's Press Conference – January 4, 2022:** This week, Governor Hogan held a press conference to announce updates in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic – see attached documents:

*\*Press Release:* "Governor Hogan Declares 30-Day State of Emergency, Mobilizes 1,000 Members of Maryland National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 Surge" [Governor Larry Hogan - Official Website for the Governor of Maryland](#)

*\*Jan 4, 2022, Governor Hogan Proclamation "Declaration of State of Emergency and existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency – COVID-19*

*\*Jan 4, 2022, Executive Order Relating to Various Health Care Matters*

*\*Jan 4, 2022, Executive Order Augmenting Emergency Medical Services Workforce*

*\*Jan 4, 2022, MDH Bulletin: Updates on Maryland's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan*

**"Everyone Safe During COVID-19" Posters Available:** Developed by our MDAAP CDC Project Firstline Faculty Leader Susan V. Lipton, MD, MPH, FAAP, and produced from funding the MDAAP received via National AAP from the CDC's Project Firstline (<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline>), 17"x22" posters are available to help you reinforce COVID-19 safety principles with your staff and patients/families. The main goal of Project Firstline is to help every frontline health care worker gain knowledge and confidence around infection control principles and protocols. The aim is to ensure that health care workers feel they can confidently apply what they learn to protect themselves, their facility, their family, and their community from infectious disease threats, such as, but not limited to, COVID-19. Contact MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner at [loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:loretta@mdaap.org) if you would like posters mailed to you. [Attachment]

**MDAAP Member Login Page:** We are pleased to announce a new feature on our website available to current members. This addition will feature links/URLs to access upcoming events

and meetings, archived recordings, meeting notes/minutes, and other information specifically for MDAAP members. To gain access, go to [www.mdaap.org](http://www.mdaap.org) and click on the "MEMBER LOGIN" button towards the top of the page. After completing the "New User Registration" questions, you will receive an email from the "MDAAP Membership Admin" stating your account is pending approval. Once approved, you will receive another email stating "Your registration for MDAAP Member Access has been approved." The Member Login site currently includes information for 2021 events and meetings, and it will be updated regularly with more resources.

#### MDAAP In The News

**"Demand for COVID-19 tests high in Maryland as people spend hours in line":** See a recent article from WBAL TV featuring MDAAP Vice President Monique Soileau-Burke – [Marylanders spending hours in line waiting for COVID-19 tests \(wbaltv.com\)](https://www.wbal.com/story/news/health/2021/01/27/covid-19-tests-waiting-times-maryland/7081117002/).

#### MDAAP Legislative Matters

Our MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meetings started this week on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022**, and will run through March 29, 2022, starting at 8:00 p.m. ET. Please register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZ0ofuiurDgjG9NmoINnPV1nEMjRmJVvq2QT> to get the login information. Our MDAAP lobbyist – Pam Metz Kasemeyer – will lead us through the proposed bills for discussion. Join these meetings to give *your* opinions/feedback about what issues are of importance to you as MDAAP members and how we advocate for Maryland's kids!

#### From the MDAAP Anti-Trafficking Initiative Committee

**"Child Trafficking and Exploitation" Toolkit Available:** The National AAP Council on Child Abuse and Neglect has launched a new resource. The toolkit includes important information for pediatricians, other physicians, non-physician clinicians, and other stakeholders who care for survivors of trafficking and exploitation. See the toolkit at <https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/child-trafficking-and-exploitation/> which includes:

- \*AAP Recommendations
- \*What You Should Know About Child Trafficking
- \*Professional Tools & Resources
- \*Resources for Patients and Families

#### From the Inclusion-Diversity Anti-Racism & Equity Committee

**MDAAP Inclusion-Diversity Anti-Racism & Equity Committee - Set for Tuesday, January 25, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m. ET: Please register for this Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZcqcuiqrTspGdLkPwDztXq00Cq7IJdlPsnQ>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**"Your Silence Will Not Protect You": Using Words and Action in**

**the Fight Against Racism**": From a featured article in Pediatrics of January 5, 2022: "Heightened public awareness of racism emerged in the setting of anti-Black police violence. intersecting with disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, with the election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, I could already feel some being lulled into a false sense of security and quickly becoming complacent..." (["Your Silence Will Not Protect You": Using Words and Action in the Fight Against Racism | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics \(aap.org\)](#))

From the MDAAP Infectious Diseases Committee

**CDC COCA "Updated Guidance for Clinicians on COVID-19 Vaccines"**: During Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity calls/webinars ([Calls/Webinars | Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\) \(cdc.gov\)](#)), subject matter experts present key emergency preparedness and response topics, followed by meaningful Q&A with participants. Each COCA Call/Webinar will offer the most up to date information and guidance for clinicians. Continuing Education is available for most calls/webinars ([Continuing Education | Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\) \(cdc.gov\)](#)).

**CDC---"Vaccine Recommendations and Guidelines of the ACIP"**: See this online resource ([ACIP COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations | CDC](#)) for information about current COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) ([Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) | CDC](#)) provides advice and guidance to the Director of the CDC regarding use of vaccines and related agents for control of vaccine-preventable diseases in the civilian population of the United States. Recommendations made by the ACIP are reviewed by the CDC Director and, if adopted, are published as official CDC/HHS recommendations in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

From the MDAAP Mental Health Committee

**MDAAP Mental Health Committee Zoom Meeting - Set for Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5:00-6:00p ET**: Please register for this Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91186100000>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

From the MDAAP Pediatric Council

**Is CareFirst Denying You Payment for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration?**: If you are getting a denial from CareFirst for COVID-19 vaccine administration (0071A-first dose and/or 0072A-second dose), you can email Bob Sadowski, Pediatric Medical Director, [Robert.Sadowski@carefirst.com](mailto:Robert.Sadowski@carefirst.com) with the patient's name, date of birth, membership ID number, and the date the immunization was administered.

From the MDAAP Foundation

**Start Your New Year by Making a Donation and Supporting Early Literacy for Maryland's Children**: *Our 2021-2022 Holiday Fundraising Campaign continues!* See the [attached letter from MDAAP Foundation President Maria Brown](#). Your charitable gift to the MDAAP Foundation supports our mini-grants program to help put books in the hands of children

through MDAAP members' practices. Donations can be made by:

\*Mailing a check to the MDAAP Office

\*Clicking on this link to make an online donation – [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=FE3DCXHJ8KXK6](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=FE3DCXHJ8KXK6)

\*Using this QR code:



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From the Maryland Department of Health

**MDH/MSDE Letter – January 6, 2022 – Subject: Interim K-12 School and Child Care COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance:** In response to the recent changes in COVID-19 isolation and quarantine recommendations for the general public put forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) are providing the following interim guidance for local school systems, nonpublic schools, and child care programs. [Attachment]

**Pediatric Pfizer Vaccine Direct Ordering Now Available in ImmuNet:** The MDH has announced that pediatric Pfizer vaccine became available for direct ordering to all COVID-19 registered providers on January 6, 2022. Instructions on how to place a COVID-19 vaccine order in ImmuNet are available at [ImmuNet COVID19-Vaccine-Ordering-Guide.pdf \(maryland.gov\)](#). Providers can reach out to their local health department ([Local Health Departments – MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS \(mdhealthofficers.org\)](#)) if they are unable to place an order during the order window. Questions? Contact [mdh.covidvax@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.covidvax@maryland.gov).

**MDH MDPCP Offering Point of Care Testing Kits:** The MDH Maryland Primary Care Program has been connecting practitioners to point of care testing to more rapidly identify symptomatic patients as COVID-19 positive. See the Google form at [Point of Care Testing through the Maryland Primary Care Program \(google.com\)](#) for more information and to let MDH MDPCP know that you are interested in receiving POC testing kits. Questions? Contact the MDH MDPCP via [Pages - Home \(maryland.gov\)](#).

**MDH MDPCP COVID-19 Webinars:** In light of the continuing challenge that COVID-19 poses to public health in Maryland and nationally, the Maryland Primary Care Program is continuing to host regular webinars for all Maryland healthcare providers to review current guidance, provide additional information on health and safety measures, provide updates on important items such as testing, vaccination, and monoclonal antibody treatment, and answer questions. See <https://health.maryland.gov/mdpcp/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx> for previous webinar recordings and slides, and to register for future COVID-19 update webinars. Note: there is a "Providers Vaccinating Youth Aged 12-17" section.

**COVID-19 Testing in Maryland:** "Expanded testing capacity is one of the four pillars of Governor Larry Hogan's Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery. It will also help out our

hospitals and urgent care centers that are over capacity and greatly help out the wonderful healthcare workers. To find a testing site near you/your patients, visit here - <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>."

## COVID-19 Topics

### **Recruiting Participants for NIH Study: "COVID-19 and MIS-C Long-Term Effects in Children and Young Adults": Please share with your patients/families.**

This study is for children and young adults who have recovered from COVID-19, including MIS-C. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health want to find out if there are any lasting symptoms and side effects in patients – *those asymptomatic, with mild-to-moderate symptoms, and to those needing hospital care* – after they have recovered from COVID-19 and MIS-C. To learn more about this study, contact [niaidpedscovid@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:niaidpedscovid@niaid.nih.gov). Questions? Contact Karyl Barron [kbarron@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:kbarron@niaid.nih.gov), (301) 402-2208. [Attachment]

### **CDC Resources:**

\**Overview of COVID-19 Isolation for K-12 Schools*  
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-contact-tracing/about-isolation.html>)

\**Overview of COVID-19 Quarantine for K-12 Schools*  
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-contact-tracing/about-quarantine.html>)

\**COVID-19 – About Testing in Schools* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/what-you-should-know.html>)

### **COVID-19 Fact Sheets – In English, Spanish, Russian, Korean, French, Chinese, and Amharic:**

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council ([Home | Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council \(md-council.org\)](http://Home | Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (md-council.org))) and the Maryland Department of Health have released seven (7) COVID-19 fact sheets in plain language. The Council funded the development and design of the fact sheets to help people with disabilities get vaccines. The topics include high risk health conditions, testing, monoclonal antibody treatment, vaccines, vaccines at home, vaccines for children, and booster shots. You can download the fact sheets at [The Council and the Maryland Department of Health Partner to Bring You COVID-19 Fact Sheets in Plain Language | Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council \(md-council.org\)](#).

### **CDC "Preventing Vaccine Administration Errors: A Primer for Healthcare Workers":**

See this archived webinar at Vaccine Webinars (cdc.gov). Continuing education credits are available.

### **Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine: Medical Updates & Immunization Site Training for All Healthcare Providers Led by Pfizer Vaccines US Medical Affairs:**

See <https://www.pfizermedicalinformation.com/en-us/medical-updates> for training sessions through January 27, 2021.

### **"The COVID States Project: A 50-State COVID-19 Survey – Report #75: Attitudes Toward COVID-19 Boosters – December 2021":**

Between November 3rd and December 3rd, 2021, the COVID States Project asked 22,277 adults in all 50 US states and the District of Columbia about their attitudes and behaviors regarding COVID-19. This brief report examines attitudes toward COVID-19 booster shots, and whether they differ across particular groups of people. Since the survey was ongoing when news about Omicron emerged in the US, the report also takes an initial look at whether these attitudes have begun to shift along with perceptions of the threat posed by COVID-19 subsequent to the November 26th announcement. The report is available at [THE COVID STATES PROJECT](#).



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

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofuiurDgiG9NmoINnPV1nEMjRmJVvq2QT>.

Thursday, January 13, 2022

5:00-6:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Mental Health Committee Zoom Meeting

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYld-mvqDguHtdcQPrWfrDAzvz-xJ4Ir3Y3>.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofuiurDgiG9NmoINnPV1nEMjRmJVvq2QT>.

Thursday, January 20, 2022

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

MDAAP Chapter Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdOuuqjojHNTQKhCFz-GTGU5IVLWp7fZZ>.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

6:30-7:30 p.m. ET

MDAAP Inclusion-Diversity Anti-Racism & Equity Committee Zoom Meeting

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqcuigrTspGdLkPwDztXqO0Cq7IJdlPsnQ>.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofuiurDgiG9NmoINnPV1nEMjRmJVvq2QT>.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Legislative Session Zoom Meeting

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofuiurDgiG9NmoINnPV1nEMjRmJVvq2QT>.

Thursday, February 3, 2022

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

**MDAAP/National AAP Webinar: "National Legislative Matters" of interest to MD pediatric providers**

Register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DCEhUc\\_RT02L\\_RIWdORNRw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DCEhUc_RT02L_RIWdORNRw).

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

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

MDAAP Chapter General Membership Zoom Meeting

Register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5HBmjCqVS2mtVgXxtwIF0g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5HBmjCqVS2mtVgXxtwIF0g).

**Call for Proposals for CPTI's Advocacy Training Center Grants:** The Community Pediatrics Training Initiative supports four pediatric faculty-resident pairs annually to attend the AAP Advocacy Conference. After the conference, the faculty-resident pairs are required to implement an educational project in collaboration with their AAP chapter to strengthen the advocacy skills of their trainees. The AAP chapter will receive up to \$1,000 in grant funds to support this advocacy project. The deadline to apply is **Friday, January 14, 2022**, by midnight ET. Find more information at [Community Pediatrics Training Initiatives Grants \(aap.org\)](https://www.aap.org).



**CATCH Call for Grant Proposals:** The Community Access To Child Health (CATCH) Call for Proposals now is open through **Monday, January 24, 2022**. Pediatricians ([catchplanimpcall.pdf \(aap.org\)](#)) and residents ([catchresidentcall.pdf \(aap.org\)](#)) with innovative ideas for initiatives that address critical child health issues in their local communities can apply for grants. Additionally, the Resident Call for Proposals guidelines include targeted funding opportunities on more than 10 topics, including oral health, community pediatrics, environmental health, developmental and behavioral pediatrics, emergency medicine, school health, obesity prevention, and child abuse/neglect. Questions? Contact [catch@aap.org](mailto:catch@aap.org). To learn more about CATCH see [Community Access to Child Health \(aap.org\)](#).

**January is National Mentoring Month:** Mentoring can have a profound impact on career success, and National AAP believes it can help increase the level of diversity in pediatrics. To support our members who are underrepresented in medicine, the National AAP Mentorship Program is hosting a mentorship initiative for the month of January 2022, National Mentoring Month. For more information, go to [American Academy of Pediatrics Mentorship Program | Program Overview \(chronus.com\)](#).

**Nomination Call for AAP Committee Members - Due Friday, February 18, 2022:** The call for nominations for 2022 national committee member positions is now open. Member appointments will take place at the May 2022 Board Meeting and new member terms will begin on Friday, July 1, 2022. For more information about the current open positions and process for submitting a nomination, please visit the AAP Committee Nominations webpage at [LEAD @ AAP Committees, Councils, and Sections](#).

**Free Online Course "Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations":** A new FREE online course, "Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations," now is available via PediaLink until **Thursday, March 31, 2022**. This free course aims to improve knowledge and competency among pediatricians and non-physicians to have effective COVID-19 vaccine conversations with patients and families, including the sharing of credible COVID-19 vaccination information and responding to misinformation. Register for this course at [Effective COVID-19 Vaccine Conversations - AAP](#).

**Free Online Course "Influenza During the COVID-19 Pandemic" Available Via PediaLink:** This four-part course series provides key information about the 2021-2022 flu season. The purpose of this PediaLink module is to educate pediatric health care professionals on the current AAP policy recommendations for routine use of seasonal influenza vaccine and antiviral medications for the prevention and treatment of influenza in infants, children, and adolescents. The recommendations for the prevention and treatment of influenza are updated annually. The course is available until **Saturday, October 10, 2022**, and does not offer CME credit. For more information go to [Influenza During the COVID-19 Pandemic - AAP](#).

**"Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report":** See the latest report of December 30, 2021, at [Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report \(aap.org\)](#).

**Becoming a COVID-19 Vaccinator Video Series:** View the videos in this series to find answers to common questions about administering COVID-19 vaccine in pediatric practice settings. ([Becoming a COVID-19 Vaccinator Video Series \(aap.org\)](#))

**Videos Tackle Immigrant Fears About Vaccines:** The Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign, of which National AAP is a member, has developed animated videos that dispel immigration-related fears about receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. These videos use one person's story to assure immigrant families that getting the COVID-19 vaccine will have no consequences on immigration status or applications. The videos are available in Arabic, Mandarin, Haitian Creole, English, French, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. You can find all the videos at [Protecting Immigrant Families Coalition - YouTube](#).

**"Influenza Prevention and Control Strategies in Early Education and Child Care Settings" Webinar:** Influenza is a serious threat to children. The CDC is reporting a slow but steady increase in influenza cases, mainly in children and young adults. The National AAP has developed a webinar ([Cisco Webex Meetings - Replay Recorded Meeting](#)) on influenza prevention in early education and child care settings. This webinar covers influenza mitigation strategies, the importance of influenza immunization in early education and child care settings, and strategies on being prepared for the flu during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**National AAP Equity Agenda:** The National AAP believes that all systems of care should seek to promote and achieve health equity for all children. The AAP Equity Agenda ([AAP Equity Agenda](#)) guides the Academy's efforts to achieve health equity and actualize our goals to become an equitable, diverse, and inclusive organization. These efforts include promoting a diverse Academy membership, leadership, and pediatric workforce; applying an equity lens to Academy policy, advocacy, and education; and equipping AAP members with the capacity to foster equity in their practices, institutions, and communities. The AAP Equity Agenda sets forth explicit and intentional action to support the Academy's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and ensures this action permeates all aspects of the Academy's functioning.

#### Fellowship Opportunities

**Postdoctoral Fellowship in School Mental Health:** The National Center for School Mental Health in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (Baltimore, MD) invites applications for a full-time, 1-2 year(s) postdoctoral fellowship in child and adolescent mental health starting in Summer 2022. Fellows will work with faculty and a multidisciplinary team to advance skills in research, training, policy, and practice related to child and adolescent mental health services with an emphasis on school-based services. In addition to collaborating on school mental health research and training activities, the fellowship may include the opportunity for clinical practice in schools, depending on candidates' interests and experiences. For more information, go to [Postdoctoral-Fellowship-in-School-Mental-Health-2022.pdf \(schoolmentalhealth.org\)](#).

#### Funding Opportunities

**2022 Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Programs:** Applications are now open through **Thursday, January 13, 2022**. Informational webinars will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, and Thursday, January 6, 2022. For more information go to [Apply to the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program | Bureau of Health Workforce \(hrsa.gov\)](#).

**NHSC Loan Repayment Program:** Applications are now open through **Thursday, February 3, 2022**. Licensed primary care clinicians in eligible disciplines can receive loan repayment assistance through the NHSC Loan Repayment Program. For more information go to [NHSC Loan Repayment Program | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#).

**NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program:** Applications are now open through **Thursday, February 3, 2022**. To combat the nation's opioid crisis, HRSA launched the NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program. The program supports the recruitment and retention of health professionals needed in underserved areas to expand access to SUD treatment and prevent overdose deaths. For more information go to [NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#).

**NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program:** Applications are now open through **Thursday, February 3, 2022**. The NHSC Rural Community LRP will make loan repayment awards in coordination with the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). This will provide evidence-based substance use treatment, assist in recovery, and prevent overdose deaths across the nation. For more information go to [NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](https://www.hrsa.gov/ruralcommunityloanrepayment).

**From the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:** See [Funding and Engagement Opportunities - RWJF](#) for information about:

*\*Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health:* Welcomes proposals that are primed to influence health equity in the future. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

*\*Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity:* Prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions that have the potential to contribute to dismantling and counteracting the harms of structural and systemic racism and improving health, well-being, and equity outcomes. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

#### Educational Opportunities

**Virtual: "Understanding the Opioid Epidemic: Prescribers' Next Steps in the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder":** This live, virtual CME training on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET is designed for Maryland prescribers who have obtained their waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for OUD. This event is hosted by the Maryland Addiction Consultation Service (<https://www.marylandmacs.org>) and the Anne Arundel Health Department. For more information and to register go to [Understanding the Opioid Epidemic: Prescribers' Next Steps Registration, Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

**Virtual: "Learning Series: Advancing Equity in Maternal & Infant Health":** HRSA's Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services', Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health is hosting a three-part series to define health equity, highlight disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes among disproportionately affected populations, and identify systemic issues that are contributing to these health disparities. Session 1 was held on November 2, 2021 (recording at [Learning Series: Advancing Equity in Maternal & Infant Health - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#)), and Session 2 was held on December 7, 2021 (recording at [Learning Series: Advancing Equity in Maternal & Infant Health - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#)). Session 3 will be held on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, at 2:00-3:00 p.m. Central Time. More information and registration information is available at [Learning Series: Advancing Equity in Maternal & Infant Health Tickets, Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#). Questions? Contact Rae Hutchison at [CHutchison@hrsa.gov](mailto:CHutchison@hrsa.gov).

**Virtual: "At the Intersection of Equity, Science and Social Justice: An Inflection Point for Academic Medicine":** Hosted by Kennedy Krieger, join their Institute Grand Rounds on **Thursday, January 13, 2022**, at 12:00 p.m. ET to learn from your MDAAP colleague Joseph L. Wright, MD, MPH, FAAP. See the attached flyer for more details regarding learning objectives, login information, and continuing education credits. [Attachment]

**Virtual: "Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic to Improve Diagnosis":** The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will convene a virtual workshop on **Friday, January 14, 2022**, at 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET to examine changes to diagnostic

paradigms in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to consider the lessons learned and opportunities for improving diagnosis within the U.S. health care system. For more information and to register, go to [Lessons Learned from the COVID 19 Pandemic to Improve Diagnosis | National Academies](#).

**Virtual: "School-based Suicide Prevention: Promising Approaches and Opportunities for Research"**: This NIMH-hosted webinar on **Friday, January 14, 2022**, at 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET will provide an opportunity for diverse stakeholders, including school administrators, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and funders, to learn about new and innovative practices in school-based suicide prevention. There will be a particular focus on identifying and supporting high-risk youth, as well as opportunities for evaluating these efforts. Register at [NIMH » School-based Suicide Prevention: Promising Approaches and Opportunities for Research \(nih.gov\)](#).

**Virtual: NIMH Director's Innovation Speaker Series: "Addressing Social Determinants to Optimize Infant Brain Development"**: Join this event on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**, at 3:00-4:00 pm.ET to hear an overview of adverse exposures and their influence on child development, discussing exposure to poverty, crime, and pre-and postnatal exposures to psychopathology and substance use. The presenter will also discuss ongoing longitudinal studies examining the role of social determinants on neonatal brain development, subsequent social-emotional development, and prevention and intervention strategies to optimize child development. For more information and to register, go to [NIMH » The NIMH Director's Innovation Speaker Series: Addressing Social Determinants to Optimize Infant Brain Development \(nih.gov\)](#).

**Virtual: "Understanding the Opioid Epidemic: Providers' Role in the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder"**: Hosted by the Maryland Addiction Consultation Service ([www.marylandMACS.org](http://www.marylandMACS.org)), this event (offering continuing education credits) will be held on **Thursday, January 20, 2022**, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. This webinar will provide an overview of how Maryland prescribers can play a critical role in providing treatment for opioid use disorder. For more information and to register, go to [Understanding the Opioid Epidemic: Providers' Role in the Treatment of OUD Registration, Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#). Questions? Contact [MACSTraining@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:MACSTraining@som.umaryland.edu).

**Virtual: BHIPP Resilience Break**: The next event hosted by BHIPP ([Home\(mdbhipp.org\)](http://Home(mdbhipp.org))) will be on **Thursday, January 20, 2022**, at 12:30 p.m. regarding "Diagnosing and Managing Seasonal Depression in Primary Care. Register at [WebEx Enterprise Site](#). Interested in organizing a (virtual) training event? Need more information? Email BHIPP at [cader@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:cader@som.umaryland.edu).

**Virtual: MHCC Innovative Care Symposium – "Innovative Value-Based Payment Models"**: This Maryland Health Care Commission event will be held on **Friday, January 21, 2022**, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. The Symposium will include presentations on: Innovations in Value-based Payment and Maryland's Total Cost of Care Model; CareFirst's Payment Model and Value-based Payment Initiatives; and Primary Care Transformation. Register at [Registration Form \(google.com\)](#). Questions? Contact Anene Onyeabo at [anene.onyeabo@maryland.gov](mailto:anene.onyeabo@maryland.gov) or 410-764-3460.

**Virtual: "Compassionomics: The Case for Compassion"**: Hosted by the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare ([www.theschwartzcenter.org](http://www.theschwartzcenter.org)), this event on **Thursday, January 27, 2022**, at 4:00-5:00 p.m. ET will explain why compassion could be a "wonder drug" for the 21st century, and for the challenges facing today's healthcare leaders. Presenters will share evidence

that shows the vast benefits of compassion in healthcare: for patients, healthcare organizations, and the healthcare workforce. For more information, to register, and to view past webinars go to [Compassion In Action - The Schwartz Center](#).

**Virtual: ZERO TO THREE Webinar Series “Foundation for All Future Development: Celebrating Highlights in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health”:** These events will highlight innovations and successes from SAMHSA IECMH, Project LAUNCH, and Indigenous LAUNCH grantees. Grantees from across the nation will showcase examples from their communities and share lessons learned with the broader early childhood field. The first webinar was held on December 2, 2021 (Preparing the Workforce to Better Support our Little Ones). Register for the two remaining webinars at [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#):

**\*Thursday, February 3, 2022**, from 2:00-3:30 pm ET: [Integrating IECMH into Early Childhood Delivery Systems](#)

**\*Thursday, March 3, 2022**, from 2:00-3:30 pm ET: Strategies Supporting Service Delivery

**Virtual: PCSS 8-Hour Full Day Waiver Training:** Hosted by the Maryland Addiction Consultation Service ([www.marylandMACS.org](http://www.marylandMACS.org)), this event will be held on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022**, at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. The PCSS waiver training course provides an overview of the FDA-approved medication buprenorphine prescribed for the treatment of opioid use disorder. The course meets the required 8-hour training to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of OUD. Upon completion of the training, providers will meet the requirement of the DATA 2000 to apply for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine. For more information and to register, go to [PCSS 8-Hour Waiver Training Tickets, Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#). Questions? Contact [MACSTraining@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:MACSTraining@som.umaryland.edu).

**MaHRTI Launches a New Website with Free Harm Reduction Training Resources:** The Maryland Harm Reduction Training Institute has launched a new website ([Maryland Harm Reduction Training Institute \(thinkific.com\)](http://MarylandHarmReductionTrainingInstitute.thinkific.com)) which includes a library of free harm reduction webinars and other training resources. MaHRTI is a training and technical assistance partner of the [Center for Harm Reduction Services](#) at the Maryland Department of Health. The Center for Harm Reduction Services funds MaHRTI to provide capacity-building services to its grantees, as well as to MDH-authorized Overdose Response Programs and Syringe Services Programs.

## FYIs

**Behavioral Health System Baltimore 2022 Legislative Preview:** Join this event on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. ET to hear BHSB (<https://www.bhsbbaltimore.org>) leaders review key behavioral health policy priorities for the upcoming Maryland General Assembly legislative session. BHSB will also discuss the state budget outlook for behavioral health services in Maryland. Register at [2022 Legislative Preview \(constantcontact.com\)](#).

**“Propel Your Future Leaders: A 3-Part Webinar Series”:** Hosted by the Center for Creative Leadership, see [Session 1: Using Resilience Strategies to Reduce Workplace Barriers for Emerging Leaders \(on24.com\)](#) for more information about this upcoming series:

*\*Session 1: Using Resilience Strategies to Reduce Workplace Barriers for Emerging Leaders - Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET*



*\*Session 2: Value Alignment: The Role of Empathy and Identity in Developing Next Generation Leadership - **Friday, January 21, 2022**, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET*

*\*Session 3: Providing Employees with Equitable Access to Opportunities to Drive Better Business Outcomes - **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET*

**Vot-ER 2022 Winter Summit:** Join this event on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, at 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET which will gather Vot-ER ([www.vot-er.org](http://www.vot-er.org)) partners and volunteers to learn new tools and hear from experts about important multicultural research and data. Together, we will create a shared vision for the 2022 midterm elections and develop strategies to change the culture of healthcare and expand voter access in healthcare spaces. For more information and to register, go to [Vot-ER Winter Summit 2022 – Vot-ER](#). Vot-ER integrates voter registration into the health care delivery system. Vot-ER is founded on a core belief that empowered voices and full participation in the democratic process lead to positive health outcomes.

**Help Link Families to High-Quality Services in Baltimore City:** Healthcare providers play an important role in connecting Baltimore City families to the nutrition support and other services they need. B'more for Healthy Babies ([B'more for Healthy Babies | Baltimore City Health Department](#)) wants to hear from you about how they can best provide you with information on programs such as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) which offers nutrition services for people who are pregnant, breast/chestfeeding and children under age 5. If you are interested in participating in a 30 to 45-minute virtual interview through **Friday, January 14, 2022**, with the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs as part of formative research study to inform a city-wide communication campaign, please contact Amber Summers at [asummer5@jhu.edu](mailto:asummer5@jhu.edu). Your participation will help to learn how to better link families to the high-quality services and community supports they need to ensure that all of Baltimore's babies are born healthy and grow and thrive in healthy families.

**NIH Listening Sessions - NIH Stakeholders Discuss Racial & Ethnic Equity:** The UNITE initiative ([The NIH UNITE Initiative | National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#)) was established to identify and address structural racism within the NIH-supported community and the greater scientific community. The listening sessions are part of UNITE's efforts to listen and learn. Key stakeholders at all levels of the biomedical research community who work and serve in diverse settings and hold various roles, and who partner and collaborate with research teams have important experiences and insights to share. Listening sessions will continue in **January 2022 and February 2022**. For more information about listening sessions that align with your affiliation/s and to register, go to [Listening Sessions - NIH Stakeholders Discuss Racial & Ethnic Equity Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#). Questions? Email [UNITEInitiative@nih.gov](mailto:UNITEInitiative@nih.gov).

**2022 Children's Mental Health Matters! Campaign Winter Launch Meeting:** Join this event on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. via Zoom** to increase public awareness of the importance of children's mental health - reducing stigma surrounding mental health and substance use disorders and connecting children and families with resources for prevention and support across Maryland. More information and registration is available at [Children's Mental Health Matters! Campaign Winter Launch Meeting Registration, Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

**Public Comment for PCORI Proposed Research Agenda is Now Open:** PCORI has launched the public comment period on its proposed Research Agenda, which will provide the framework for PCORI's future funding of comparative clinical effectiveness research and other research initiatives. It stems from the five National Priorities for Health ([National Priorities and Research Agenda | PCORI](#)) adopted by PCORI's Board of Governors in October. More details on the types of projects that could be included in each area of focus are available at [PCORI's Proposed Research Agenda | PCORI](#). The public comment period is open through **Monday, January 31, 2022**.



**Help Baltimore City's Effort to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations:** Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs is planning a hackathon in collaboration with the health department to develop ideas for COVID-19 vaccination communication materials. A hackathon (or communication design workshop) is a collaborative process that brings together people of different backgrounds and expertise to learn, build, and create. Healthcare providers who engage with children ages 5- 17 are welcome to participate. If you participate, you will:

- \*Hear about ways that healthcare providers and parents/guardians have been successfully reached about COVID-19 vaccination through communication.

- \*Share your insights on the challenges and successes in addressing questions and concerns about COVID-19 vaccination for children.

- \*Engage with parents/guardians and communication experts in brainstorming ideas for messages, materials, and ways to reach both other providers and parents.

The hackathon will take place virtually via Zoom over a 2-day period in **February 2022**. Specific dates and times will be determined based on participant availability. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to continue participation in the communication development process.

For providers who are not able to attend the two-day session but are interested in helping, we have other ways to give feedback on campaign materials and educational materials such as through shorter, 15-minute feedback sessions on Zoom. Questions? Contact Amber Summers at [asummer5@jhu.edu](mailto:asummer5@jhu.edu).

**Survey: "Virginity Testing in the United States: Prevalence, Attitudes, and Effects":**

Johns Hopkins researchers would like to invite you to participate in a survey study which is trying to determine people's thoughts and opinions towards virginity testing, also known as hymen testing. Your answers will help researchers learn more about people's beliefs and feelings towards virginity testing, determine its prevalence in the United States, and study its effects on mental and physical health. This study is polling both the general population and healthcare providers. Please go to [https://jhmi.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5p4JPUuYc0GqYCi](https://jhmi.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5p4JPUuYc0GqYCi) to find the survey, which will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Questions? Contact Dr. James Segars at [jsegars2@jhmi.edu](mailto:jsegars2@jhmi.edu).

**MDH Youth Suicide Prevention Toolkit – December 2021:** Teen suicide is a growing health concern. It is the second-leading cause of death for young people ages 10 to 24, surpassed only by accidents, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Adolescence is a time marked with constant transition and significant cognitive, mental, emotional, and social change. Coupled with the challenges of the COVID-19 global pandemic, these past two years have been overwhelming for many youth. ([Youth Suicide Prevention Toolkit- December 2021 \(maryland.gov\)](#))

**Parent CRAFT:** Please consider sharing this information with your patients/families. Parent CRAFT ([Maryland - Cadence \(cadenceonline.com\)](#)) is an online training program for parents to develop skills to help with engaging with their youth in a discussion around substance use, particularly for those parents who suspect or know their child is using and are struggling to get them to accept any intervention. Questions? Contact Maria Francesca Rodowski-Stanco, MD, Director Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Services, Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health at [maria.rodowski-stanco@maryland.gov](mailto:maria.rodowski-stanco@maryland.gov) or 443- 401-3230.

**Pediatrician Needed – Baltimore City, Maryland (10/25/21)**

Pediatrician Position available at well established Pediatric practice in Baltimore City close to County inside Hospital compound with plenty of parking spaces. Looking for a motivated Team player, Female Pediatrician who is willing to learn from others and adapt to the current changing environment of a private medical practice. Candidate should be BE/ BC, Offering Part-Time or Half-Time 30hrs per week position during first year. Decent call schedule 1 is to 4 or 5 weekends sharing with other Pediatric Practice. Competitive Salary. Clinic Hours: 8 Am to 4:30 Pm, Clinic opens Only Week days. Offering full benefits for those working 30 hrs per week including 401(k) with profit-sharing. Potential to become a partner in three years. Please send CV to [Pediatrics22021@gmail.com](mailto:Pediatrics22021@gmail.com), Attention: Chan Aung, MD., FAAP. Director of Pediatric & Adolescent Medical Practice. Phone: 443-444-5709.

**Pediatrician Wanted to join Main Street Pediatrics, Towson, Maryland (10/26/21)**

Main Street Pediatrics is a private Pediatric practice consisting of 12 Board Certified/Board Eligible Pediatricians in two locations- Towson and Owings Mills- in suburban Baltimore, Maryland. The Towson physicians are looking for a new Pediatrician to join them. They are a dedicated, caring group that provides excellent, compassionate care to their patients whose age range from premature infants to graduating college students. They believe in providing comprehensive care with special emphasis on the psychosocial needs of all their children and their families. Their group fosters collaboration between all members including those new to practice as well as those with over 30 years of practice. There are opportunities to teach clinical skills to Johns Hopkins University medical students as well as precepting Pediatric residents. The typical work week is 4.5 days with equal rotation of on call night and weekends (every 7th weekend). They are looking for someone who plans to continue in the area and may be interested in becoming a future partner of the group. Their website is [www.mainstreetpeds.com](http://www.mainstreetpeds.com). If interested, please contact Dr. Debbie Bittar at [debbiebittar@gmail.com](mailto:debbiebittar@gmail.com).

**Pediatrician Wanted: Community practice Westminster, MD (01/03/22)**

Established practice in Westminster, Maryland looking for a part-time or full-time Pediatrician. Carroll Children's Center has been serving the community for over 50 years. We serve a diverse community and are focused on their health and well being. In order to focus on the community, we do not do any hospital coverage, and calls are shared with 3 other practices. Providers work an average of 6 to 7 patient hours a day with no weekends. We offer a competitive salary with many benefits. We are looking for a candidate to continue growing this practice and serving the community. Interested candidates can find us at [www.carrollchildrenscenter.com](http://www.carrollchildrenscenter.com). Interested candidates may send their CVs to Dr. Peter Chung at [pkcmd1008@yahoo.com](mailto:pkcmd1008@yahoo.com).

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