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MDAAP Executive Director's Digest – April 15, 2022

Nominations Close TODAY Friday, April 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. for 2022 Elections -

Open Positions on MDAAP Chapter Board of Directors: The MDAAP will be holding elections for open positions for terms starting July 1, 2022: The following positions will be on the ballot:

***Vice-President/President Elect:** 4-year term in total (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 as Vice-President; July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026 as President) **Duties:** The Vice President/President Elect shall serve a two (2) year term. Upon election to this office, the Vice President shall become the President Elect. When for any reason the President is unable to perform the duties of the office as determined by a majority vote of the BOD, the Vice President shall be appointed Acting President. The Vice President/President Elect shall become President when the full terms are scheduled to start. The Vice President/President Elect shall: (a) Assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and perform other functions delegated by the President, the BOD or the Academy. (b) Be an ex-officio nonvoting member of all Chapter committees except the Nominating Committee. (c) Attend the annual District III summer meeting and the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF). (d) Is responsible for all Chapter educational activities, including Annual CME event and others as planned. (e) Be a nonvoting ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee

***Treasurer/Secretary:** 2-year term (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024) **Duties:** The Treasurer/ Secretary shall be elected for a two (2) year term and may be re-elected for one additional two (2) year term. The Treasurer shall supervise the management of Chapter fiscal affairs, including: (a) Collection of dues and assessments. (b) Payment of bills and reimbursements authorized by the BOD. (c) Investment of funds. (d) Conduct of an annual audit. (e) Preparation of IRS and other related financial reports. (f) Presentation of financial reports at BOD meetings and other meetings as requested. (g) Ensure that the Chapter's records and minutes are properly maintained. (h) Serve as membership/retention and recruitment chair.

***Regional Representative – Western MD** (Alleghany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties): 3 year-term (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025) **Duties:** The Regional Representatives shall: (a) Represent their districts as voting members of the BOD via attendance at in-person meetings, during telephone conference call meetings and when asked to vote via electronic means. (b) Guide, coordinate and report on Chapter activities initiated in their regions. (c) Maintain effective communication within their respective regions. (d) Provide the names of members in their regions interested in serving on committees. (e) Submit in writing to the Nominating Committee Chair, prior to the preparation of a slate of candidates, the names of eligible qualified Fellows and Specialty Fellows from their regions willing to be candidates for office.

The MDAAP Vice-President/President Elect, Treasurer/Secretary, and Regional Representatives serve in the important roles of leading and representing the interests of MDAAP Chapter members. As a member of the MDAAP Leadership Team, you will continue to develop your leadership skills and network with other Maryland pediatric healthcare leaders, government and public health officials, as well as pediatric leaders from other state Chapters and the National

AAP. ***Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged!*** If you are interested in being considered for the ballot for these positions, please email the MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner at loretta@mdaap.org. Please include a brief biography, your CV, and why you are interested in serving.

SAVE-THE-DATE! 2022 MDAAP Chapter Annual Meeting – Saturday, September 10, 2022: The MDAAP Leadership is happy to announce that we will have our in-person 2022 MDAAP Chapter Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at the Rolling Road Golf, Catonsville, MD (<https://www.rollingroadgc.org/>). This meeting will bring together members of our state-wide organization to network with one another, learn about innovative pediatric clinical practice issues, and to celebrate our members' accomplishments! The schedule is currently "under construction" --- so ***if you have ideas for topics and speakers – and want to be a part of the planning process*** – please contact MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner loretta@mdaap.org.

Two Years of COVID-19 In Our Lives: It has now been two years since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic – since the U.S. declaration of a national emergency. You as a pediatrician or pediatric healthcare provider in Maryland have a unique insight into protecting your patients/families on the frontlines. Consider sharing your story in op-eds, via social media, blog posts, etc. – contact the MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner at loretta@mdaap.org for assistance in doing so. What ***challenges*** have you faced? What ***successes*** can you celebrate? How has your practice ***changed***? How have you ***advocated*** for health equity? ***What are your vaccine stories?***

"Keep 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 if you would like posters mailed to you. [Attachment]

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/>.

From the MDAAP Environmental Health and Climate Change Committee

Hello MDAAP Members,

I am forwarding this email from Dr. Maya Ragavan of the Childrens Hospital of Pittsburgh requesting your participation in a brief online survey regarding the health effects of climate change and your opinions on discussing this with your patients and their families. We both serve

as chapter representatives in a national AAP group of climate advocates. Her email below has links to the survey and contact information if you have any questions. Thanks for considering this request and thanks to those who are able to participate.

Michael Ichniowski, MD

Maryland Chapter AAP Climate Change Advocate

Chairperson, MDAAP Environmental Health and Climate Change Committee

Dear Members,

On behalf of fellow pediatricians and the University of Pittsburgh, we are inviting you to participate in a research survey to learn more about the opinions and practices of pediatricians and pediatric providers regarding discussing climate change within pediatric clinical settings. This study includes a 5-minute online survey reporting your opinions on discussing the health effects of climate change with patients and families. Following the survey, you will have a chance at one of twenty \$50 Amazon gift cards. Chances of being chosen are expected to be approximately 1 in 20. In a second survey, you will be asked to enter personal contact information. This is only to contact you if you are chosen to receive a gift card and will not be linked to your first survey answers. Participation is voluntary. If you are interested, please follow this link to the survey: https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eSdQQLrBQq0MWhg. For questions, you can contact the study coordinator, Erin Mickievicz (mickieviczee@upmc.edu), or the principal investigator from the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Maya Ragavan (ragavanm@chp.edu). Thank you so much for considering and we are so deeply grateful to learn from your expertise!

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 with the patient's name, date of birth, membership ID number, and the date the immunization was administered.

From the Maryland Department of Health

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 \(maryland.gov\)](#).

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. Questions? Contact Karyl Barron kbaron@niaid.nih.gov at (301) 402-2208. [Attachment]

"Mental Health, Suicidality, and Connectedness Among High School Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic — Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey, United States, January–June 2021": Disruptions and consequences related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including school closures, social isolation, family economic hardship, family loss or illness, and reduced access to health care, raise concerns about their effects on the mental health and well-being of youths. This report uses data from the 2021 Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey, an online survey of a probability-based, nationally representative sample of U.S. public- and private-school students in grades 9–12 to assess U.S. high school students' mental health and suicidality during the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Mental Health, Suicidality, and Connectedness Among High School Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic — Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey, United States, January–June 2021 \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/adolescent-behaviors-and-experiences-survey-united-states-january-june-2021.html))

"The State of Black America and COVID-19: A Two-Year Assessment": As we reflect on two years of lived experience and myriad data sources, we know COVID-19's toll on Black Americans is ongoing. This report (sponsored by The Black Coalition Against Covid) draws attention to the continued disproportionate burden experienced by members of the Black community and will help guide advocacy and policy efforts to address these inequities—both during the current pandemic and beyond. This report shares the arc of the pandemic for Black Americans, highlights areas for immediate focus and attention, and presents a set of expert-generated recommendations for action. Given generations of systemic disinvestment in the health of Black communities in the United States, the starkly disproportionate rates of COVID-19 illness and death are not surprising. This report situates alarming pandemic-related disparities within these deeper societal inequities, and provides guidance to move towards sustained change. Download the report at [The State of Black America and COVID-19: A Two Year Assessment | National Urban League \(nul.org\)](https://nul.org/state-of-black-america-and-covid-19-a-two-year-assessment).

Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey: The CDC has released new data from the Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey (ABES) highlighting the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our nation's youth. ABES is CDC's first nationally representative survey of public- and private-school high school students that assessed the well-being of U.S. youth during the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey provides results on students' behaviors and experiences during the pandemic, related to hunger and food insecurity, disruptions to student life, perceived racism among high school students, and telemedicine to access healthcare and counseling services. ([Adolescent Behaviors and Experiences Survey \(ABES\) | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/adolescent-behaviors-and-experiences-survey-abes.html))

COVID-19 Fact Sheets – In English, Spanish, Russian, Korean, French, Chinese, and Amharic: The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council ([Home | Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council \(md-council.org\)](https://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 \(md-council.org\)](https://md-council.org/).

Pfizer Vaccines US Medical Affairs: Go to <https://www.pfizermedicalinformation.com/en-us/medical-updates> to view training dates/times through April 28, 2022. These sessions will be updated to reflect the latest information and recent changes which will be identified at the start of each session.

HHS COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator: The national map at [COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com) displays public locations that have received shipments of U.S. Government-procured COVID-19 therapeutics under U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) authority. The locations displayed in the locator have reported stock on hand within the last day. The monoclonal antibody treatment Evusheld (Astra Zeneca), as well as the oral antiviral therapies Paxlovid (Pfizer), and molnupiravir (Merck) are products authorized by the FDA for either prevention (Evusheld) or treatment (Paxlovid and molnupiravir) of COVID-19. These therapies require a prescription by a licensed and authorized provider. Patients should coordinate with their healthcare provider prior to contacting a location to receive these therapies.

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

Friday, April 29, 2022

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

MDAAP Teen Safe Driving Coalition Zoom Meeting

Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0of-2qrD0sEtGJzmQeCEsyO9YOP2ealiPs>.

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

4:00-6:00 p.m. ET

MDAAP Chapter Pediatric Council Zoom Meeting

Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudO6orT4vHtKM-2R6qGdKZu_3oQUMpCsU.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

5:30-6:30 p.m. ET

MDAAP/MDH/GHHI Webinar Series on Asthma: Session #1

Registration link coming soon!

From National AAP

Seeking HPV Vaccine Champion for Filming Opportunity: Are you, or do you know, a pediatrician practicing in a rural area who would be interested in the opportunity to support their colleagues in increasing HPV vaccination rates? If so, National AAP would appreciate connecting with them about an exciting project! National AAP is working on the production of a short motivational video (approximately 5 minutes) featuring a pediatrician practicing in a rural area who champions the HPV vaccine. We are seeking a pediatrician practicing in a rural area who is comfortable on camera and who would be willing to volunteer their time to work with our film crew and staff to record key messages to other providers about their experience promoting the HPV vaccine. The film crew would travel to their practice site and ideally also record video of a family discussing their personal experience and the importance of the HPV vaccine for their children. It is estimated the filming would occur on site one day in June and would require about 60-90 minutes of the physician's time for filming. Please contact Gillian Gibbs at (630) 626-6257 or g gibbs@aap.org by **Monday, April 18, 2022**, if you are interested in participating in this project.

Apply for the AAP Anxiety and Depression ECHO Cohort 2: In partnership with the National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Child, Youth, and Family Mental Health, the National AAP is recruiting primary care providers to join a 6-month learning collaborative. The

goal of this ECHO is to build the capacity of primary care providers to provide quality behavioral and mental health care within the medical home setting, with a focus on anxiety and depression. ECHO sessions will be held on the first and third Wednesday of the month from May 4 to October 19, 2022, at 11:00 am–12:00 pm Central Time. For more information go to [anxietydepressioncohort2echo.pdf \(aap.org\)](#). Register at [AAP Anxiety and Depression ECHO Registration:Cohort 2 Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) by **Monday, April 18, 2022**. Questions? Contact Lisa Brock lbrock@aap.org.

Nominations Open for the Julius B. Richmond Award for Excellence in Tobacco

Control and Prevention: Nominations are now open for the Julius B. Richmond Award for Excellence in Tobacco Control and Prevention. The award recognizes a pediatrician who has shown dedication to eliminating children's exposure to tobacco, nicotine, and secondhand smoke via research, clinical practice, or advocacy initiatives. Nominees must be AAP members and a short CV or bio sketch describing their work is required. Please consider nominating individuals whose work addresses health disparities in pediatric tobacco control and/or advocates for equitable access to tobacco/nicotine prevention and cessation services for children and adolescents. Individuals may submit more than one nomination and self-nominations are accepted. Nominations at [Seeking Nominations:2022 Julius B. Richmond Award for Excellence in Tobacco Control and Prevention](#)Deadline: April 22, 2022 Survey ([surveymonkey.com](#)) must be submitted by **Friday, April 22, 2022**.

2022 AAP Education Award Call for Nominations is Now Open: The AAP is pleased to announce that individual nominations are being accepted for the 2022 AAP Education Award ([2022 Ed Award Nomination Announcement.docx \(live.com\)](#)). This award will recognize 1 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. Complete the nomination form ([2022 Ed Award Nomination Form.docx \(live.com\)](#)) along with supporting documents by **Friday, April 29, 2022**. Question? Contact Nikki Berry nberry@aap.org.

Nationwide Search for Two New Co-Editors: The National AAP's new **Pediatrics Open Science** journal is part of our new global open access publishing program. This new journal will offer a platform for authors who need to meet open access funder requirements or expand the reach of their research through a global open access program. The co-editors will be responsible for the journal's overall editorial content, direction and peer-review management. The co-editors will act as journal ambassadors, engaging audiences at all levels, including expanding the journal's global reach, all while defining the journal's open access editorial strategy and open access policies. **Pediatrics Open Science** will launch in early 2023, publishing high-quality, peer-reviewed articles on research activity in the broad area of pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties. Deadline for submissions is **Monday, May 9, 2022**. For more information, go to [Pediatrics Open Science Co-Editor Application Survey \(research.net\)](#).

Leonard P. Rome Community Access to Child Health Visiting Professorships: The call for proposals is now open. The application and required attachments must be submitted by **Friday, May 13, 2022**. The Leonard P. Rome Community Access to Child Health Visiting Professorships promote advocacy for children and advance the field of community pediatrics. This program is a partnership between CATCH and the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative. The program provides up to five accredited pediatric residency programs with a maximum of \$4,500 each to implement a 2- or 3-day community health and advocacy educational program focusing on resident education, faculty development, and community partnerships. For more information go to [Community Pediatrics Training Initiatives Grants \(aap.org\)](#). Questions? Contact Courtney Day cday@aap.org.

AAP Council on Community Pediatrics Annual Awards: Each year the COCP recognizes the work of outstanding community pediatricians through the Community Pediatrics Awards. Nominations are invited for the following awards:

*The **Local Hero Award** recognizes pediatricians who lead community action and advocacy for children in local communities. This award is presented to individuals who epitomize the "community pediatrician." Go to [AAP COCP Local Hero Award Call for Nominations Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) to submit a nomination by **Monday, May 16, 2022.**

*The **Calvin C.J. Sia Community Pediatrics Medical Home Leadership and Advocacy Award** recognizes pediatricians who have advanced the medical home through practice and advocacy, especially for children with special health care needs. Go to [AAP COCP Calvin C.J. Sia Community Pediatrics Medical Home Leadership & Advocacy Award Nomination Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) to submit a nomination by **Monday, May 16, 2022.**

*The **Job Lewis Smith Award** is presented to a pediatrician with a history of significant career achievements in community pediatrics. Go to [AAP COCP Job Lewis Smith Award Call for Nominations Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) to submit a nomination by **Monday, May 16, 2022.**

Questions? Contact cocp@aap.org.

Visiting Lectureship Program Offering Awards for Tobacco Education Programs: The National AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence Visiting Lectureship Program provides awards of up to \$1,000 to support customized virtual programs focused on educating pediatric health clinicians and other collaborators on protecting the health of children and families by controlling tobacco smoke exposure. Proposals are due **Tuesday, May 31, 2022.** Find more information at [Visiting Lectureships Program \(aap.org\)](#).

Find Useful Resources in AAP Revised Toolkit on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. The AAP FASD Toolkit was developed to raise awareness, promote surveillance and screening, and ensure that all children who possibly have fetal alcohol spectrum disorders receive appropriate and timely interventions. The revised toolkit is available at [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(aap.org\)](#).

April is Autism Acceptance Month; AAP Has Online Course on Caring for Children With ASD: Pediatric clinicians play a critical role in the screening and diagnosis of children with autism and other developmental delays. The AAP provides detailed information on the clinical signs, surveillance, and screening of autism spectrum disorder. The AAP offers a free self-paced online PediaLink course Identifying and Caring for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Course for Pediatric Clinicians. Find the course at [Identifying and Caring for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Course for Pediatric Clinicians - AAP](#). It is available until **Sunday, April 19, 2023.**

Learn About Safer Firearm Storage: The Gun Safety & Injury Prevention Initiative announces the Safer Study, which will assess the effectiveness of the Safer: Storing Firearms Prevents Harm training that offers concrete counseling skills, video counseling examples based on existing evidence, and resources to learn more about safe storage practices. Participation in the study includes completing three brief surveys. Eligible participants will receive up to \$30 in gift cards for study participation. To participate in the Safer Study, register for the free training course available until **Tuesday, June 14, 2024, at Safer: Storing Firearms Prevents Harm - AAP.**

AAP Journals Blog: Looking at Observation Status and Who Benefits: Anyone who

practices hospital medicine in either pediatrics or internal medicine is familiar with placing patients in "observation" status for 1-2 days for conditions that require care in a hospital, yet these patients are not actually being "admitted" to the hospital, **MDAAP Past President Scott D. Krugman, MD, MS, FAAP**, writes in a Journals blog. In the latest issue of **Pediatrics**, a study ([Financial Implications of Short Stay Pediatric Hospitalizations | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics \(aap.org\)](#)) looks at the financial implications of observation status in 15 children's hospitals. The underlying problem is that there is too much variation as to which child gets placed in OBS, with the decisions appearing often as arbitrary and/or making zero sense clinically, Dr. Krugman writes. Read his blog at [Who Benefits from "Observation" Status in Children's Hospitals? | AAP Journal Blogs | American Academy of Pediatrics](#).

New Resource! Early Hearing Detection & Intervention: Promising Practice Spotlight:

The National AAP Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program is excited to announce the Children's Minnesota Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) clinic ([EDHI_Spotlight_Childrens_MN.pdf \(aap.org\)](#)) as an Innovative and Promising Practice. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ENT clinic restructured its newborn hearing screening program to limit the number of appointments needed by families, in addition to improving timely diagnosis. After restructuring, the clinic has seen improved diagnosis time, reduced number of infants who are lost to follow-up, and overall improvement on EHDI 1-3-6 goals. This is the third in a series of practices sharing innovative tools and strategies to support families of children who are D/HH. Strategies for how pediatricians can support this work are highlighted. For more information on the AAP EHDI program, visit [aap.org/ehdi](#). Interested in replicating this Innovative and Promising Practice in your practice? Contact [aapehdi@aap.org](#) to learn more about next steps.

New Resource Navigator from Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response: The Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response has launched the Public Health & Equity Resource Navigator, an online home for more than 1,000 resources, stories, tools, and datasets designed to help navigate resources focused on ending the pandemic, advancing equity, and building a resilient, robust, sustainable public health system for the future. Find it at [PHERN | Public Health and Equity Resource Navigator \(communitycommons.org\)](#).

Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report": See the latest report of April 7, 2022, 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](#).

Funding Opportunities

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

***Interdisciplinary Research Leaders:** The Interdisciplinary Research Leaders program seeks teams of researchers and community members committed to working together improve health equity by dismantling structural racism. Applications are due

Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

***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.

***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.

From Behavioral Health System Baltimore: See [Funding Opportunities – Behavioral Health System Baltimore \(bhsbaltimore.org\)](#) for a request for proposal titled "Behavioral Health Mobile Response Teams." The deadline for proposals is **Wednesday, May 18, 2022.**

Fellowship/Scholarship/Internship Opportunities

RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders: This leadership opportunity is for teams of researchers and community partners, including community organizers and advocates. These teams use the power of applied research - informing and supporting critical work being done in communities - to accelerate that work and advance health and equity. Their innovation helps build a Culture of Health, one that enables everyone in America to live longer, healthier lives. For more information go to [RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation \(interdisciplinaryresearch-leaders.org\)](#). Applications due by **Wednesday, May 4, 2022.**

Educational Opportunities

In-Person: 2022 Highway Safety Summit: Presented by the MDOT MVA's Highway Safety Office, this event will be back in person on **Monday, April 18, 2022**, at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, MD. More information and registration can be found at [Highway Safety Summit - Zero Deaths Maryland & Vision Zero - Maryland Highway Safety Office \(zerodeathsmd.gov\)](#). Questions? Contact Julie Kwedar at jkwedar@mdot.maryland.gov.

Virtual: "Shifting the Paradigm: Targeting Structures, Communications, and Beliefs to Advance Practical Strategies for Obesity Solutions - A Workshop": The [Roundtable on Obesity Solutions](#) will convene for a one-day virtual workshop on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. Drawing from diverse examples across public health, the workshop will explore the connections between structural racism, health communication, biased mental models/social norms, and obesity, and their interactions with the evidence base and workforce, to uncover practical strategies for intervention. This will be the first workshop in a series on Translating Knowledge of Foundational Drivers of Obesity into Practice. For more information about the workshop, please visit [Shifting the Paradigm Targeting Structures Communications and Beliefs to Advance Practical Strategies for Obesity Solutions A Workshop | National Academies](#). To register, go to [Shifting the Paradigm to Advance Obesity Solutions Tickets, Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

Virtual: "Structural Racism and Discrimination and Whole Person Health Research: An NCCIH Conversation": Hosted by the NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, join this event on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**, at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET. NCCIH senior staff will engage with leading scientists to discuss current research on the impact of structural racism and discrimination (SRD) on whole person health across the lifespan in this important conversation during National Minority Health Month. For more information and to register, see [Structural Racism and Discrimination and Whole Person Health Research: An NCCIH Conversation | NCCIH \(nih.gov\)](#).

Virtual: "Memory and Belief Regression After the Correction of Misinformation": This event on **Wednesday, April 20, 2022**, at 12:00 p.m. ET is part of the Speaker Series on Misinformation, co-sponsored by the Shorenstein Center for Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School and the NULab at Northeastern University. After misinformation has been corrected individuals initially update their belief extremely well. However, this change is rarely sustained over time, with belief returning towards pre-correction levels. This webinar will discuss a study aimed to examine the mechanisms of belief regression, and whether corrected misinformation suffers more from belief regression than affirmed facts. More information and registration is available at [Memory and Belief Regression After the Correction of Misinformation | Shorenstein Center](#).

Virtual: "Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities: Strength and Protective Factors": This event will be held on **Friday, April 22, 2022**, at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. Sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Mental Health, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, this first webinar of this 3-part series will focus on strength and protective factors found in Indigenous populations to combat suicide. More information and registration is available at [Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities: A Virtual Workshop-Webinar 1 Tickets, Fri, Apr 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#). The two remaining events will be held in May and June 2022.

Virtual: BHIPP Resilience Break: "Autism Spectrum Disorder in Primary Care: Supporting Children and Families": This event on **Friday, April 22, 2022**, at 12:30 p.m. ET will feature **MDAAP member Anna Maria Wilms Flet, MD, FAAP**. Free CME/CEU credit available for participation. More information and registration is available at [WebEx Enterprise Site](#).

Virtual: "Facilitating the Integration of Firearm Injury Prevention into Healthcare": This free workshop on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 12:00-5:15 p.m. ET will explore health systems might integrate interventions for firearm injury prevention into routine care. The workshop will include discussion about the current evidence on strategies for prevention. It will also explore what we have learned about facilitators and barriers to implementation of strategies, and how health systems might work to overcome those barriers to improve the health of patients and communities. More information and registration is available at [Facilitating the Integration of Firearm Injury Prevention into Healthcare Tickets, Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

Virtual: "Using Innovative Data Science Approaches to Identify Individuals, Populations, and Communities at High Risk for Suicide – Webinar 1": The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders ([Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders | National Academies](#)) will host a 3-part public webinar series. Webinar 1 on **Thursday, April 28, 2022**, at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET will focus on current approaches used by social media platforms, technology companies, and researchers to determine suicide risk in individuals and communities. For more information

and to register, go to Innovative Data Science to Identify High-Risk Suicide Populations Webinar1 Tickets, Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite.

Virtual: "Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Integrated with Primary Care": Hosted by the Maryland Addiction Consultation Service (MACS), join this event on **Thursday, April 28, 2022**, at 12:00–2:00 p.m. ET to learn about screening, diagnosing, and treating OUD, including harm reduction tools. Get waivered to prescribe buprenorphine. More information and registration is available at [Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Integrated with Primary Care Registration, Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#). CME credit is offered in this free event.

Virtual: "The Partnership for Military Child Health Research Symposium": National AAP Immediate Past President Lee Beers will be a panelist on **Friday, April 29, 2022**, at 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET. The event will bring together DoD physicians, military family advocates, and researchers to examine ways to work together to increase understanding, advocacy, and research on three topics: mental health, access and efficacy; child caregivers to injured parents; and children with special healthcare needs. Go to [Summary - The Partnership for Military Child Health Research Symposium \(cventevents.com\)](#) to view the agenda and to find the link to register for this free event. Questions? Contact Binny Chokshi, at binny.chokshi@usuhs.edu.

Virtual: Maryland Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration Annual Conference: "Maryland's Behavioral Health Crisis System: State of Affairs": This one-day event will be held on **Wednesday, May 4, 2022**. The agenda is available at [Behavioral Health Administration: Agenda & Workshops \(canva.com\)](#). The conference fee is \$55.00 per attendee for the general registration and \$10.00 per student registration. Continuing education credits are available. For more information and to register go to [Conferences \(eventrebels.com\)](#).

Virtual: "Undoing "Cool": Addressing Persistent Disparities in Tobacco Use and Cessation": Smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease in the United States, with a disproportionate impact on the Black community. Join this webinar on **Wednesday, May 4, 2022**, at 2:00-3:15 p.m. ET to hear a Center for Health Care Strategies panel discussion exploring the roots and rates of tobacco use in the Black community, related disease burden, and opportunities at the state and community levels to improve health equity through targeted cessation efforts. More information and registration is available at [Undoing "Cool": Addressing Persistent Disparities in Tobacco Use and Cessation - Center for Health Care Strategies \(chcs.org\)](#).

Virtual: MACS/BHIPP Webinar: "Approaches to Co-Occurring Substance Use and Psychiatric Disorders in Youth": Join this event on **Friday, May 6, 2022**, at 12:30-2:00 p.m. ET to celebrate Children's Mental Health Matters week and learn about: mutually exacerbating features of common co-occurring disorders in youth; diagnostic approaches to co-occurring disorders in youth; and treatment approaches for co-occurring disorders in youth. Free CME/CEU credit available for participation. For more information, see [WebEx Enterprise Site](#).

Virtual: 2022 Annual Health Literacy Conference: Registration is now open for this Institute for Healthcare Advancement event on **May 10-12, 2022**. Registration fees once again are waived. Go to <https://hlc.ih4health.org/home> for more information and to register. We

know the consequences of inaccessible information. Daily, we see how health literacy insights continue to resonate and offer value for improving all levels of communication, for helping people take action, for reducing health disparities, and for moving toward health equity. In the last 2 years we have seen unprecedented instances of misinformation and disinformation in health communication. Norms we've used to navigate may not apply anymore. This change has taken a toll on us all. How can we be our best selves to move forward as effective servant-leaders?

In-Person & Virtual: Latino Mental Health Conference and Symposium: The goal of this **2-day event on May 16, 2022, and May 19, 2022**, is two-fold: equip community-based organizations, public agencies, and other stakeholders with tools and skills to provide equitable, culturally and linguistically appropriate depression support for uninsured Latinos in Baltimore City; and build a safety net to address depression, anxiety and other mental health issues in the Latino community/among Latino adults. The symposium will be delivered in-person, combined with group discussions, lectures and role-plays to build an understanding of cultural appropriateness with tools to guide underserved individuals to the resources that best meet their needs. If you are a healthcare professional, attending the conference may qualify you for up to five hours of continuing education credits. For more information and to register, go to [Latino Mental Health Conference and Symposium Tickets, Baltimore | Eventbrite](#).

Virtual: Maryland Assembly on School Based Health Care Annual Conference: "Re-emerging & Re-connecting in 2022": This year's conference is presented virtually with both live and on-demand sessions. Live opening session and keynotes begin on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**. Ten on-demand workshops will be available from May 18-June 7, 2022. Workshop topics include: Telehealth in SBHCs, Gun Violence and Children, COVID Long Haulers, Asthma, Care of Gender Variant Youth, Best Practices in School-Based Health Centers, Diabetes Technology Update and More. Closing session and keynotes will take place live on **Thursday, May 19, 2022**. For more information go to [Re-emerging & Re-connecting in 2022 - May 17, 2022 \(pheedloop.com\)](#). Registration rates are \$90/person, \$110 with professional contact hours (CME/CE). There are a limited number of student tickets available for \$50 and \$70 with CME/CE per ticket (email masbhc@gmail.com for more information on student rates).

Virtual: "What Happened to the Plans? Lessons Observed from COVID-19 and the Future of the Public Health Emergency Enterprise - A Workshop": A planning committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will organize and convene a day and half public virtual workshop on **May 17-18, 2022**. During this workshop, invited participants from government, NGO, and private sector organizations will explore the nation's Public Health Emergency (PHE) preparedness enterprise, including existing PHE preparedness and response plans, systems, and structures, through the lens the COVID-19 response in the United States. For more information, go to [Future Planning for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Enterprise Lessons Learned from the COVID 19 Pandemic A Workshop | National Academies](#).

Virtual: BHIPP Resilience Break: "Avoiding Provider Burnout": This event on **Monday, May 23, 2022**, at 12:30 p.m. ET will define risk factors for provider burnout, identify three internal strategies/coping mechanisms to avoid burnout, and will identify three external strategies/coping mechanisms to avoid burnout. Free CME/CEU credit available for participation. More information and registration is available at [WebEx Enterprise Site](#).

Virtual: "Compassonomics: The Case for Compassion": The Schwartz Center ([The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare - Boston - The Schwartz Center](#)) is devoted to advancing compassion for all who give and receive care. But why does compassion really matter?

In this webinar on xxx June 21, 2022, at 1-2 p.m. ET, the presenters will explain why compassion could be a “wonder drug” for the 21st century, and for the challenges facing today’s healthcare leaders. Presenters will also share evidence that shows the vast benefits of compassion in healthcare: for patients, healthcare organizations, and the healthcare workforce. Register for this event at [Compassionomics: The Case for Compassion - Confirm Identity | Online Registration by Cvent](#).

FYIs

MHCC Telehealth Survey: The Maryland Health Care Commission telehealth survey remains open, but time is running out! Responses to the survey (at https://norc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6fJusazxs4wlp9I) are important to inform the development of recommendations on telehealth coverage and reimbursement for Maryland’s 2023 legislative session. Eligible providers are encouraged to respond today and share their personal experiences and perceptions using audio-only and audio-visual technologies in care delivery; it only takes about 10 minutes to complete the survey. The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) appreciates your prompt response! See the attached flyer more information about the survey. NORC at the University of Chicago was competitively selected by MHCC to conduct the telehealth study required by the Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021. For more information about the study, go to https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/Pages/hit/hit_telemedicine/hit_telemedicine_legislative_update.aspx. Questions? Contact Nikki Majewski at 410-764-3460 or nicole.majewski@maryland.gov.

Interested in a Preventive Medicine Residency Program?: The University of Maryland Medical Center/School of Medicine has new funding to provide public health training focused on maternal and child health. It is a 2-year program (possibly shorter for individuals who already have an MPH) that includes an MPH and public health rotations. It is perfect for pediatricians who are interested in doing part-time or full-time public health work, or would like training in clinical research. Questions? Contact MDAAP member Wendy Gwirtzman Lane at (410) 706-7865 or wlane@som.umaryland.edu. [Attachment]

“A Roadmap to Strengthen Your State’s Prenatal-To-3 System of Care: The prenatal to age 3 (PN-3) period is the most rapid and sensitive period of development, and it sets the foundation for long-term health and wellbeing. All children deserve the opportunity to be born healthy and raised in nurturing, stimulating, stable, and secure care environments with limited exposure to adversity. Unfortunately, many children lack the opportunities they deserve, and these disparities are often influenced by state policy choices. To date, states have lacked clear guidance on how to effectively promote the environments in which children can thrive. This Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap identifies the evidence-based investments that states can make to foster equitable opportunities for infants and toddlers. ([Maryland - Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap 2021 \(pn3policy.org\)](#))

DiversityDataKids.org: Neighborhoods matter. Children who live in neighborhoods with quality early childhood education and schools, safe housing, access to healthy food, parks and playgrounds and clean air are more likely to grow into healthy, productive adults than children who don’t. The Child Opportunity Index (COI) measures and maps the quality of resources and conditions that matter for children to develop in a healthy way in the neighborhoods where they live. Developed in 2014 in collaboration with the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University, the COI has been widely used to spark conversations about unequal access to opportunity and to spur actions to increase equity. ([Child Opportunity Index \(COI\) | diversitydatakids.org](#))

Job Postings – FMI, <https://www.mdaap.org/job-opportunities/>

Pediatricians Wanted (01/24/2022)

PM Pediatrics Healthcare was founded on the belief that there is a better way to deliver urgent care to kids and young adults. PM Pediatrics has treated over 4,000,000 patients hailing from more than 2,000 towns across every state in the country since opening in 2005. Our mission is to ensure that our patients receive comprehensive and superior quality after-hours care when they need it, without having to wait long for it.

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We are currently seeking talented physicians in most of our offices outside of DC and Baltimore regions. Are you ready to join this warm and dynamic organization? [Click here](#) to submit your CV.

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The Division of Children's National Pediatricians and Associates (CNPA) is actively seeking Pediatricians and Nurse Practitioners to join our great team at our various locations in the bustling Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

The Pediatrician is responsible for the comprehensive care of patients in the Children's National Pediatricians & Associates practices. This position requires:

- *Medical Doctor (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
- *Completion of residency program in pediatrics
- *Board eligible or board certification in general pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics/or American Osteopathic Association
- *Full license and credentials

The Nurse Practitioner works independently with collaborative supervision in the assessment and management of patient care. This position requires:

- *Master of Science in Nursing
- *5 years of clinical experience with two years of experience in the care of children
- *Full license and credentials
- *Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)

About Children's National: Children's National Hospital, based in Washington, DC, celebrates 150 years of pediatric care, research and commitment to community. Volunteers opened the hospital in 1870 with 12 beds for children displaced after the Civil War. Today, 150 years stronger, it is among the nation's top 10 children's hospitals. It is ranked No. 1 for newborn care for the fourth straight year and ranked in all specialties evaluated by U.S. News & World Report. Children's National is transforming pediatric medicine for all children. In 2020, construction will be complete on the Children's National Research & Innovation Campus, the first in the nation dedicated to pediatric

research. Children's National has been designated twice as a Magnet® hospital, demonstrating the highest standards of nursing and patient care delivery. This pediatric academic health system offers expert care through a convenient, community-based primary care network and specialty outpatient centers in the D.C., metropolitan area, including the Maryland and Northern Virginia suburbs. Children's National is home to the Children's National Research Institute and Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation and is the nation's seventh-highest NIH-funded children's hospital. It is recognized for its expertise and innovation in pediatric care, and as a strong voice for children through advocacy at the local, regional and national levels.

Visit <https://childrensnational.org/careers-and-training> for the latest openings and to apply. For more information, please contact Angela McMillan, Sr. Talent Acquisition Consultant at amcmillan2@childrensnational.org or 240-531-6545. **Children's National Health System is an equal opportunity employer that evaluates qualified applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender, identity, or other characteristics protected by law.**

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- Rotating call schedule (shared equally with other providers)
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Interested applicants should send their letter and CV to: Ms. Sara Hinson, Practice Administrator at shinsondundalkpeds@yahoo.com and/or Dr. Rachel Dodge at rachel.ab.dodge@gmail.com

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