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**Upcoming Events & Meetings**

**Chapter Leadership - Board of Directors & Chapter Committees**



**MDAAP Executive Director Digest**

**January 5, 2024**

**MDAAP Membership Survey 2024 - Your input will**



### shape future programming and advocacy planning!

The MAAP continues to look for better ways to support and advocate for our members and the children we serve. Click [here](#) to provide your input to our MDAAP Membership Survey 2024 to guide our future programming and advocacy efforts for our Maryland kids! This survey will close Wednesday, January 31, 2024



### TREEHOUSE Program - Free CE Credits - Cohort #5 starting January 25, 2024

The TREEHOUSE (Talk Read Engage Encourage) program developed by the Maryland Chapter AAP is a groundbreaking intervention that enables pediatric providers to promote Positive Early Childhood Experiences (PECEs) in families with children under age 2 years with a particular focus on children living in poverty. The TREEHOUSE program uses a dedicated 30- minute telehealth developmental coaching model to teach parents about developmentally appropriate ways to talk, read and play with their young children and can be offered to families in addition to well child visits.

We are seeking pediatric providers across Maryland who wish to receive training in the program. This Quality Improvement training program for pediatric providers is conducted virtually and meets one evening per month over a period of 6 months. Pediatric providers who have thus far completed training have unanimously been positive in their endorsement of this program that helps promote health equity and is innovative and fun to implement.

Participants are eligible to receive 12 CME/ MOC 2 credits and 25 MOC 4 credits. Coaching sessions provided to patients are also reimbursed by insurance. Training is free to participants. The program is funded by a grant from HRSA and the national American Academy of Pediatrics.

The next TREEHOUSE Quality Improvement series will begin on January 25, 2024.

Please contact Ken Tellerman M.D. Chair, MDAAP Emotional Health Committee at [ktpedmd@aol.com](mailto:ktpedmd@aol.com) if you wish further information.

**Attention MDAAP Resident Members! - Call for Applications: 2024 Advocacy Training Grants**

The Community Pediatrics Training Initiative supports four pediatric faculty-resident pairs annually to attend the AAP Advocacy Conference. Following 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. Grant applications will be accepted now through Friday, January 12, 2024. Apply [here!](#)

**2024 MDAAP Legislative Session Zoom Meetings on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30p ET - Starting Tuesday, January 16, 2024**



Maryland's Legislative Session starts on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Join your MDAAP colleagues to hear from our MDAAP lobbyist Team – Pam Metz Kasemeyer and Christine Krone – who will lead us through the proposed bills for discussion. Join this meeting to give *your* opinions/feedback about what issues are of importance to you as an MDAAP member and show how we advocate for Maryland's kids! Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUrdO-upj0iHdChsUu-ZmJICC71BKQiT5OV>. Information about proposed bills to be discussed will be sent to you weekly to prepare for each Zoom.

**National AAP CATCH - Call for Proposals Now Open**

[The Community Access to Child Health \(CATCH\)](#) program, a flagship initiative of the AAP, supports pediatricians who partner with community organizations to address a health issue impacting underserved children in a target community. [The CATCH Call for Proposals](#) invites pediatricians in training and in practice, from AAP chapters to apply by January 22, 2024. [The Resident Call for Proposals](#) (grants up to \$2,000) includes special funding from 11 AAP Sections and Councils for

targeted child health issues. Pediatric residents should first review the [trainee eligibility criteria](#). General pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical subspecialists, and fellowship trainees can apply for either a [CATCH Planning](#) or [CATCH Implementation](#) grant (up to \$10,000).



**MDAAP / PPMD Lunch & Learn Webinar Series -  
Continues for Webinar #4 on January 30, 2024, at 12:00-  
1:00 p.m. ET**

Featuring MDAAP Immediate Past President Debbie Badawi, please join us for the last session in the webinar series we are presenting with The Parents' Place of Maryland ([www.ppmmd.org](http://www.ppmmd.org)) to learn about available resources for your patients/families on how to attain education and/or health care services for a child with a disability:

- **Webinar #4: High School and Beyond**  
Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 12-1pm ET

To register for the last webinar, please go to [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_\\_kkRHEX\\_T-K5mPd5xjAWBw#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__kkRHEX_T-K5mPd5xjAWBw#/registration).

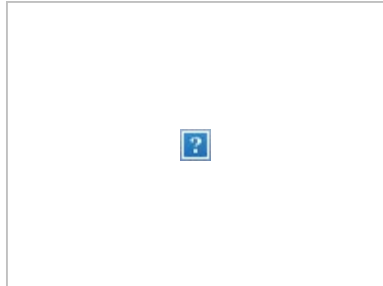
If you missed the live events, you can listen to the archived recordings:

- Webinar #1 "Who is PPMD? And How Can We Help You?"  
<https://youtu.be/mX4xdTokS0U>.
- Webinar #2 "Early Childhood - Birth to Five" <https://youtu.be/mxKoc2NnlRc>
- Webinar#3 "Elementary and Middle School" [https://youtu.be/6JX\\_zfYLgzA](https://youtu.be/6JX_zfYLgzA)

**January is National Mentoring Month!**

Are you *interested in being a mentor* for another member of the MDAAP? Are you a medical student,

resident, or junior faculty and *want to be connected with a more experienced pediatrician?* Part of being a member of the MDAAP is collegueship, so please email MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner ([loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:loretta@mdaap.org)) you would like to be a mentor or a mentee.



**MDAAP 2024 Resident Advocacy Day - Thursday,  
February 8, 2024**

**MARK-YOUR-CALENDARS!** More information will be sent as the date gets closer.

**If you are a resident**, please review the [National AAP "Digital Advocacy Guide."](#)

**If you are an FAAP member and are interested in being a "Faculty Leader"** for our event in Annapolis, MD, please email MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner ([loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:loretta@mdaap.org)).



**From the MDAAP Mental Health Committee**

Check out the MDAAP suicide prevention/awareness videos:

- Teen Suicide Prevention for Peers  
<https://youtu.be/bfxxMCnF9t0?si=RhJLam59TO3ENc67>
- Teen Suicide Prevention for Parents  
[https://youtu.be/NDIc-KD-Wel?si=hz\\_sIRRR1XICcDsT](https://youtu.be/NDIc-KD-Wel?si=hz_sIRRR1XICcDsT)

**MDAAP / NASPGHAN Foundation Webinar - "Hepatitis C: Best Clinical Strategies to Manage Infection in Children" - CME and MOC Part 2 credits available!**

If you missed the live event on November 14, 2023, you can watch the archived webinar and get CME and MOC Part 2 credits. Go to <https://learnonline.naspghan.org/>, click the Register button, and the webinar will be placed in your cart. Then Log In, using your NASPGHAN username and password. If you do not have a NASPGHAN username and password you will Create a New Account and use those credentials to log in. You will then be placed on the webinar landing page. NASPGHAN does not recommend using Internet Explorer. This webinar was made possible through a partnership among the MDAAP, the National AAP Section on Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, and the [NASPGHAN Foundation](#) featuring Ryan Himes, MD (Ochsner Health, University of Queensland, LSU Health Science Center-Shreveport). Questions? Contact Kathleen Regan at [kregan@naspghan.org](mailto:kregan@naspghan.org).

### **From the MDAAP Foundation - 2023-2024 Holiday Fundraising Campaign - Support Early Literacy for Maryland's Children!**

**Start 2024 with a donation** to help support MDAAP members' pediatric practices via mini-grants to pay for books for patients. Read a letter [here](#) from the MDAAP Foundation President Debbie Badawi. For more information about the MDAAP Foundation click [here](#).

### **From Your MDAAP Colleagues**

**Are you a primary care provider or a specialist who treats any individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? If yes, please complete the "Parent and Professional Feedback on Quality of Care for Individuals with Autism" survey:** Researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine are looking for primary care providers and specialists (e.g., psychologists, geneticists, gastroenterologists, nutritionists, dentists and dental hygienists) who treat any individuals with ASD to participate in a survey. You can also be entered into a lottery to earn a \$50 Target gift card for completing the survey. Click [here](#) to access the survey to answer questions about your experience with and perceived self-efficacy in treating patients with ASD. The survey should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete. Your feedback will help the research team improve provider self-efficacy in treating children with ASD. Questions? Contact the Project Coordinator, Dr. Amber Mendres-Smith at [amendres@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:amendres@som.umaryland.edu).

**Healthcare Professional Indoor Air Pollution Survey:** The American Lung Association has launched a survey of healthcare professionals to gain insights into their understanding and clinical experiences with indoor air pollution. Feedback will play a pivotal role in shaping the Lung Association's indoor air quality programs, ultimately benefiting both providers and patients. Click [here](#) to access the brief [online survey](#). Survey respondents will be offered a chance to win a scholarship for an American Lung Association CME/CEU educational course. A summary of survey findings will also be shared with interested survey respondents. Questions about this survey can be directed to [IAQ@lung.org](mailto:IAQ@lung.org).

**From the Maryland Department of Health**

**FDA Alert to Parents, Caregivers, and Health Care Providers that Reckitt/Mead Johnson Nutrition Voluntarily Recalled Certain Nutramigen Hypoallergenic Powdered Infant Formula Products:** On December 31, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) alerted parents, caregivers, and health care providers that Reckitt/Mead Johnson Nutrition has voluntarily recalled certain Nutramigen Hypoallergenic Infant Formula Powder products due to possible Cronobacter sakazakii contamination. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this recall, and it is likely most of the product that was distributed in the U.S. has already been consumed.

Consumers who have Nutramigen Hypoallergenic Infant Formula Powder with batch codes below should stop using it and throw it away or contact Reckitt/Mead Johnson Nutrition for a refund:

- ZL3FHG (12.6 oz cans)
- ZL3FMH (12.6 oz cans)
- ZL3FPE (12.6 oz cans)
- ZL3FQD (12.6 oz cans)
- ZL3FRW (19.8 oz cans)
- ZL3FXJ (12.6 oz cans)

The products have a UPC Code of 300871239418 or 300871239456 and "Use By Date" of 1 Jan 2025. To view the entire messages to include photographs of recalled product and additional recall information, go to [FDA Constituent Update: Reckitt/Mead Johnson Nutrition Voluntarily Recalls Certain Nutramigen Hypoallergenic Powdered Infant Formula Products](#).

**Newborn Screening Update:** In accordance with the Secretary of Health's determination, the Maryland State Newborn Screening Lab has started on December 20, 2023 to screen for a new disorder called Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD). The change will automatically be incorporated into the Newborn Screening Laboratory Panel and screening results will be included when you view MyLIMS. Click [here](#) for more information. Questions? Contact the Newborn Screening Follow-Up Program at [mdh.newbornscreeningfollowup@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.newbornscreeningfollowup@maryland.gov).

**From National AAP**

**2024 NeoPREP An Intensive Review and Update of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine - Baltimore, MD - January 22-24, 2024:** For more information and to register click [here](#). Sponsored by National AAP and the AAP Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, this educational event is an intensive review of neonatal-perinatal medicine that emphasizes physiology and pathophysiology of neonatal

conditions and the scientific basis for the clinical practice of neonatology. After the in-person course, access recordings from all sessions offered during the live course and learn from the experts when it is most convenient for you. Register by December 20, 2023, for Early Bird Rates.



**[MDAAP MEMBER LOGIN PAGE](#) -  
Contains Info on Upcoming Meeting  
Registration Links, Archived Webinar  
Recordings, Meeting Notes, Etc.**

Available to current members, accessing the MDAAP Member Login allows you to access upcoming meeting and event registration links/URLs, archived webinar 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."



***As an MDAAP member, do you know you can post a job ad for free?*** Email [MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner](mailto:MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner) [loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:loretta@mdaap.org) for details.

See <https://www.mdaap.org/job-opportunities/> for more details!

**Thriving pediatric practice in Bel Air, MD seeking an additional provider:** Currently 4 doctors, 1 pediatric NP, and 1 pediatric PA. Seeking an additional provider: preferably full time, but may consider part time. New residency grads are welcome to apply. Start date negotiable but could be immediate. No nursery coverage. No delivery coverage. No inpatient rounds. Physician partnership opportunity available. Additional Salary Information: annual bonus based on productivity. Please send resume to: Pediatric Partners, Attn: Amanda Hinkle, 604 Hoagie Drive, Bel Air, MD, 21014.

**Pediatrician Wanted: Main Street Pediatrics, Baltimore, MD:** Main Street Pediatrics is a physician run, two office private practice in suburban Baltimore, Maryland. We are a Lifebridge Health Community Physician practice. We are currently looking for a full-time Pediatrician to join our Towson location and a half-time Pediatrician to join our



Foundry Row location. [Click here](#) for more information. If interested in the Towson position, please contact Dr Debbie Bittar at [debbiebittar@gmail.com](mailto:debbiebittar@gmail.com), or for the Foundry Row position, please contact Dr Sara Spinner-Block at [ssb0001@gmail.com](mailto:ssb0001@gmail.com).

**Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner job opening:** Well established Pediatric Practice inside Baltimore City, MGS Compound is looking for experienced Pediatric C-NP. C-NP will join a Pediatrician who has been seeing second generation patients. Competitive salary and full benefits including Profit sharing 401K. Please contact Dr. Aung via [Pediatrics22021@gmail.com](mailto:Pediatrics22021@gmail.com) or call Clinic at 443-444-5700 if you are interested.

#### MDAAP Social Media



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