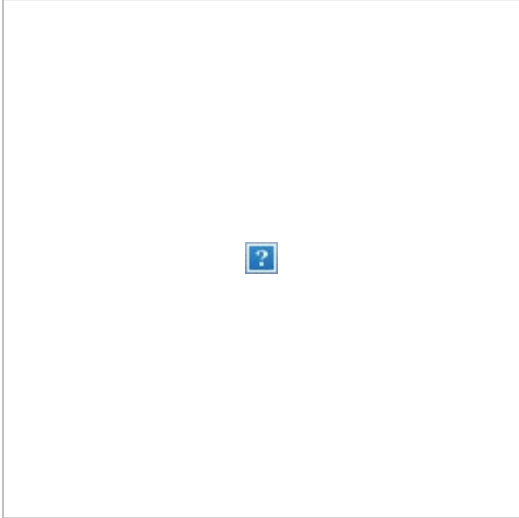


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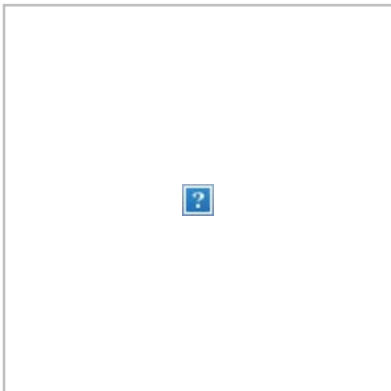
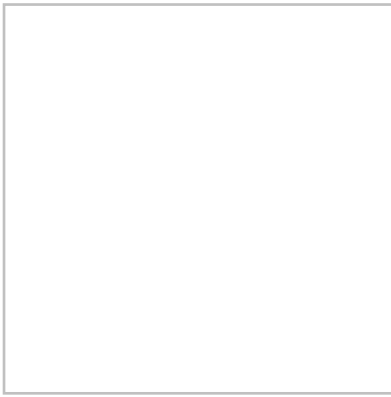
**Upcoming Events & Meetings**

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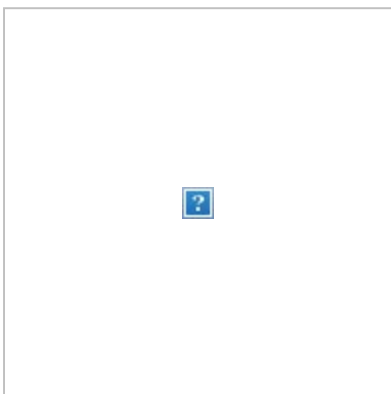
**Did you know that in 2025 the MDAAP will celebrate its 75th anniversary serving OUR Maryland kids?**

If you want to help plan for a celebratory event, join our "Anniversary Party Committee" by [emailing MDAAP Executive Director Loretta I. Hoepfner](#).



**2024 MDAAP Legislative Session Zoom Meetings on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30p ET - ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN THESE ZOOMS!**

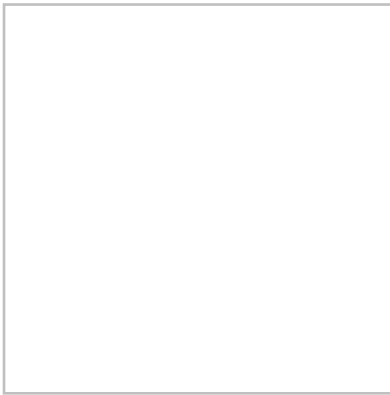
Maryland's Legislative Session started on January 10, 2024. Join your MDAAP colleagues to hear from our MDAAP lobbyist Team – Pam Metz Kasemeyer and Christine Krone – who will lead us through the proposed bills for discussion. Join this meeting to give *your* opinions/feedback about what issues are of 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.



**"Pediatric Clinical Updates" Virtual CME Event - Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 7:00 PM – 9:30p.m. ET:** Pediatric Clinical Updates (PCU) is a premier CME/CE meeting designed to address the educational needs of pediatricians and pediatric advanced care providers specifically in areas of atopic dermatitis and allergic rhinitis. PCU is being offering free CME/CE credit for this event. For more information and to register click here.

**"Re-defining Beliefs in HPV Vaccination" Virtual CME Event - Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET:** Join this event to learn about:

- Current HPV-associated cancers and how cancer incidence has been impacted following HPV vaccination
- Communication strategies to educate vaccine-eligible patients and their parents about risks of



- HPV infection and benefits of vaccination
- Factors that impact HPV vaccine acceptance and implement approaches to address healthcare disparities among pediatric populations

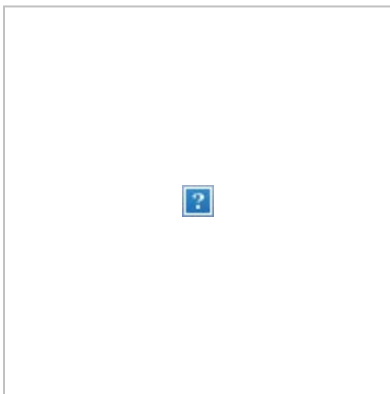
For more information and to register for this event offering free CME credit, click [here](#).

### Upcoming MDAAP Chapter General Membership Zoom Meetings - Please join in!

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. ET** - Register in advance for this webinar [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. ET** - Register in advance for this webinar [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

View the entire MDAAP Events & Meetings calendar at <https://www.mdaap.org/events-meetings/>.



### MDAAP In The News

**“Rudy’s Law would require baby food testing for toxic heavy metals in Md.”:** See a recent article from The Washington Post featuring Mike Ichniowski, MD, FAAP, Chair, MDAAP Environmental Health and Climate Change Committee – <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2024/02/10/lead-poisoning-maryland-baby-food/>.

### From Your MDAAP Colleagues

**“CDC Laboratory Recommendations for Syphilis Testing, United States, 2024” MMWR Report February 8, 2024:** This [report](#) provides new CDC recommendations for tests that can support a diagnosis of syphilis, including serologic testing and methods for the identification of the causative agent *Treponema pallidum*.

**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).

### From National AAP District 3

**DMV Disaster Survey:** The [AAP District of Columbia Chapter](#) would appreciate your time completing a [survey](#) on disaster education for pediatric professionals in the DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area. Their study aims to answer the question: "In the event of a disaster, what methods of just-in-time education do pediatricians prefer?" This information will be used to inform future educational resource development. For your time, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 Amazon e-gift card. Winners will be notified by the email provided. This study was made possible by a grant from the AAP Disaster Ambassador Program.

### From MDAAP Partners

**SUD Supplies via ORP Organizations:** Pediatricians get SUD supplies via the Maryland Department of Health Overdose Response Program Center for Harm Reduction Services from authorized training entities [here](#). Questions? Contact Elizabeth Murphy, Overdose Response Community Engagement Manager, [elizabeth.murphy2@maryland.gov](mailto:elizabeth.murphy2@maryland.gov), 443-401-9324.

**Pediatric Long COVID ECHO:** Kennedy Krieger Institute offers an educational opportunity for providers to expand the workforce capacity and increase knowledge of best practices and evidence-based care for healthcare professionals treating children and adolescents with persistent COVID-19 symptoms. Ten (10) sessions will be held March-May 2024, on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET via Zoom live videoconferences. For more information click [here](#).

**Mayland KISS (Kids In Safety Seats):** Please share the [attached flyers](#) from the Maryland Department of Health other agencies about car seat installation with your patients/families. Questions? Contact Julie Kwedar, Maryland Highway Safety Office, 410-768-7061, [jkwedar@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:jkwedar@mdot.maryland.gov).

### 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 National AAP

**Do you have patient stories about the unwinding of Medicaid?:** Stephanie Glier, AAP's Director of Federal Advocacy wants your stories about patients/families being *negatively impacted* by the unwinding of Medicaid. Please email her at [sglier@aap.org](mailto:sglier@aap.org).

**Call for Applications: Pediatric Primary Care (PPC) Quality Network QI Collaborative on Substance Use and Mental Health – Due February 25, 2024:** The AAP PPC Quality Network is pleased to announce its newest national QI collaborative, Transformative & Evidence-based Approaches to Mental Health & Substance Use Screening (TEAMSS). This project will use

evidence-based education and QI coaching to improve substance use and mental health care for adolescents ages 12-18 years in primary care settings. [Register here](#) for an informational webinar on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 2:00 pm CT to learn more. [Apply here](#) by Sunday, February 25, 2024.

**Chapter Highlights: AAP Ohio Chapter Store It Safe Program: Join this webinar on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time.** In response to unintentional firearm injury to children, Ohio AAP leadership established the [Store It Safe program](#) in 2015. The program brought together organizations and individuals with different viewpoints about firearms to develop unified, nonpartisan messaging, resources, and approaches to reduce unintentional firearm injuries and deaths in children, then expanded to address suicides by firearms in adolescents. Over the years, the program has grown to include a wide variety of education, advocacy, quality improvement, and community initiatives. Join Ohio Chapter leaders to learn about their unique partnerships and progress despite challenges in the political climate. Register for this event [here](#).

**National AAP SOECP Health Equity Grant Program - Deadline March 3, 2024:** The goal of the Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP) Health Equity Grant Program is to support our early career physicians, especially those who are underrepresented in medicine, as they conduct research, interventions, and education that address antiracism and health equity in communities and institutions. For more information [click here](#).

### Become a Clinical Preceptor

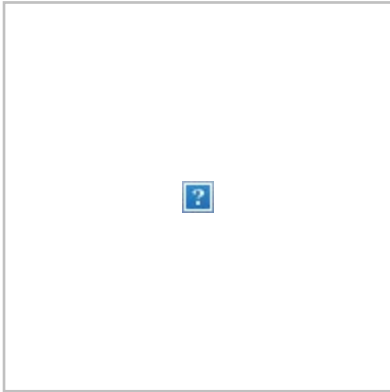
The George Washington University Physician Assistant Program is seeking MDs/DOs to instruct second year PA students during their 6-week clinical rotation in Pediatrics. For more information click [here](#).



### MDAAP MEMBER LOGIN PAGE - 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 loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:MDAAP_Executive_Director_Loretta_I_Hoepfner_loretta@mdaap.org) for details.

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

**Dundalk Pediatric Associates looking for BC/BE Pediatrician to join our team:** DPA is an innovative practice that stays up to date with best practices. DPA is a thriving pediatric practice in southeast Baltimore County that has been serving this community for over 50 years! New graduates are welcome to apply. Interested applicants should send their letter and CV to: Ms. Sara Hinson, Practice Administrator at [shinsondundalkpeds@yahoo.com](mailto:shinsondundalkpeds@yahoo.com) and/or Dr. Rachel Dodge at [rachel.ab.dodge@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.ab.dodge@gmail.com).

**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).



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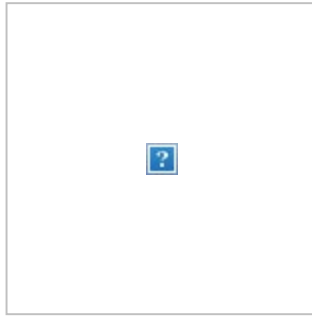
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