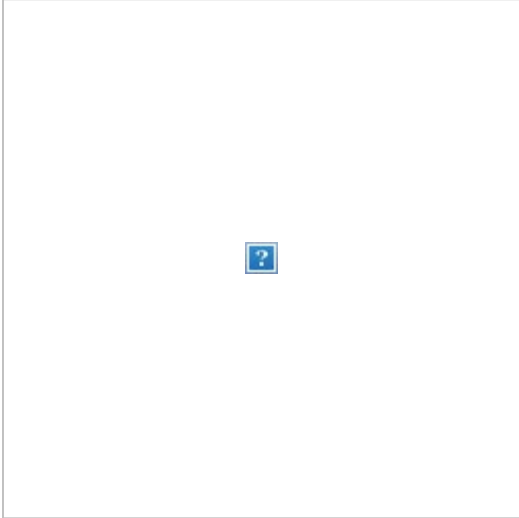


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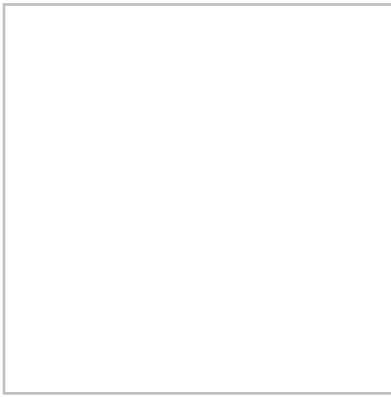
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MDAAP Executive Director Digest March 15, 2024

2024 MDAAP Chapter Elections - Positions on Board of Directors - *Interested?*

The MDAAP will be holding elections for open positions on the MDAAP Chapter Board of Directors for terms starting July 1, 2024. The following positions will be on the ballot:

- **Vice-President/President Elect:** 4-year term in total (July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, as Vice-President; and July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028, as President)



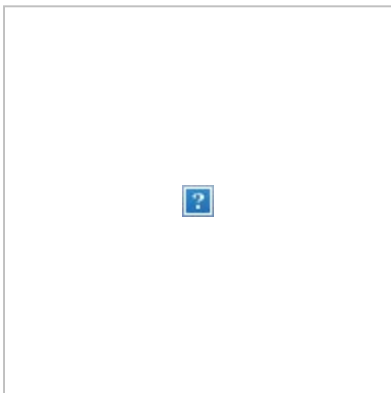
- **Treasurer/Secretary:** 2-year term (July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026)

Click [here](#) for more information. If you are interested in being considered for the ballot for these positions, please email MDAAP Executive Director [Loretta I. Hoepfner](#).

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 \$85 per year
- For Professional Staff (other clinical staff and administrators, managers, and administrative staff), the annual Chapter-only membership fee is \$60 per year

Click [here](#) for the membership application. For more information on member benefits, see <https://www.mdaap.org/memberbenefits/>.



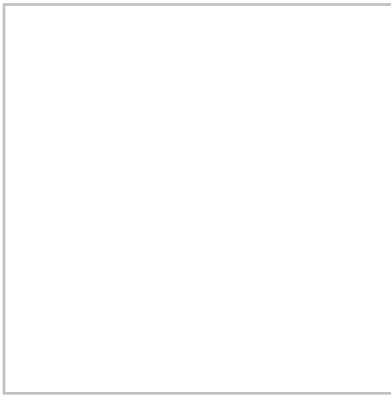
MDAAP Chapter Chat - Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET

Join MDAAP President Monique Soileau-Burke to hear about Sudden Unexpected Infant Death with our featured speaker Scott Krugman, MD, FAAP, MDAAP Past President and Chair, Baltimore County Child Fatality Review Team. Register [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.

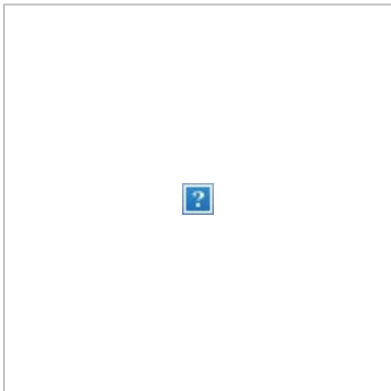
View the entire MDAAP Events & Meetings calendar at <https://www.mdaap.org/events-meetings/>.

From MDAAP Committees

MDAAP Immigrant Child Health Committee: Join the NEW Immigrant Child Health Committee! The Committee's first meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 6-7p ET via Zoom. Please click [here](#) to more information and to register. And, whether you are interested in joining the Committee or not, please considering completing the "[MDAAP Immigrant Child Health Needs Assessment](#)" asking about barriers/resources for immigrant child health in Maryland. Your responses will shape the new MDAAP Immigrant Child Health Committee webpage and future events.

MDAAP Mental Health Committee: See the updated [webpage](#) including:

- Black Mental Health Resources
- Practice Resources
- Screening Tools
- Substance Use Disorder
- Teen and Young Adult Resources



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](#).

From Your MDAAP Colleagues

"Future of Pediatrics 2024" Course - Thursday, May 16, 2024: For information about the 25th Annual CME program at the Marriott North Bethesda Conference Center, click [here](#).

"A Call to Action: Addressing Socioeconomic Disparities in Childhood Unintentional Injury Risk": See this [March 5, 2024, article](#) in *Pediatrics* by MDAAP members Mary Beth Howard and

Leticia Manning Ryan.

OnCall4Kids Day of Legislative Advocacy on Tuesday, May 21, 2024: OnCall4Kids believes that all children should be healthy, safe, and free from the threat of gun violence. [OnCall4Kids](#) is a coalition of physicians and healthcare workers uniting to find strategies to mitigate this public health crisis. Register for their in-person event in Washington, DC, [here](#).

"COVID-19 During Pregnancy: Birth Outcomes and Infant Vaccinations - Opportunities for Pediatric Providers": Resulting from a National AAP funded grant, the MDAAP and the Maryland Department of Health have provided this [data brief](#) for you. The MDH, in collaboration with the CDC Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network, identified pregnant individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021 and had a confirmed live birth. This data brief underscores the need to increase equitable access to care and increase awareness of the importance of timely infant vaccination in Maryland.

Safe Journey: A pediatric transport medicine curriculum designed to extend beyond hospital walls: Click [here](#) to learn more about free, adaptable, reliable educational materials to improve patient safety during medical transport. Questions? Contact Mark Corden, MD, at markhendrik@yahoo.com.

From National AAP District 3

DEAAP Conference 'Paving the Way to Pediatric Wellness: Chronic Disease Management and Mental Health in Primary Care: - Thursday, April 18, 2024: You are invited to attend this conference at the Hyatt Place Wilmington Riverfront. For more information and to register no later than Thursday, April 11, 2024, go to <https://msdcme.rievent.com/a/FHXGQL>.

Call for Nominations: District 3 Chair and District Vice Chair Positions: It is time to open the floor for nominations! Individuals who are dedicated, passionate, and committed to the betterment of District 3 (includes the Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Chapters) are sought for these national positions. Click [here](#) for the detailed job descriptions - and [here](#) for the bio form. Interested? Have questions? [Email Tanner Walsh, MD, FAAP](#), National AAP National Nominating Committee, District III. All completed bio forms must be submitted by April 1, 2024. The District nominating committee will be scheduled to meet in mid-April to discuss the nominations and finalize the ballot by May 1, 2024.

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 the Maryland Department of Health

Webinar "Coalition Collaboration: Shared Learning for Increasing HPV Vaccination Rates": Join this event on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. ET for a discussion of best practices for increasing HPV vaccination rates, as well as building healthcare coalitions more broadly. The webinar will include presentations from a variety of state-level immunization, HPV, and cancer coalitions, including ImmunizeVA, the Maryland Cancer Collaborative, the New York State HPV Coalition, and the Connecticut Cancer Partnership. Register [here](#). Questions? Contact Brian Mattingly, Director, Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs, Maryland Department of Health at 410-767-2037, brian.mattingly@maryland.gov.

"HPV: Don't Wait. Vaccinate!": The Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Indiana Immunization Coalition, now offers pediatricians and family physicians participation in an online QI initiative. Participants will aim to increase their 1st dose HPV vaccine rate for eligible

females and males ages 9-21 by 25% during a 6-month period. Pediatricians who complete this project will be awarded 25 Part 4 points toward their MOC. Family Medicine physicians will receive MCFP credit for one Part 4 module or 20 Part 4 points, as appropriate. Click [here](#) for more information.

From MDAAP Partners

FREE Sensory Friendly Vaccine Bags: Kits containing noise cancelling headphones, fidgets/spinners, squeezey ball, shot blocker, sunglasses, and stickers are available to your patients from the [Autism Society of Maryland](#). Call 410-290-3466 or email liza.kibler@autismsocietymd.org to order kits for your practice.

From National AAP

Call for Participants: CATCH-On: A Shot to Live – Due March 31, 2024: The National AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) program is currently recruiting up to 12 pediatric providers (pediatrician, pediatric practice, or pediatric trainees) and their school partners to participate in this initiative from May 2024–June 2025 which will help develop partnerships between pediatricians and schools (K-12th grades) to improve the identification and management of anaphylaxis. CATCH-On was launched to make it easier for pediatricians to meaningfully connect with their communities with a “ready-to-go” community project. For more information, see the [recruitment flyer](#) and [participant timeline](#). Interested pediatricians should [register here](#) by Sunday, March 31, 2024. Question? Contact Charlotte Zia at czia@aap.org.

Submit Resolutions for 2024 National AAP Leadership Conference - By April 1, 2024: Passionate about a child health topic or pediatric issue? Help shape the Academy’s priorities. Click [here](#) for more details.

Optum Temporary Funding Assistance Program for Providers: Click [here](#) for more information. Please share your experience with the Change Healthcare issue with the National AAP State Advocacy team at stgov@aap.org.

Do you have patient stories about the unwinding of Medicaid?: [Stephanie Glier](#), AAP's Director of Federal Advocacy wants your stories! States restarted Medicaid eligibility redeterminations in April 2023 after the COVID-era coverage protections expired. This process, known as the Medicaid Unwinding, has impacted children, families, and pediatricians throughout the country. AAP Advocacy staff are working to bring attention to the practical and policy challenges of the Unwinding, and we have interested journalists and policymakers. Now, we need your help! Please share your stories about the Unwinding with us by [using this form](#) to share your stories and examples of:

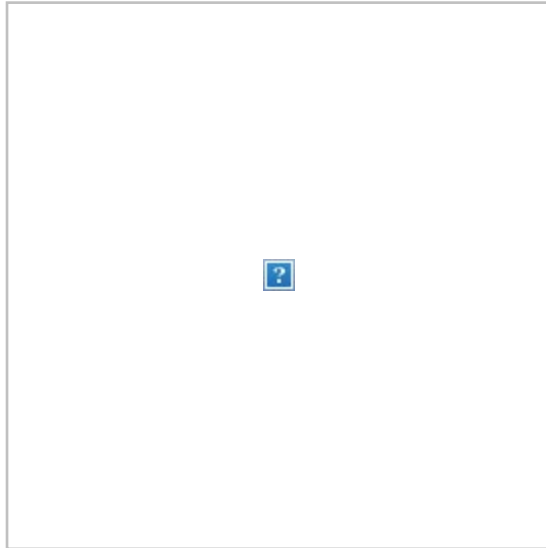
- Challenges your patients have faced
- Patients who were inappropriately disenrolled, or who couldn't navigate the redetermination process
- Paperwork and administrative barriers, language barriers, and other red tape burdens making it difficult for families to keep their coverage
- Activities your practice or system has implemented to respond to the Unwinding, such as hiring or reallocating staff to support families in navigating redeterminations
- Financial impacts on your practice or system, such as changes in utilization, held claims, or free care

Fellowship Opportunities

ZERO TO THREE Fellowship Program: Are you a champion for babies? Do you aspire to be an innovative, transformative leader? Are you ready to use your leadership to be a bigger voice for infants and toddlers? The ZERO TO THREE Fellowship program is an intensive professional

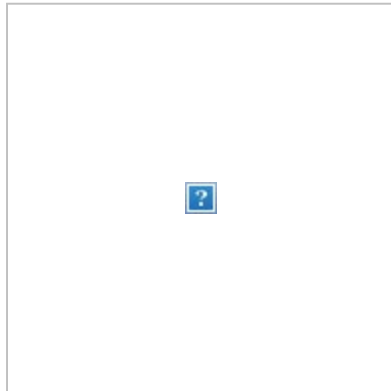
development program that brings together early childhood professionals from around the globe. Applications are accepted until Wednesday, March 20, 2024. For more information click [here](#).

Carol Emmott Fellowship: The nomination period for the Class of 2025 is open. The Carol Emmott Foundation helps exceptional women leaders increase their influence, impact, and national visibility. The Fellowship is uniquely designed to spark change and improve gender equity in health leadership. Nominations due Saturday, June 1, 2024. For more information click [here](#).



**MDAAP MEMBER LOGIN PAGE -
Upcoming Meeting Registration Links,
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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 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 L. Hoepfner loretta@mdaap.org](mailto:MDAAP_Executive_Director_Loretta_L.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 and/or Dr. Rachel Dodge at 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, or for the Foundry Row position, please contact Dr Sara Spinner-Block at ssb0001@gmail.com.

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- *Follow us on Instagram:* <https://instagram.com/marylandaap>
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