



IDAHO CHAPTER
American Academy of Pediatrics

NEWSLETTER

Thank you for being a part of the Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
Together we make a difference for the children of Idaho.
Wishing you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season!

Idaho AAP Executive Team

Advocating for Kids

Idaho AAP is looking for an Oral Health Champion. Please contact us if you have any suggestions.

The Section on Oral Health works to improve children's oral health through communication and collaboration between medical and dental homes, and to make pediatricians and other health professionals an essential part of the oral health team. You can join this group at [AAP Section on Oral Health](#).

Resources

Call for CATCH Grant 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 Jan. 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). Learn more about the available grants and application process [here](#).

Upcoming Educational Opportunities/Meetings

Neuroimmune Institute, is hosting a virtual CME conference March 1-2, 2024, via Zoom and has granted our organization 500 fee waivers for physicians. The topic is *Improving Quality of Life in Patients with Autism: Emerging Research, Evaluation, and Management of Co-Occurring Conditions*. **The virtual conference is being offered free of charge to 500 physicians who have not attended a prior Neuroimmune event. The link to register and request the fee be waived can be found on Neuroimmune Institute's [Virtual CME: Improving Quality of Life in Patients with Autism Conference Fee Waivers](#) | [Neuroimmune Institute](#)**

White Coat Day and Idaho AAP Winter Award Dinner

Mark your calendar for our Chapter visit to the Idaho Legislature on **February 22, 2024**. We will meet at the Capitol Rotunda on the first floor at 8:00 am for photos. Please wear your White Coat and a stethoscope to be quickly identified in the Capitol (we have some white coats if you need to borrow one). We will watch some committee hearings and encourage each of you to make appointments to meet with your Senator and/ or Representative that morning. Sherry will also be setting up some opportunities to meet some lobbyists that we work with to learn more about their advocacy for kids during the Legislative Session. Mark your calendar and we will have more details coming on how to prepare for your Capitol visit. Our Winter business/awards dinner (awardees below) will be held that night at Cottonwood Grille at 6:00 pm.

Pediatrician of the Year – Dr. Bruce Cherny
Dr. Hirschfeld Child Advocate of the Year – Dr. Susan Bradford
Organization of the Year – Jae's Foundation

Book Corner

A new book, *Untangling the Thread of Racism: A Primer for Pediatric Health Professionals*, is the next step in the AAP commitment to eliminate racism and the devastating impact it has on children's health and well-being. The book features a multidisciplinary collection of leading experts who frame the issue and provide practical information on prevention, intervention, and anticipatory guidance. Order [here](#).