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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER FACTS......

## **Mission Statement**

The District of Columbia Chapter (DC AAP) of the national American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is the recognized Washington DC affiliate of the national organization of 60,000 pediatricians committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The mission of the District of Columbia Chapter is to educate pediatricians, other child health practitioners, and the public at-large to improve the health and safety of the children in DC.

## **Recent Accomplishments**

- Completed conversion to a 501c3 organization.
- Co-sponsored a CME Event on Health Care Transitions for Adolescents, in collaboration with Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc.; American Academy of Family Physicians and American College of Physicians; Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies; The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health and DC Department of Health
- Hosted multi-part educational series for members entitled "Hot Topics in Adolescent Medicine," including speakers on Primary Care Screening for Depression; STI Screening; Meningitis Booster and Hyperlipidemia
- Hosted an educational session for members on a Children & Nature Initiative, which led to collaboration with local organizations in *Park RX*, a program designed to improve outcomes in asthma, obesity and ADHD by promoting outdoor exploration and activities.
- Implemented Strong Beginnings for Schools, a quality improvement program designed to increase the proportion of D.C. children who are ready for school in all five domains of healthy development. This project was funded by a Healthy People 2020 Grant awarded to DC AAP by the National AAP
- Worked with school and health department officials to revise and simplify health care documentation for school-aged children, including changing the physical requirement to annual and removing 150 day rule.
- Convened a Pediatric Career Conference funded by a National AAP Grant for outreach to area medical students, residents and young physicians.
- Hosted a seminar series for young physicians, residents, medical students and fellows
- Awarded an annual International Travel Grant for clinical rotation or volunteer experience
- Engaged in improving quality of care for asthma, oral health, breastfeeding, obesity and children with special health care needs.
- Sponsored free talks for DC AAP members by Harvey Karp and other notable authors and specialists.
- Successfully advocated for improved Medicaid rates.
- Continue to be involved in the education of third party payors of the health needs of children.
- Provided testimony before local and national government officials.