



Oklahoma Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics
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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER FACTS.....

I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the Oklahoma Chapter?

Advocacy

- Advocates for local and state-wide public health issues such as immunizations, child abuse and neglect, childhood obesity, oral health, smoking cessation, and more for you and your patients.
- Supports state agencies for regulatory, socio-economic, and public health policy issues.
- Builds coalitions with other organizations working toward improving the health and well-being of Oklahoma's children.
- Works to improve issues that affect the quality of care of the profession of pediatrics in Oklahoma.
- Increases your knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities at a local level.
- Promotes the interests of Oklahoma pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Leadership

- Provides opportunities to participate on Chapter committees driven by high quality patient deliverables and member interests, which include Obesity, Oral Health, Pediatric Council & Practice Management, Young Physicians, Practice Research in Office Settings (PROS), Legislation, Child Abuse and Smoking Cessation.
- Provides opportunities to serve on National AAP Committees and Sections to represent the profession of pediatrics.

Networking

- Networks with other healthcare providers with similar interests that include Fluoride Varnishing Training in the Pediatric setting, and Medication Administration Training involving physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses to further train child care providers, child care agencies and programs.
- Works on issues pertaining to tobacco control through Cease Smoking Today grant, access to health care for children, child abuse, childhood obesity and medical education.
- Provides opportunities to improve Chapter membership and participation on the State and National level.

Education

- Provides access to the Chapter Web site for valuable information and resources, including a newly-developed Job Posting service.
- Provides the monthly e-newsletter as a resource of the latest health care trends and topics.
- Provides important, informative and educational communications.
- Provides Continuing Medical Education opportunities sponsored by the Chapter.
- Co-sponsors the Annual Oklahoma CME Conference.
- Provides free participation for all Oklahoma enrolled residents.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- Sponsors numerous CME conferences attended by over 500 participants who earned CME I Credit from OKAAP.
- Co-sponsors annual CME program with the OU School of Medicine, Pediatrics Department.
- Improved Oklahoma Medicaid for women and children.
- Instrumental in raising reimbursement rates.
- Participants in the Schools for Excellence program through the Oklahoma County Medical Society.
- Co-sponsors statewide Obesity Summit to discuss childhood obesity in Oklahoma.
- Co-sponsors Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy's Forum.
- Develops and has committed resources to comprehensive Chapter Strategic Plan addressing Chapter priorities such as Child Health Initiatives; Member Development; Education and Communications; Legislative Advocacy; Infrastructure Upgrades and Administration, Structure and Governance.

Annual Chapter Dues: Voting Fellows - \$150 Candidate Fellows - \$150 Post Resident Fellows - \$150

Whom can I contact? Chapter Executive Director - Don Orchard, at 918-858-0298 or dorchard@upal.com

***Catch up on all Chapter activities by visiting the **Oklahoma's Chapter** Web site at: www.okaap.org ***