



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018 OK PEDIATRICIAN



Hello, Friends!

With sadness, I write this letter since it will be my final one. As I announced in the September/October newsletter, I'll be leaving Oklahoma in December, having accepted a position as the Chief of the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the University of Alabama in Birmingham starting in January, 2019. I want to take

this opportunity again to thank Dwight Sublett and Paul Darden for being willing to advance six months early to the presidency and vice presidency, respectively. I'm also grateful to Marny Dunlap for being willing to serve as OKAAP secretary/treasurer and will miss working closely with her now that she is taking a more active role in our leadership. I'm very happy to be leaving you in such good hands!

We have some great articles in this edition of the newsletter including Dwight's that describes our recent advocacy activities regarding the Medicaid work requirements.

In regard to child advocacy, if you remember, in the April 2018 newsletter issue I mentioned that OKAAP along with Joe Dorman, CEO, OK Institute for Child Advocacy and others, were successful in passing a bill calling for a task force on trauma informed care (Bill No. 1517: http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2017-18%20ENR/SB/SB1517%20ENR.PDF). The 17 appointed members from key state agencies comprising this task force includes OKAAP members Dwight Sublett (as the representative from OKAAP) and Marny Dunlap (as a representative from OUHSC-OKC). They will study and make recommendations to the Legislature on best practices with respect to children and youth who have experienced or are at risk to experience trauma. The task force was scheduled to be enacted beginning November 1, 2018, but they have already had an initial meeting. Watch for updates from Dwight and Marny in future newsletters.

Please remember to vote in the [national AAP election](#) for president-elect and district officers which will begin on Nov. 2 and conclude at noon CT on Dec. 2. When you vote, I hope you will consider electing Dr. Eve Switzer, our esteemed former OKAAP president for the District VII National Nominating Committee representative.

Lastly, please refer to page 2 of this issue for an invitation to an upcoming holiday party for pediatricians on November 29th, espe-

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - 2018

- ◆ NCE: November 2-6
- ◆ Vote Kids! November 6
- ◆ Pediatric Holiday Party: November 29

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cially if you are in the Tulsa area. Results of our member survey conducted earlier this year indicated that Tulsa-based members desire more opportunities to network with colleagues. OKAAP is joining efforts with Tulsa pediatric specialists to host a fun, casual holiday party for OKAAP members and other pediatric physicians in and around Tulsa. It will be a great opportunity to connect with other pediatric colleagues, the OKAAP leadership and Tulsa-area pediatric specialists.

I have enjoyed the privilege of being involved in OKAAP and will miss all of the friends and colleagues I have here. Please stay in touch. If you'd like to reach me, please contact Amy at the OKAAP office who has my personal contact information.

And for one last time, thanks so much to Amy for putting together a great newsletter edition. Please contact her or me (Dwight :-)) with any suggestions for future newsletter topics. THANKS for all that you do for Oklahoma children!



MEDICAID REPORT

An Update on the Proposed Medicaid Work Requirement -
By Dwight Sublett, MD, FAAP, OKAAP Vice President

In the last issue, we notified you about the [proposed Medicaid work requirement](#) executive order that would require Medicaid recipients in certain categories to report employment in order to continue to receive health care coverage. We also provided a copy of the comment letter that OKAAP sent to OHCA expressing our discontent as pediatricians with this entire mandate.

[Click here to read the letter.](#)

After receiving that letter, the OHCA invited OKAAP leaders to meet with them to discuss the concerns in further detail. That meeting took place on September 17th, and we expressed our concerns to them in regards to the children who are in the families involved in this program. Concerns include lack of adequate and affordable child care while the parent/caretaker is working, added expenses that the family may incur in complying with the program, making sure there is a backup plan through Insure Oklahoma for parents who find themselves not qualified for Medicaid at some point. It was mentioned that if these individual adults in the program have to go on Insure Oklahoma, the monthly fee would be \$4-\$14. Our main concern is the overall added stress that will be placed on these impoverished families that are forced onto this program, as well as what effects this will have on the children of these families.

The period for receiving input from providers and the general public ended on October 1st. At present, the agency is working on how to manage the program as efficiently as possible. We have been informed that the Oklahoma program will be submitted to CMS on October 29th. The length of time to find out whether the program is approved by CMS or not is quite variable, with most programs taking several months. We have been told that the only program in the nation that is up and running is Arkansas, and it is being challenged in the courts. Therefore, it appears that it will be some time before the program in this state will be instituted (if ever). OKAAP will continue to monitor this issue as closely as we can.

Dwight Sublett, MD, FAAP
OKAAP Vice President




PEDIATRIC HOLIDAY PARTY

YOU'RE INVITED

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Date: November 29, 2018
Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm
Location: Five Oaks Lodge
Address: 528 East 121st St S - Jenks
Dress: Casual

*Network with pediatric colleagues
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OKLAHOMA'S RESIDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT - DR. BEN ROSSAVIK

I was very fortunate to have the influences I had at a young age that brought me to where I am today. My parents were physicians who dedicated themselves to primary care in Oklahoma City, so I grew up against the backdrop of their clinic. Their patients were of various nationalities and socioeconomic classes, so the cultural diversity and their community work shaped my creative interests early in life. Over the years, I learned German, Spanish and studied the humanities before completing my degree in microbiology at the University of Oklahoma (OU). My



wife also graduated with the same degree at OU. My wife was probably the most important reason I decided to pursue medicine, as we both went through the entire process together, and she, essentially, always knew she wanted to be a doctor. I knew I always wanted to make an impact in my community like my parents did, but I don't think I could have or would have pursued becoming a physician without her focus, drive, and support. For medical school, we both continued our studies at Oklahoma State University (OSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa, OK. We stayed with OSU Center for Health Sciences (via OMECO) for residency in Tulsa, where we are currently in our first years of our respective programs; my wife's in OB/GYN and I'm in pediatrics.

Based on my personal interests, I couldn't have imagined a better way to act on my desire to improve my community than by becoming a pediatrician. The changes we make that benefit our children's health are a direct investment in all of our futures. Children have so much potential to become whatever we need to better ourselves in the long term. Not only that, but by keeping our kids healthy, their parents and anyone who is directly affected by a sick child are free to live their lives, go to work, and contribute to our society directly affecting us in the short term, as well. It's an amazing field with immeasurable potential. This field can be mentally and emotionally challenging, but the genuine joy that comes from helping children in need is hard

to beat, so there isn't much else I could've seen myself doing.

All that being said, my future is still uncertain. Part of what makes pediatrics so great is the diversity of the sub-specialties. However, there's a lot that goes on during residency before that. I hope to take residency one day at a time becoming the best general pediatrician I can be before definitively making up my mind of what I'll be once I'm done. By working with the OK AAP chapter as a resident liaison and committee champion for emergency care, I hope to explore all of the opportunities available to

the organization – and myself – to grow and advance pediatric care and advocacy within our state.

NEW CHAPTER CHAMPION!

OKAAP is pleased to welcome Dr. Ben Rossavik as its new Chapter Champion and Committee Chair for Pediatric Emergency Medicine. In addition, Dr. Rossavik has recently joined the Resident Relations Committee as a Resident Advisor to the Chapter Board of Directors.

2018 CDC EHDI IMPACT FACT SHEET

By the Oklahoma Newborn Hearing Screening Program

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), hearing loss is one of the most common birth defects in the United States. As influenced by the Joint Committee of Infant Hearing (JCIH), the CDC has adopted national recommendations on hearing screening, diagnosis, and intervention that ultimately lead to better vocabulary development in children who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH). The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program is a collaborative effort between the CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). These entities provide grant funds to state organizations to implement EHDI programs to identify children who are deaf or hard of hearing and help with early intervention—ensuring children reach their full potential.

In 2018, the CDC developed a new EHDI Impact Fact Sheet. The document references the CDC national recommendations on hearing screening, diagnosis, and intervention that lead to better vocabulary development in children with hearing loss. CDC's commitment to EHDI has led to the following accomplishments:

- More than 98% of US-born infants are screened for hearing loss.
- The number of infants with hearing loss who are successfully identified early has risen from 2,700 in 2005 to more than 6,400 in 2014.
- CDC has shown that following national recommendations on hearing screening, diagnosis, and intervention leads to better vocabulary development in children with hearing loss.
- CDC has demonstrated that newborn hearing screening saves \$200 million annually in US special education costs.

To view the fact sheet, visit

<https://friendsofncbddd.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/cdc-ehdi-impact-one-pager-final.pdf>

The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities is committed to helping children with hearing loss. For more information, please visit the website: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss

To learn more about the Oklahoma Newborn Hearing Screening Program or gather resources for families please send an email to NewBornScreen@health.ok.gov.



ACADEMIC GENERAL PEDIATRICS TRAINING PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

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The General and Community Pediatrics Section at the OUHSC is currently recruiting qualified applicants to the Academic Generalist Training Program. The program's goal is to train academic generalists including pediatricians and has an emphasis in research training. The target start date for this 2-3 year program is July 2019.

The Academic Pediatric Association (APA) accredited training program is designed to teach research skills to pediatricians and other post-doctoral candidates interested in improving the health of children.

Qualified candidates should be board certified or board eligible physicians or other post-doctoral researchers who are interested in an academic career as investigators and/or educators. Applicants with PhD or equivalent degrees are welcome to apply. The program also accepts Visa applicants.

For physicians clinical responsibilities will be limited to 20 – 30% of their time. Research course work will be tailored to the needs of the trainees but generally will be in the Master's in Clinical and Translational Science program. A Master's Degree is not required but is encouraged. The cost is borne by the program. At least two research projects will be completed during the course of the training program. One of these will involve large dataset analyses. The trainee will work with faculty conducting practice-based research; vaccine delivery and decision-making; foster care; smoking cessation and risk reduction; global health as well as other research areas.

This program will participate in the National Residency Match (NRMP), Pediatric Specialties Fall Match this year. Applicants should register for the pediatric fall specialties NRMP match at: <https://r3.nrmp.org/viewloginpage>.

Qualified applicants should contact Dr. Paul Darden, the Director of the Academic Generalist Training Program and Section Chief of the General and Community Pediatrics Section at paul-darden@ouhsc.edu or call Heather Levi, Program Coordinator, at (405) 271-4407 or send an email to heather-levi@ouhsc.edu.

The program application can be downloaded from the [program website](#) or at the [Academic Pediatric Association website](#). Applications are accepted in the fall and as noted above this program participates in the [NRMP Fall Fellowship Match](#). An interview is strongly encouraged; our program coordinator will contact you to arrange a date. The University of Oklahoma is an EO/AA Institution <http://www.ou.edu/eoo.html>. Individuals with disabilities and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.

IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

Provided by Stan Grogg, DO, FACOP, FAAP, OKAAP Committee Chair on Immunization Education

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met at the CDC on October 24 and 25, 2018. Dr. Stan Grogg, who serves as the OKAAP Committee Chair on Immunization Education, is also the American Osteopathic Association's Liaison Member of ACIP. Dr. Grogg has provided a summary of the highlights of the ACIP meeting. In addition, Dr. Grogg has included other immunization resources for pediatricians below, including fact sheets on the 16-year-old immunization visit as well as information about the newest edition of The Vaccine Handbook. We hope you find these resources helpful in your practice.



[Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) Meeting Highlights >>](#)

[The Importance and Potential of the 16-Year-Old Immunization Visit >>](#)

[Implementing the 16-Year-Old Immunization Visit - A How-To Tool for Health Care Practices >>](#)

[The Vaccine Handbook: A Practice Guide for Clinicians-7th Edition >>](#)

[The 2018 Vaccine Handbook App Now Available >>](#)

SENIOR PEDIATRICIANS WANTED!

Did you know the Chapter has a *Senior Pediatrician Committee, and AAP has a Section on Senior Members? The OKAAP Senior Committee Chair, Dr. Tawfik Ramadan, invites any senior OKAAP members who want to get more involved to join him on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Ramadan at tzramadan@hotmail.com.

**A Chapter member is in the Senior category if they are a member in good standing who has attained the age of 70 OR is 65 or older and no longer derives income from professional activities.*



IMMUNIZATION ADVOCACY

A note from the Oklahoma Alliance for Healthy Families (OAHF)



During the 2018 Oklahoma Legislative Session, 21 immunization-related bills were introduced at the state capitol, including 16 that would negatively impact our state's health outcomes. A detailed list of those bills can be found [here](#). While none of those bills passed, the need for a united, pro-immunization advocacy voice is desperately needed.

Unfortunately, Oklahoma has a growing anti-vaccine and parent choice movement. The anti-vaccine political action committee has been visible and vocal at the capitol the past couple of legislative sessions. They are loud, vitriolic, organized and well-funded. Their talking points are not science-based, but rather, are centered on infringement of individual rights, with a total disregard to the health risks their practices pose to others. These emotional arguments have the attention of legislators and apprehensive parents, making an organized counter-presence at state capitol and in local communities even more imperative.

That's where we come in. The Oklahoma Alliance for Healthy Families was organized by concerned stakeholders to combat the misinformation being shared with families and legislators. Our mission is to positively impact the health of our schools, communities and families by advocating for science-based policies locally and at the state capitol.

To accomplish this mission, we have organized a statewide immunization coalition comprised of a broad base of members including medical professionals, public health experts, child-serving agencies, parents and community members. The purpose of the group is to coordinate immunization efforts across the state by arming them with consistent messaging and enabling them to speak effectively with one voice. The Alliance is also organizing a grassroots network of advocates that includes parents and caregivers. Advocates are provided with the resources, messaging tools and organizational infrastructure that will allow them to be mobilized at key times during the legislative process.

Over the last six months, the Alliance has made many strides in meeting its mission. We have:

- Created collateral material, including fact sheets, brochures and e-newsletters.
- Built a social media presence with shareable content that will help identify advocates and grow our advocacy network.
- Coordinated opinion pieces and letters to the editor for the Department of Family Medicine at OU, the Academy of Fam-

ily Physicians and parents to bolster our messaging in The Oklahoman, The Journal Record and local Oklahoma newspapers.

- Convened a statewide coalition of diverse stakeholders committed to supporting positive immunization policies and practices at the state and local level.
- Planned community health forums across the state as a platform to share science-based information and identify local advocates.
- Coordinated with local public health groups to share immunization truths and dispel myths.

Recent cases of vaccine preventable diseases such as pertussis, mumps and measles across the state are critical reminders of the ongoing efforts that are needed. The Alliance needs your help to continue to promote positive, science-based immunization policies and practices in Oklahoma. You can help by:

- Following us on social media (Instagram: @ok.alliance and Facebook: [@OKAllianceForHealthyFamilies](#))
- Becoming a member of the statewide immunization coalition. To join, contact us today at OAHG.INFO@gmail.com
- Connecting us with parents of immune-compromised children or others interested in being voice for a healthier Oklahoma
- Being a spokesperson for media appearances
- Coordinating opinion pieces with us to be featured in your local newspaper

Oklahoma's children and families deserve to live and learn in communities without fear of exposure to preventable diseases. Their voices deserve to be heard. To be part of our movement, please contact us at OAHF.INFO@gmail.com.

For more information about the OAHF, [download this flyer](#).

Below are some tools for pediatricians provided by the Oklahoma Alliance for Healthy Families. Feel free to download and use in your office.

- [Flu Myth vs Fact Sheet \(English\)](#)
- [Flu Myth vs Fact Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Vaccines: Myth vs Fact](#)

PUBLIC CHARGE UPDATE: NEW TOOLS TO GUIDE YOUR ADVOCACY

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently proposed a new regulation on "public charge" that could harm immigrant families' willingness to access nutrition support, housing assistance and health care. [This AAP News article](#) has more about the proposal and the AAP's advocacy efforts.

The [AAP's Public Charge Advocacy Toolkit](#) includes comprehensive information on the proposal and ways you can advocate.

Check out the AAP's new [Public Charge Infographic >>](#)



REMEMBERING DR. JAMES COLDWELL

James Coldwell, MD a pediatric specialist in Tulsa, passed on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018. Dr. Coldwell was a graduate of University Of Oklahoma / Health Sciences Center and specialized in pediatrics. He completed his Pediatric residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital and practiced at the OUHSC in Tulsa. He cared for children with neurodevelopment disorders and special needs and was always available for medical questions. He will be greatly missed. Donations in his honor can be made to the Xavier Clinic in Tulsa, attention Jessica Gomez.



The OKAAP Board of Directors would like to welcome the most recent new and returning Chapter Members!

Sherri Baker, MD	Affiliate Member
Gracen Davis, MPH	Medical Student
Emily De Hoog	Medical Student
Kayla Hahn, DO	Resident Member
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Chapter Committees - Opportunities to Be More Involved

Interested in joining or chairing a Chapter committee or becoming a Chapter Champion? The Chapter Board meets regularly via phone conference where committee members provide updates and reports on committee activities. So anyone can participate no matter where they are located. [Click here](#) to see a list of current Chapter committees and the OKAAP members who serve as a chair or champion for these initiatives. Contact the Chapter today to request more info or to present a new committee idea.

- ⇒ **Childhood Obesity** - Ashley Weedn, MD, MPH, FAAP; Ed Legako, MD, FAAP
- ⇒ **Legislative** - Don Wilber, MD, FAAP
- ⇒ **Medicaid** - Dwight Sublett, MD, FAAP & Kanwal Obhrai, MD, FAAP
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- ⇒ **Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS)** - Paul Darden, MD, FAAP
- ⇒ **Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)** - Curtis Knoles, MD, FAAP
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- ⇒ **Immunization Education** - Stanley Grogg, DO
- ⇒ **Pediatric Emergency Medicine** - Ben Rossavik, DO
- ⇒ **Resident Relations Representatives** - Elizabeth Pflug, MD; Neal Sharma, MD; Ben Rossavik, DO
- ⇒ **Early Career Physicians (ECP) Representative** - Hokehe Effiong, MD, FAAP
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- ⇒ **Early Childhood Champion** - Edd Rhoades, MD, FAAP
- ⇒ **Chapter Breastfeeding Coordinator (CBC)** - Malinda Webb, MD, FAAP
- ⇒ **Firearm Safety & Violence Prevention Champion** - Elaine Kennedy, MD, FAAP

Grant Opportunity

Support for Organizations Improving the Quality of Life for Oklahomans

[Sarkeys Foundation](#)

The mission of the Sarkeys Foundation is to improve the quality of life in Oklahoma. The Foundation's major areas of grant support include education, social service and human service needs, animal welfare, and cultural and humanitarian programs of regional significance. Preference is given to organizations that have been in operation at least three years. The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is December 1, 2018. (Interested applicants should speak with a Foundation staff member prior to submitting a letter of inquiry.) Invited proposals will be due February 1, 2019. Visit the Foundation's website for more information on the application process.

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