

# American Academy of Pediatrics

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## Arkansas Chapter

### What is the ARAAP Doing for You?

The American Academy of Pediatrics is the premier professional organization for pediatricians. As a national organization, the Academy has more than 60,000 members in 66 chapter areas in the US and Canada. Our Chapter, like those across the nation, works diligently to carry out the Academy's mission at a state level and to provide our members with the resources they need to be successful in their practice.

#### ADVOCACY ACCOMPLISHED

Membership in the Arkansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics allows your voice to be heard locally and at the state level regarding advocacy issues related to pediatricians and children's issues from immunizations to reimbursement, from access to care and child safety.

Participation in committees is the start to being involved in forging policy on the local, state, and national level. You are our greatest resource.

#### PROFESSIONAL

Chapter members receive our electronic newsletter, "SOAP note", which has concise and relevant information on issues that are important for pediatricians.

Chapter members have access to local AAP-sponsored Quality Improvement projects, a Practice Transformation Learning Collaborative, CME and educational programs, as well as access to networking with other pediatricians in the state.

ARAAP was named National AAP's 2009 AND 2012 Medium-Sized Outstanding Chapter of the Year!

#### ARAAP Chapter Leadership:

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Already a Member and Interested in Getting Involved?

#### COMMITTEES

- Membership
- Advocacy
- Pediatric Council

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### SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS' PRACTICES:

The Chapter works with Arkansas Medicaid to support and improve the PCMH project and provides PCMH practice support. The Chapter continues to provide Quality Improvement opportunities. Currently, members can enroll in two projects: improving HPV vaccination rates through a strong provider recommendation and ADHD diagnosis and treatment in a primary care setting. MOC Part IV credit is available for participants (members who are interested should contact Kristen Pfeifer at [Kristen\\_pfeifer@yahoo.com](mailto:Kristen_pfeifer@yahoo.com)).

### MEETING MEMBERS WHERE THEY PRACTICE:

It's our own version of a "road show!" Every month, we visit a different city and treat members to pizza and an informal chat about challenges they face (and local successes, too) in their practice and how The Chapter can support the pediatricians across the state.

### PEDIATRIC COUNCIL IN ACTION:

The pediatric council advocates for our members and the entire pediatric community regarding practice support and payment issues. Most recently, this council has worked with Medicaid to resolve the issue of not assigning enrollees with numbers. The group also continually looks for ways to improve Medicaid reimbursement rates.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS:

The Chapter has long supported MedCamps of Arkansas and Reach Out and Read Arkansas.

#### UPCOMING DATES

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL

1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
7:30 PM

(CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH THE LEADERSHIP)

#### ARAAP ROAD SHOW

2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
LOCATION TBD

OCTOBER – JONESBORO, NOVEMBER – HOT SPRINGS, DECEMBER – CONWAY, JANUARY – TEXARKANA, FEBRUARY – HELENA, MARCH – NWA, APRIL – LITTLE ROCK, MAY – PINE BLUFF AND JUNE – WEST MEMPHIS

#### PCMH WEBINAR

TIMELY TOPICS RELATED TO PCMH DELIVERED BY LOCAL AND NATIONAL EXPERTS  
4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
12:15 PM

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Support the Arkansas Chapter by being an INVOLVED member! For more information on how to become a member or if you are already a member and want to get involved, email Aimee Olinghouse at [aimee.olinghouse@yahoo.com](mailto:aimee.olinghouse@yahoo.com) today!

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