FYI: Comment on Annual Leadership Forum resolutions, and more
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AAP members can review and comment on resolutions that will be presented at the 2017 Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) March 9-12 in Schaumburg, Ill.

On Feb. 8, AAP News will post an article on Gateway, www.aappublications.org, with a link to the resolved clauses of the resolutions with an opportunity to comment on any resolution of interest. Feedback on resolutions will allow leaders of AAP chapters, committees, councils and sections attending the ALF to gain perspective in the discussion and debate of leading pediatric issues.

For more information about reviewing and commenting on resolutions, email Jonathan Faletti, in the AAP Division of Chapter and District Relations, at jfaletti@aap.org.

Donate photos to help raise $50,000

Like to take photos? Share a picture a day, and you can help support the Academy’s safe sleep efforts. Johnson & Johnson will give $1 to the Academy for every photo uploaded using the Donate a Photo app. Each participant can donate one photo per day to help the Academy raise up to $50,000.

The photo fundraising campaign ends Jan. 20. Find the link to download the app to your Android phone or iPhone at http://bit.ly/2g3YXfY.

Zika webinar series

The Academy has developed a webinar series to educate pediatricians and families on what is known about Zika virus and its effect on the fetus and infant. The AAP Webinar Series on Zika Virus Syndrome, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also covers how to test and screen infants, and psychosocial support resources for those affected by the virus.

The first webinar, "Recognizing Microcephaly and Other Presentations of Zika Virus Syndrome," will be held at 1 p.m. CT Jan. 10. Speakers will provide an overview of the neurodevelopmental manifestations of congenital Zika virus syndrome, how to monitor symptomatic and asymptomatic infants, and how to collaborate with specialists to ensure a continuum of care.


Seeking nominees for media award

The AAP Council on Communications and Media is calling for nominations for the 2017 Holroyd-Sherry Award. The deadline for submissions is March 17.

The Academy will recognize one Fellow whose contributions have demonstrated that media’s influence on child and adolescent health is an important public health issue, and whose work in the areas of advocacy, legislation, research and professional or public education addresses and/or suggests solutions to the health implications raised by child and adolescent media use.
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The award is named for H. James Holroyd, M.D., FAAP, and S. Norman Sherry, M.D., FAAP, whose leadership in the medical profession has called attention to the influence mass media have on the health and well-being of children and adolescents.

Access nomination materials at http://bit.ly/1IQ7sSo. For more information, contact Deandra Galarde, in the AAP Department of Public Affairs, at 847-434-7877 or email COCM@aap.org.

Call for nominations for APLS award

The APLS: The Pediatric Emergency Medicine Steering Committee is accepting nominations for the 2017 Martha Bushore-Fallis APLS Award, which recognizes an individual who has advanced early recognition and stabilization of life-threatened children through the auspices of the Advanced Pediatric Life Support (APLS) program. Those interested in pediatric emergency medicine are invited to submit nominations by April 21.

Qualified candidates will have demonstrated commitment through innovating a new procedure or equipment, developing a new educational methodology, advancing legislation in support of the life-threatened child, teaching APLS in underserved communities (nationally or internationally) or other accomplishments. The nominee need not be a member of the Academy.

The nomination should include a cover letter and curriculum vitae. One letter of support of the nomination is required, and up to three are accepted.

Send materials to APLS Steering Committee, American Academy of Pediatrics, Attn: Caitlin Hahne, 141 Northwest Point Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Email: chahne@aap.org.

The 2017 award will be presented Sept. 16 at the APLS Course in Chicago.

Submit proposals for CATCH grants

The AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) initiative is seeking proposals from pediatricians and residents to address a range of child health issues.

CATCH provides funding, technical assistance and networking opportunities so that pediatricians and residents can plan or implement a project in their community. Application guidelines and the online application are available at https://www2.aap.org/catch/funding.htm. Submission deadline is 2 p.m. CT Jan. 31.

This call for proposals includes special opportunities for residents to work with the AAP Section on Pediatric Trainees, Section on Hospital Medicine and Section on Emergency Medicine. For application instructions, refer to the resident guidelines at https://www2.aap.org/catch/ResidentGuidelines.pdf.

Before applying, listen to an archived webinar to learn how to strengthen your application. The webinar addresses basic points in applying and the scoring process. It can be accessed at https://www2.aap.org/catch/funding.htm.

AAP awards

The Academy’s Voices blog and parent website HealthyChildren.org have been recognized for quality digital content.

Digital Health Awards from the Health Information Resource Center honored the AAP Voices blog with a bronze award for its National Infant Immunization Week series in the Digital Health Media/Publications category. The
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member-authored article series was published in April. In the Web-based Digital Health (infographic) category, the AAP Childhood Lead Exposure infographic also earned a bronze award.

HealthyChildren.org received the 2016 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Media Award for news reporting that contributed to public awareness about communication, including speech and language development, hearing loss prevention and parents’ use of smartphones around young children.

Infectious disease self-assessment

Are you aware of the contraindications for rubella vaccine? Do you know treatment options for acute bacterial sinusitis in children who are allergic to penicillin? Did you know that family members of HIV-infected individuals need to be immunized according to routine recommendations with very few exceptions?


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