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Mark Del Monte named CEO/EVP of American Academy of Pediatrics

The AAP Board of Directors has named Mark D. Del Monte, J.D., CEO/Executive Vice President (EVP) of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Del Monte has served as the organization's interim CEO since July 2018.

Prior to being named interim CEO, he served as AAP chief deputy and senior vice president for Advocacy and External Affairs, directing communications, public relations and advocacy activities.

"Mark Del Monte's commitment to the mission, members and future of the American Academy of Pediatrics is well known to AAP members across the country," said AAP President Kyle E. Yasuda, M.D., FAAP. "A longtime trusted leader within the organization, Mark has a unique understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the profession of pediatrics today, and his background in advocacy gives him much-needed insight into how we can best advance our agenda for children. Mark has led the organization well over the last year, and I can think of no one more capable of leading the AAP at this moment than Mark."

Del Monte's appointment followed a period of assessment by the board of organizational changes and challenges. Last summer, the board planned to delay the search for a new CEO/EVP until January 2020, however in May, that timeline was accelerated due to the successful direction of the organization, as well as praise and positive comments from members, staff and outside partners regarding current leadership. A consultant was hired to obtain confidential feedback from the board and staff leadership to evaluate the AAP's progress under Del Monte's direction.

Following a comprehensive review of the consultant's findings, the AAP Board of Directors agreed unanimously to appoint Del Monte as the next CEO/EVP.

"I am honored to serve as the ninth CEO of the American Academy of Pediatrics," said Del Monte. "Having spent the last 14 years at the Academy, I understand and appreciate how vital pediatricians are to their patients, not just in the clinical setting, but as champions for children in communities. Pediatricians understand what children need and they are compelling messengers to articulate those needs, whether in groundbreaking policy statements, meetings with elected officials or in the media.

"The Academy's staff are incredibly talented, hard-working and mission driven. Their efforts help ensure the Academy remains a leading voice for children. I look forward to leading such an impactful organization during this important time for children's health. The Academy has never been more relevant or necessary," he said.

Del Monte joined the AAP in 2005 as assistant director in the AAP Washington, D.C., office, overseeing a portfolio of issues including pediatric drugs and devices, tobacco prevention, pediatric AIDS and children with disabilities. In 2010, he was named director of the D.C. office, following the retirement of longtime Director Elizabeth Jackie Noyes, M.A., FAAP (Hon.). He then advanced to chief public affairs officer in 2013 before being appointed chief deputy and senior vice president of Advocacy and External Affairs in 2016. He also served as interim development director from 2015-'17.

Prior to joining the Academy, Del Monte served as director of Policy and Government Affairs for the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families, a national organization advocating for children and families with HIV/AIDS. Before moving to Washington, D.C., he worked as a lawyer in his home state of California, providing direct legal services to HIV-positive, low-income children and families.

Del Monte holds a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a bachelor's degree from Gonzaga University.



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