**Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Pediatric Developmental/Behavioral Chapter Grants**

***Supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics***

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SODBP) is offering grants to chapters to improve collaboration related to developmental and behavioral conditions between pediatricians, developmental-behavioral pediatricians, and other child-centered professional disciplines in their state or chapter. These disciplines can be both medical and non-medical and include, but are not limited to, child psychiatrists, psychologists, early childhood and other educators, behavior analysts, social workers, child life/play specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech therapists.

Grant applications are due by September 15. The grant period runs from January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2023. The section will fund up to 8 one-year grants of up to $2,000 each.

All chapters are eligible to apply, including those who have received funding through the SODBP Chapter Grant Program previously. Consideration will be given to funding chapters of different sizes (small, medium, large, and very large) and to those who have not applied before.

Preference will be given to proposals that include the participation of early career physicians and/or medical students, residents, or fellows.

The criteria for a chapter to receive this grant are as follows:

1. The proposal must be for a project that addresses, supports, encourages, and evolves

a) the inter-professional collaboration between medical and non-medical disciplines that may make up a child’s professional resource-community, and

b) cross disciplinary knowledge sharing and coordination of care and services independent of institutional affiliation, including but not limited to:

* + Family education and awareness
	+ Communication, data, and information sharing
	+ Collaboration/sharing in decision-making between professionals with the family at the center
	+ Early identification
	+ Local referral patterns and networks
	+ Access to services, including screening, diagnosis, and treatment
	+ Collaborative treatment planning
	+ Inter-institutional team meetings
	+ Clinical integration
	+ Resource-community orchestration and coordinated intervention
	+ Integrated child/family experience management, including coordinated messaging
1. The proposal needs to focus on areas of interest to *both* pediatricians and non-pediatric child-centered professionals. Some potential areas might include but are not restricted to:
	* Impact of racism, violence, and other social determinants of health on child development and behavior
	* Developmental and behavioral implications of the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises and disasters
	* Behavioral, emotional, and/or developmental screening
	* Early intervention and/or school readiness
	* Autism identification and treatment
	* Immigrant and refugee mental health
	* Transition of care for children with neurodevelopmental disorders
	* Systems of care between primary care pediatrics, other child-health related disciplines, and/or community partners
2. Proposals must include the involvement of all three of the following:
	* 1) a primary care pediatrician
	* 2) a developmental-behavioral pediatrician, and
	* 3) at least one discipline outside of pediatric primary care, either individual contributor, professional association, or services organization. We encourage you to consider involving a family advocate program or family-centered organization in your proposal.

If you are having challenges in identifying any of the above, please contact SODBP manager, Robyn Wheatley, (rwheatley@aap.org) for support in meeting this requirement.

1. Proposals need to consider equity, diversity, and inclusion in project development and implementation (e.g., who is involved, who is reached/served, what is included in the content developed, and other relevant considerations depending on project activities).
2. Recipients agree to the following reporting and engagement requirements:
	* Participation in collaborative learning opportunities between grant recipients and the SODBP Executive Committee (approximately 1-3 sessions throughout year) as well as periodic communication with an assigned SODBP Executive Committee member.
	* Submission of a brief mid-year report and final report 30 days after funding ends.
	* Posting all relevant resources to the SODBP Collaboration Site and submitting a summary article to the SODBP bi-annual newsletter.
	* Acknowledgement of SODBP on all created materials *(“Developed with support from the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Chapter Grant Program.”)*

There may be an opportunity to share the outcomes of the project during the SODBP H program at the 2024 NCE.

The SODBP Executive Committee is available to provide technical support and consultation. Please contact Robyn Wheatley, MPH, SODBP manager, at rwheatley@aap.org with any questions that arise as you consider and prepare your application.

## **Application**

Chapter Name:

District:

Contact Person(s):

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Chapter size [based on number of voting fellows: Small (1–200); Medium (201–500); Large (501–1000) and Very Large (1001+)]:

Has your chapter received funding through the SODBP Chapter Grant program previously? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Application**

1. Please describe the activity that is being proposed that will demonstrate and enhance collaboration between general pediatricians, developmental behavioral pediatricians, and other child-centered professional disciplines. Include:
	1. How does your chapter already address DBP activities including developmental, behavioral, social-emotional, and mental health issues?
	2. What is/are the topic(s)/area(s) of interest for this grant?
	3. What does the chapter propose to do? How does the project address shared care and coordination of care and services among disciplines?
	4. What new chapter activities will result from this project?
2. Please describe how the proposed project addresses the following:
	1. The involvement of at least one
		1. Pediatrician
		2. Developmental-behavioral pediatrician
		3. Non-pediatric primary care discipline, either individual contributor, professional association, or services organization
	2. Participation of early career physicians and/or medical students, residents, or fellows
	3. Consideration of equity, diversity, and inclusion in project development and implementation
3. Please describe how you will evaluate/measure the success of your project.
4. Please describe a sustainability plan to maintain and continue to grow developmental-behavioral pediatrics and general pediatrics collaboration within the chapter.
5. Please include the amount requested and describe the way in which funding will be used/applied if awarded. Please include whether there are any additional funds available for the proposed project. An incentive/stipend payment and acknowledgment of contribution to the project is recommended and encouraged if including a family/youth representative in the proposal. Please attach a budget for the proposed project.
6. If selected to receive a grant, do you agree to:
	1. Participate in collaborative learning opportunities between grant recipients and the SODBP Executive Committee (approximately 1-3 sessions throughout the year) as well as periodic communication with an assigned SODBP Executive Committee member.
	2. Submit a brief mid-year report and final report 30 days after funding ends.
	3. Post all relevant resources to the SODBP Collaboration site and submit a short summary article to the AAP SODBP newsletter.
	4. Acknowledge SODBP on all created materials.

**Note: Grant money cannot be used to:**

* Fund social activities outside of the educational conference.
* Raise general funds for the chapter.
* Offset expenditures for meetings that have already taken place.

Please email the completed application and budget to:

Robyn Wheatley, MPH

Manager, Child and Family Health Initiatives

rwheatley@aap.org

Application Deadline: September 15, 2022

Please note: Proposals will not be considered if they are sent in without a budget or with a budget that exceeds the stated limits.