News from the AAP Council on Children and Disasters

AAP National Conference & Exhibition
See you in Anaheim!

**COCD H-Program**
Tools for Readiness and Resiliency: Caring for Children, Workforce, and Communities
Monday, October 10, 2022 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm PDT
Session: H0315
Location: Anaheim Convention Center, Room 263AB

**Program Highlights**

8:00am Opening Remarks

8:10am Council Business Meeting Updates

8:30am Tabletop Exercise – Pediatric Perspectives in Disaster Planning

9:30am Disaster Planning and Communication Approaches
Krashawndra Edwards, MSL, EMS, APS
Emergency Management Project Manager, Walt Disney Parks & Resorts

10:00am Regional Disaster Preparedness Approaches
Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD, FACEP, FAAP, FAEMS
Medical Director, Los Angeles County EMS Agency

11:00am Simulation Approaches as a Tool in Disaster Training
Todd Chang, MD, MAcM, FAAP
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles

11:45am Federal Pediatric Disaster Planning Updates

12:00pm Oral Abstract and Abstract Award Presentations

12:30pm Poster Presentations (Convention Center Hall A)

**National Preparedness Month**
National Preparedness Month is observed each September to raise awareness about the need to prepare for disasters and emergencies. The 2022 theme provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is "A Lasting Legacy. The life you’ve built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family." Themes, social media and graphics, and videos are available.

![National Preparedness Month Image](image-url)

**COCD Webinar - Recording Available!**
Thank you to all who participated in the recent COCD webinar, Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Makes a Difference. Moderated by Dr Erica Popovsky, this webinar featured presentations from Dr Jefferson Barrett, Dr Christopher Newton, Dr Deanna Dahl Grove, and Dr Charles Macias and highlighted pediatric disaster planning tools and projects from the EMSC EIIC, WRAP-EM, Region V for Kids, and the PPN. Click here to access the recording of the live session, which is also accessible from the COCD collaboration site.

**DisasterCast Series**
Episodes are available on the AAP Disasters and Children website – click here to view and share the full collection!

- Pediatric Readiness for American Indian and Native Alaskan Children – Dr Ryan Brown and Dr Jonathan Eisenberg
- Planning for Civil Unrest – Dr Joelle Simpson and Dr Amyna Husain
- Pediatric Triage and Tagging – Dr Nichole Davis and Dr Dennis Ren
- Climate Change – Dr Rebecca Philipsborn and Dr David Greenky
- School Violence with Mass Casualties – Dr David Schonfeld and Dr Hazel Jeong
- Hurricane Preparedness – Dr Yasmin Pedrogo and Dr Brent Kaziny
- Preparing for Wildfires – Dr Scott Needle and Dr Natasha Gill
- Chemical and Biological Incidents – Dr Carl Baum and Dr Eric Dziuban
- Reunification Planning – Dr Sarita Chung and Dr Eric Dziuban
AAP Disaster Preparedness and Response Activities
Disaster Management ECHO Programs

**Recruiting Now: Faculty for Disaster Management for CYSHCN ECHO Series**
The AAP is seeking subject matter experts to serve as faculty for an upcoming ECHO (Extension for Community Health Outreach) series that will address the specific needs of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in disaster management efforts. The Disaster Management for CYSHCN ECHO will begin in November 2022 and will consist of 6 sessions. Tentative session topics include:

- The Why: Experiences of Families of CYSHCN During Disasters
- Specific Considerations for Families with CYSHCN in the Preparedness Phase
- Specific Considerations for Families with CYSHCN in the Response Phase
- Working with Families with CYSHCN in Rural Communities
- Learning from Partners: National and Local Organizations Serving Families
- Improving Disaster Management Strategies for CYSHCN in Your Setting

These 6, 1-hour sessions will be held every 2 weeks from November 2022 through January 2023. Faculty will be expected to attend a faculty onboarding training and each ECHO session, including a 15-minute huddle prior to each session and a 15-minute de-brief following each session. A stipend will be provided.

To expand diversity of our ECHO faculty team, the AAP is inviting all those interested in being considered for the faculty team for the Disaster Management for CYSHCN ECHO to **complete this survey** ([https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FacultyAppCYSHCN-DisasterMgmt-ECHO](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FacultyAppCYSHCN-DisasterMgmt-ECHO)) by **September 26, 2022**. This invitation to apply is not restricted to pediatrician members.
If you have any questions, please contact AAP staff, Heather Fitzpatrick (hfitzpatrick@aap.org).

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**Featured Information**

**Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center**
Hospital-based teams are being recruited **now through October 1, 2022** to participate in a 6-month long quality improvement project that offers up to 25 points towards the ABP MOC 4 requirements. Apply [here](#). Questions? Please contact AAP staff Heather Fitzpatrick (hfitzpatrick@aap.org).

**National Pediatric Disaster Conference**
October 27-28, 2022 (Zoom, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm daily MST/PDT)
This virtual conference will examine joint response potential and novel resources among first responders, healthcare (including mental health), emergency management, business, nonprofits, military forces, and others using a catastrophic incident scenario to drive discourse. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

**National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference**
November 29-December 1, 2022 (Anaheim, CA)
This conference will feature 5 tracks: executive coalition leadership, expanding and sustaining coalitions, emerging threats, pediatrics, and health equity and coalition diversity. More information can be found [online](#).
Featured AAP Articles, Courses, and Webinars

Meet the Red Book Committee – Influenza Update Recording Available
Watch this free webinar from the Red Book Committee to learn from expert speakers about current AAP and CDC policy recommendations for the 2022-’23 influenza season. Topics include vaccine hesitancy, disparities in vaccination rates, and strategies to improve catch-up on childhood vaccination rates in practice settings. Watch [here](#) now!

AAP Podcast: Monkeypox Prevention
On an episode of AAP Pediatrics On Call, Kristina (Kris) Bryant, MD, FAAP, describes ways to diagnose and prevent transmission of monkeypox. Hosts David Hill, MD, FAAP, and Joanna Parga-Belinkie, MD, FAAP, also talk to Jeffrey Boris, MD, FAAP, about his research on Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome, which is associated with long COVID.

Recruiting Now – AAP Infection Prevention and Control Quality Improvement ECHO!
The American Academy of Pediatrics is recruiting primary care practice teams to join a 3-month learning collaborative aimed at improving knowledge, skills and self-efficacy around infection prevention and control strategies. Primary care clinicians and their teams will participate in 2 sessions per month: 1 learning session and 1 quality improvement (QI) session, applying QI methodology from **October – December 2022 for a total of 6 sessions**. Preference will be given to pediatric practices from and/or serving rural and underrepresented populations. [Apply online!](#)

Plan Your Flu Vaccine Clinic with New Tools from AAP
The new [How to Set Up a Flu Clinic](#) toolkit from the AAP includes resources for pediatric practices to plan and implement an in-office vaccination clinic. With annual influenza vaccination rates below optimal levels, setting up a flu vaccination clinic is a great way to increase rates by providing your patients with efficient access to vaccination before the start of the influenza season. This flu clinic toolkit links to the communication toolkit with updated shareable social media graphics, editable
posters, and a one-pager to print for families. Use these new tools to promote your clinic and to remind parents about the importance of getting vaccinated now.

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2022 Council Calendar

October 10th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm PT (Anaheim, CA)
COCD H-Program (H0315)
AAP National Conference & Exhibition

October 7-11, 2022 Anaheim, CA
Register here.

November 10th from 12:00-1:00 pm CT
COCD Education Subcommittee Virtual Meeting

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Council Leadership
See the full roster of Council Executive Committee members.

Steven E. Krug, MD, FAAP, Chairperson
Sarita Chung, MD, FAAP, Vice Chairperson

Communications Subcommittee
- David Greenky, MD, FAAP, Subcommittee Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Liaison from the Membership Subcommittee
- Elizabeth Hewett Brumberg, MD, FAAP (Council-at-Large)

Education Subcommittee
- Joelle Simpson, MD, MPH, FAAP, Subcommittee Chairperson (Executive Committee)
- Natasha Gill, MD, MPH, FAAP, Co-Chairperson (Executive Committee)
- Amyna Husain, DO, FAAP, Co-Chairperson (Council-at-Large)

Membership Subcommittee
- Eric Dziuban, MD, DTM, CPH, FAAP, Subcommittee Chairperson (Executive Committee)
Tell us what you think. This newsletter has been created for your benefit! If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email DisasterReady@aap.org.

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