Your AAP donations foster healthy development among young children.

Those early years for children are so crucial. New and well-crafted programs that help children develop to their maximum potential mean so much – for the child as they grow and the families that take care of them. **Your AAP donations are paving the way for pediatricians to improve their influence on early childhood development.**

**AAP Early Childhood Chapter Champions** is an initiative of the American Academy of Pediatrics to expand the involvement of early childhood advocates and leaders throughout the AAP networks. This Friends of Children funded special training will focus on recruiting new early childhood chapter
champions and building advocacy and media relation skills for all champions. Topical trainings will focus on early childhood development issues, promoting social-emotional development as well as early literacy immersion. This program supports valued community services such as childcare, preschool, home visiting, and parenting programs. The training events will include an Early Childhood Inspirational Speaker Series with case examples and discussion, Early Childhood advocacy ECHO and an opportunity to inform the Council on Early Childhood strategic planning process.

“Friends of Children funds support the work we do as AAP Early Childhood Champions. Meeting together to share ideas and set goals is critical to our child advocacy work. I’m so grateful to the Friends of Children for the opportunity to learn from early childhood champions across the country to promote early childhood and family well-being.” -Dr. Amy Shriver, ECCC Iowa AAP

Donations through the AAP Friends of Children Fund provide essential support for AAP Chapter Early Childhood Champions Training and programs like it. Your generosity allows the roster of early childhood advocates to grow. That means a better future for kids.

Thank you for all that you do. I look forward to highlighting another instance of your AAP donations improving the lives of kids, their families and pediatricians.

With gratitude,

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