



### **Child Welfare and Health Policy Pediatric Fellowship Description**

This prestigious one-year fellowship will support the eight-hours-per-week contributions of a pediatrician to AAP's growing portfolio of child welfare policy work. This fellow will provide critical clinical expertise and experience working with children and families involved in the child welfare system to inform and shape AAP's relevant policy work.

Overall fellowship activities will include:

- Providing clinical expertise to inform AAP's child welfare policy work;
- Reviewing relevant medical and public health literature to support development of AAP written materials;
- Collaborating with AAP staff and funders on projects of mutual interest;
- Collaborating with AAP and partners on data analysis;
- Educating pediatricians, other health professionals, policymakers, and other stakeholders on key issues in child welfare policy from a pediatric perspective;
- Contributing clinical expertise to support AAP education of policymakers and partners;
- Writing reports, briefs, op-eds, and journal articles on key issues at the intersection of pediatrics and child welfare policy;
- Supporting collaborative child welfare policy work with AAP chapters; and
- Working closely with the Director, Federal Advocacy & Child Welfare Policy to develop, implement, and monitor strategic action plans on AAP child welfare policy priorities.

Specific fellowship activities will include:

1. Advising AAP policy staff and partners on the intersection between clinical best practices in caring for children involved in the child welfare system and public policy.
2. Attending relevant child welfare events and recording notes to share back with AAP's federal advocacy child welfare staff.
3. Drafting reports, memoranda, articles, and presentations on child welfare policy issues impacting children's health.
4. Tracking child welfare legislation and policy notices.
5. Researching and synthesizing medical and public health literature to inform AAP's educational materials on child welfare policy.
6. Speaking at events to educate policymakers, child welfare professionals, and health professionals about key issues in child welfare policy, including the *Family First Prevention Services Act*.
7. Analyzing child welfare and child health data and developing visual representations and written analyses to help inform AAP, partner, and policymaker discussions.
8. Joining AAP policy staff for targeted educational meetings with Congressional and executive branch policymakers and staff.
9. Seeking opportunities to publish child welfare policy and child health research in peer-reviewed journals using existing datasets.
10. Representing AAP in meetings and at events related to child welfare policy.
11. Supporting AAP efforts to engage AAP chapters and leaders in child welfare policy.
12. Mentoring pediatricians interested in child welfare policy.
13. Assisting with facilitating the Child Welfare Policy and Pediatric Learning Collaborative sessions.

## **Fellowship Requirements**

- Early-to-mid-career pediatrician
- Must be able to commit to 8 total hours weekly, including one virtual “in-office” fellowship day each week for at least 4 consecutive hours
- Must participate in the Child Welfare Policy and Pediatric Learning Collaborative MOC curriculum unless already completed
- Fellow will use a portion of their fellowship award to travel for two trips for engagement with the AAP Federal Advocacy team which may include in-person meetings in Washington, DC or AAP conferences
- Must be a board-certified pediatrician or pediatric sub-specialist who is a Fellow of the AAP
- Three to five years of clinical patient care with direct experience caring for children involved in the child welfare system is required.
- Excellent writing, policy analysis, and project management skills required.
- Must be able to assume a full range of delegated responsibilities, work both independently and as part of a team, exercise good judgment, and display initiative.
- The selected individual will work primarily virtually, traveling for meetings and events as needed.
- This fellowship may include travel and some weekend work.