



INAAP Monthly News & Updates February 2019

Letter from the President

Another successful day at the statehouse in the books!

A big THANK YOU to all of our INAAP members who took time out of their busy schedules to be at the statehouse last week. Leading hundreds of other advocates around the state, we provided a clear and powerful message to our state leaders to push for a \$2.00 tax increase per cigarette pack.

Admittedly, meeting one-on-one with my state senator or representative was something that has taken practice, but I've learned a few tricks that make for a meaningful, and most importantly, influential visit:

- 1) Have confidence. You're the expert! It's normal to feel a little nervous, but our representatives respect our training and experiences. Just like talking with parents, my goal is to educate and explain without coming off as paternalistic. And remember, we represent Hoosier children! Politics aside, we always put children first.
- 2) Have an ask. You took time out of your schedule, fought downtown traffic, and searched for parking for an hour. As Alexander Hamilton would say, don't throw away your shot! Have a clear, concise 'ask' and get it out sooner rather than later.
- 3) Make it personal. Your legislator represents you and the children in his or her district, let them know why your ask *matters*. Use stories that you see in your clinic, or examples of data in your area. That is the stuff that will stick after you leave.
- 4) Get contact information.... And make contact! Even if you don't see eye-to-eye on this particular issue, leave that door open. Having a personal, respected relationship with your legislator can reap dividends down the road.

That's it! Combining a powerful lobbying presence, INAAP legislative leadership (lead by Drs. Sarah Stelzner and Jaime Stelzer), and an enthusiastic membership, our ability to bring change to policy for the betterment of Indiana's children has never been stronger.

Remember to it's not too late to register for the national Legislative conference, and we hope to see you again next year at our day at the state house!





MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT

INAAP is very excited to announce that it will be hosting it's first annual
Pediatric CME Conference this year

SAVE THE DATE: August 23-24, 2019

The conference will take place at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. INAAP's

Conference Committee has put together an amazing list of speakers and topics for the conference, and full details about the conference will be available very soon.

For now, SAVE THE DATE: August 23-24, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana!

2019 Legislative Bill Tracking List

INAAP maintains a presence at the Statehouse throughout the entirety of the legislative session, and we have provided testimony on key bills since the start of session on January 3rd. Providing testimony to our lawmakers on issues related to pediatrics is a critical role we must play to ensure the health and well being of children in our state.



We also discuss dozens more bills with legislators whenever we get the chance to help them understand how their decisions will affect child health. Below is a summary of the testimony we have given so far, as well as a full list of bills we are currently tracking.

Tobacco Tax - One of our goals this year was to raise the price of cigarettes by \$2.00 a pack. As part of the Raise it 4 Health Coalition, INAAP worked throughout the year to build momentum for this measure by speaking at events in various cities throughout the state, writing letters to the editor, and being a part of rallies at the Statehouse (see pictures above). Increasing the price of cigarettes is the number one most effective intervention to keep people from picking up the habit of smoking or to convince a smoker to quit.

The price increase would have to be introduced as an amendment to the budget proposal that was unveiled by the House last week, and the budget would then have to be approved by the end of April.

SB 394 / HB 1097 - Advance Practice Registered Nurses - Under the current law in Indiana advance practice nurses must maintain a collaborative agreement with a physician. SB 394 and HB 1097 both seek to eliminate the requirement of a collaborative agreement if certain conditions are met.

We have worked hard to provide education and insight on this bill to lawmakers so the state adopts something that is in the best interest of Children in Indiana. Advance practice nurses play an integral role in the field of pediatrics, but we must make sure they have the education and training necessary to handle every situation that might come their way. We have been working with members of the general assembly to craft an amendment to the bills that would require certain additional training and oversight before an APRN would be able to practice independently.

SB 440 - TANF Benefits - INAAP provided written testimony about the need to update benefits under the TANF program to ensure the health of children in Indiana. You can read the testimony [HERE](#).

HB 1547 - Pregnancy Services for Minors - INAAP member Dr. Tracey Wilkenson testified on this bill which would allow pregnant 16 or 17 year old adolescents in Indiana to consent to their own health care. The state already allows these patients to consent to healthcare for their newborn children, but does not currently allow them to consent to something like an epidural without permission from their parent or guardian. This bill ensures that these patients receive that power. The bill passes unanimously through the House and will head to the Senate during the second half of the legislative session.

HB 1007 - Perinatal Navigator Program - INAAP President Dr. Tony GiaQuinta provided supportive testimony on this bill that would establish a perinatal navigator program through the Indiana State Department of Health with the goal of helping to lower Indiana's infant mortality rate. INAAP also provided a letter of support for the program which you can read [HERE](#).

HB 1651 - Sale of Firearms to Dangerous Individuals - INAAP Advocacy Committee Co-chair Dr. Jaime Stelzer testified on this bill which would close a loophole in Indiana that currently allows guns to be purchased by potentially dangerous individuals. Even though Indiana's "red flag" law allows the state to take away guns from individuals that have been deemed dangerous, there is nothing currently in the law that would prevent those dangerous individuals from going out and purchasing more guns. This bill would close that loophole. The bill has passed successfully through the house, and will not be considered by the Senate for approval.



Next INAAP Member Meeting - April 10, 2019
Tobacco Cessation and E-Cigarettes: Addressing the new Epidemic
RSVP by April 9th



INAAP's next member meeting will take place at the Joseph Maley Foundation on April 10, 2019. The meeting will focus on tobacco cessation and e-cigarettes.

The meeting will feature Miranda Spitznagle who serves as the head of the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Commission at the Indiana State Department of Health, as well as Lisa Wegner who serves as INAAP's CEASE Program Coordinator.

This will be a great opportunity to come here our presenters talk about tobacco use and e-cigarettes from a public health perspective, as well as things clinicians can do to help address smoking in the homes of their patients.

Free dinner is provided, though an RSVP is required. Please use the link below to let us know if you'd like to join us!

April 10 Member Meeting

AAP Legislative Conference Registration Still Available

Registration for AAP's Legislative Conference in Washington, DC is still open. The conference runs from April 7-9, 2019.



The legislative conference offer the following opportunities:

- Attend advocacy skills-building workshops based on your interests
- Experience the legislative process through interactive sessions
- Visit with your congressional offices on Capitol Hill
- Hear firsthand from guest speakers and child health policy experts
- Learn about policy priorities impacting children and pediatricians
- Network with other advocates and AAP leaders from across the country
- Become a strong voice for children!

The conference will also feature a Pediatric Subspecialty Advocacy Track with legislative and skills building workshops uniquely focused on the interests and needs of pediatric medical subspecialists and surgical specialists.

Registration for the 45th annual Riley Children's Health Pediatric Conference is now open!

Overview

Join fellow pediatric primary care providers from across Indiana and the Midwest May 15-16, 2019 at the 54th Annual Riley Children's Health Pediatric Conference. "Driving the Future of Child Health, One Patient at a Time" will focus on early brain development.

Date & Location

Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 8:00 AM - Thursday, May 16, 2019, 5:00 PM, NCAA Hall of Champions and Conference Center, Downtown Indianapolis 700 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN



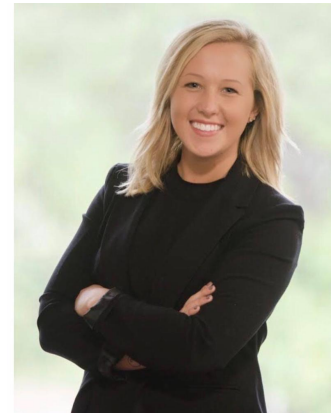
Target Audience

Adolescent Medicine, Allergy and Immunology, Child Abuse Pediatrics, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Dermatology, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Gastroenterology, Medical Toxicology, Patient Safety and Quality, Pediatric Gastroenterology, Pediatric Pulmonology, Pediatrics, Public Health, Pulmonary Disease, Sleep Medicine, Social Work

More information here: <https://iu.cloud-cme.com/default.aspx?P=5&EID=44772#>

Reach Out and Read Updates for 2019

February has been a busy month for Reach Out and Read Indiana! As the program coordinator I have been able to visit almost half of the sites that host Reach Out and Read in Marion County so far. Through these visits I have been able to assess each site and collaborate on how to deliver the most effective, highest quality, efficient school-readiness initiatives in the state. Currently, our main priority is to make sure each site is implementing the Reach out and Read model with fidelity and to ensure that each site has access to funding for the program.



It has been encouraging to witness the passion behind Reach Out and Read and truly see transformative power of books and reading to strengthen families and positively affect the development of children. I am looking forward to strengthening our current sites and expanding our reach to the children in Indiana.

Reach Out and Read has exciting events coming up this year, including our fourth annual "Read IN" fundraiser. This event is held as a joint venture between the Indianapolis Central Public Library and the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. This year it will be held on April 27th from 10am -3pm at the Indianapolis Central Library. Look for more detailed information about the event in next month's newsletter.

If you would like more information on Reach Out and Read, please contact me with the information provided below.

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