

Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

The Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) is a leading statewide organization that provides education, information, and resources to a membership base of pediatricians, clinicians, and other medical professionals. We collaborate with other public and private organizations that share our dedication towards improving the health and well-being of children.

Our members are uniquely positioned in both their industry and community. Because pediatricians see children from birth up to age 19, they not only play a critical role in the development of children, but often enjoy a strong position of trust with their patients and their families. This relationship provides opportunities to share medically accurate information and to educate and advise on other areas of the social ecology that can contribute to the health, academic success, and job readiness of our next generation.

Our Reach



2,000 Members



Lead 15+ programs to support children's health and wellbeing



Coordinate over a dozen Pediatrician run Committees

In 2022, ICAAP hosted 36 professional education opportunities, an average of three per month. These events took place both in-person and online in order to provide members with the flexibility they need to take advantage of these opportunities and maximize participation. At our Annual Conference, we hosted 160 health professionals from across the state.

Strategic Priorities

- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Social Determinates of Health
- ✓ Health and Wellbeing of Pediatricians

ICAAP leads statewide to support programs and families with Pediatric Mental Health, School Health, Immunizations and COVID-19, Children with Chronic Diseases and Disabilities, Child Abuse and Neglect, Early Childhood and Early Intervention, Social Determinants of Health such as food and housing security, among other topics.

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ICAAP's Impact

ICAAP leads **fifteen major programs** that address critical areas of children's health and wellbeing across our state.

- **Adolescent health:** Focusing on mental health, sleep, relationships, healthy eating habits and more.
- **Early childhood initiatives**, which are critical to a child's future health and success. We have programs focused on breast/chestfeeding, early intervention and oral health. We also address children's health through lead poisoning training, education, and outreach campaigns.
- Through the **Reach Out and Read Illinois** program, we provide resources and opportunities that not only promote children's literacy but improve relational health and build a strong bond between providers and patients. This program reaches more than 150,000 children annually.

We also address challenges facing families in need, especially **housing and food insecurity**. Housing is specifically addressed through the Collaboration on Child Homelessness – Illinois (COCHI) and the First Steps program.

Immigration is also an issue that uniquely affects children and those who care for them, and we address this issue through our Midwest Human Rights Consortium (MHRC), Refugee/Immigrant Child Health Initiative (RICHI), helping improve access to care for children in immigrant families.

Routine childhood immunizations, including COVID-19, play a critical role in the health and wellbeing of children and families in Illinois. We lead **Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (I-VAC)** alongside efforts to promote flu and other vaccinations. We also create and distribute information on vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization schedules for patients and families.

Through our **Member Committees**, we provide opportunities for pediatricians to share their knowledge, experience, and expertise to benefit Illinois' clinicians and children. ICAAP leads committees that address topics including:

- Breast/chestfeeding
- Children with Chronic Diseases and Disabilities
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Continuing Medical Education and Quality Improvement
- Early Childhood
- Educational Conference Planning
- Government Affairs
- Immunizations
- Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention
- Pediatric Mental Health
- School Health
- Reach Out and Read Illinois
- Refugee and Immigrant Child Health Initiative



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