



President's Bulletin – June 2017

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SDBP Strategic Plan Update

I would like to share with you a one-page summary of our Society's progress and priorities going forward. I am very excited by the momentum that is demonstrated in this table:

[SDBP Strategic Plan Table 2017](#)

Many of these accomplishments and activities will have a major impact on the Society and the field. If you would like further information about any of the items on the table, please contact Janice Wilkins (janice@sdbp.org), and Janice will put you in touch with the relevant resources.

SDBP Annual Meeting, Cleveland, October 13-16, 2017

It's time to be planning continuing education for the coming year, and I want to give you a taste of what is in store in Cleveland. Our Program Committee has listened to the feedback from past years and is planning several enhancements to our annual meeting. Our meeting theme (Improving Outcomes through Partnership and Collaboration) will be reflected in the presentations by our Lectureship recipient Dr. Peter Rosenbaum and also in my address. We have revised the schedule to add more content, with workshops beginning on Friday afternoon, and some innovative new sessions, such as a featured plenary on Autism and Inclusion, with participation by students with and without ASD. There is a fantastic range of workshops, including media training for DBP professionals, and an advocacy workshop (with the support of AUCD). Also, a concurrent session will provide psychologists with ethics credits. We have had more submissions for abstracts, workshops and concurrent sessions than last year – Cleveland promises to be a spectacular meeting, with something for everyone!

Study demonstrates improved care and health due to ACA

As the Senate quietly deliberates regarding health care legislation, we need to stay engaged, and take opportunities to advocate for children. In a recent [Study](#) published in Health Affairs, "the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion not only increased insurance coverage rates, but also improved access and affordability among low-income patients over the last three years." The researchers collected data from low-income adults in three states: Kentucky, which expanded Medicaid; Arkansas, which expanded private insurance in the federal Marketplace; and Texas, which opted for no expansion. They found that by 2016, the uninsured rate dropped to 7.4 percent in Kentucky and 11.7 percent in Arkansas while plateauing at 28.2 percent in Texas. In addition, Kentucky and Arkansas saw lower cost and improved quality of care.

Medicaid and Children with Special Health Care Needs

The President's budget proposal included deep cuts in Medicaid funding. This infographic from the Kaiser Family Foundation may be helpful in members' efforts to advocate for children's health care:

[Kaiser Family Medicaid Children Healthcare](#)

Also, see this recent presentation by Aimee Ossman, policy analyst at Children's Hospital Association, at PAS.

[Children Health Policy PAS](#)

Detention of Immigrant Children

In case you missed it, there was a detailed and informative Policy Statement from Drs. Julie Linton, Marsha Griffin, Alan Shapiro and the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics in the May edition of Pediatrics:

[Detention of Immigrant Children](#)

June 1 is International Children's Day in many countries (I understand that US Children's Day is Sunday June 11). The AAP has developed a toolkit for pediatricians to assist with advocacy efforts:

[AAP Pediatrician Advocacy Toolkit](#)

Also, you may be interested in a recent Webinar "Supporting Young Children in Immigrant Families: What early childhood stakeholders need to know about the new immigration orders," organized by The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national, nonpartisan, anti-poverty organization:

[Webinar: Supporting Young Children in Immigrant Families](#)