

WV AAP  's Child Literacy



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# Childhood Immunizations in West Virginia

As pediatricians, the members of the West Virginia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) believe that no child should have to suffer from preventable disease. We are proud of West Virginia's track record as a national leader in childhood immunization rates thanks to our strong school immunization policies. Weakening these policies will have consequences for our ability to protect communities from infectious diseases. Actions that weaken our immunization policies in West Virginia harm our state as a whole and will increase the risk of West Virginia children contracting vaccine-preventable disease.

We are concerned by the rise in measles cases nationally in 2024. By permitting school entry vaccine exemptions for non-medical reasons, West Virginia is undermining pediatricians' ability to protect all the children of West Virginia from preventable, potentially deadly diseases.

The AAP's chief concern is the health and wellbeing of all children. It has been the AAP's longstanding position to oppose the expansion of non-medical vaccine exemptions. Our goal continues to be to provide maximum protection to children wherever they live, learn, and grow.

West Virginia's pediatricians will continue to strongly recommend routine childhood immunizations as the best way to protect our patients and communities from preventable diseases and needless harm. We are eager to work with State officials to expand access to childhood immunizations and overcome barriers to care for all West Virginia children. We remain optimistic that policymakers in West Virginia will work with us to maintain our school-aged policies in a way that continues to protect children, following the best medical data available. We best value each child in West Virginia by preserving our longstanding immunity standards.

***Statement from the WV AAP  
on the status of childhood  
immunizations in West Virginia***



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Please join us for the 2025 WV AAP

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# 2025 WV AAP ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE SUMMIT

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*Educating and engaging pediatric providers in literacy initiatives for WV children and families.*

**WHEN:**  
**MAY 2-3, 2025**

**WHERE:**  
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**Webinar:**

***Hospital to Home - Continuity  
of Care for Newborns***

Join the Maryland Chapter of the  
AAP for a webinar presented by  
**Dr. Colleen Kraft.**

**When: Monday, March 24, 2025,  
from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**



Please review our **2025 Blueprint for Children** by clicking the above image.

This plan outlines our West Virginia child health  
policy priorities for 2025 and beyond.



## ***Our Partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of West Virginia***

Through a partnership with the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, our aligned mission is to provide high-quality books to children statewide to promote early literacy, school readiness, long-term academy achievement, and lifetime success.

To further this effort, we wish to utilize and redistribute the undeliverable Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books that are otherwise disposed of at USPS sites. These books have been paid for in advance by our program partners.

Permission is granted for the pickup of the undeliverable Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books to be coordinated with the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Your support and partnership are great appreciated!

Please reach out directly with any questions pertaining to this project.

With sincere appreciation,

**Jamie Lima**

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# WVCTSI PROJECT ECHO

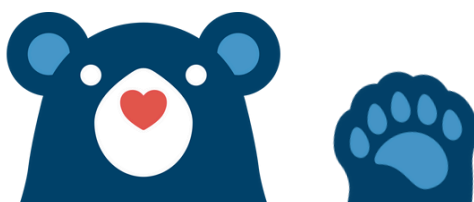
## Eliminating Hepatitis C in Pregnant Persons and Infants

WVCTSI Project ECHO, in collaboration with the WV AAP, is launching a pilot ECHO Project to eliminate hepatitis C in pregnant persons and infants. These one-hour sessions will launch in February 2025. They will include didactic and de-identified case presentations. The sessions will be recorded, and one general hour of CME credit will be offered.

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Date	Topic	Presenter
2/18/25	Screening During Pregnancy - Including Epidemiology of Diseases	Judith Feinberg, MD
3/18/25	Labor and Delivery	Rawan El-Amin, DO
4/15/25	Follow-Up Screening for Hepatitis C in Perinatally Exposed Infants	Jennifer Gerlach, MD Marianna Lanata, MD
5/13/25	Management of Hepatitis C in Infants and Postpartum Patients	Jacob Kilgore, MD Judith Feinberg, MD Jay Mason, MPA



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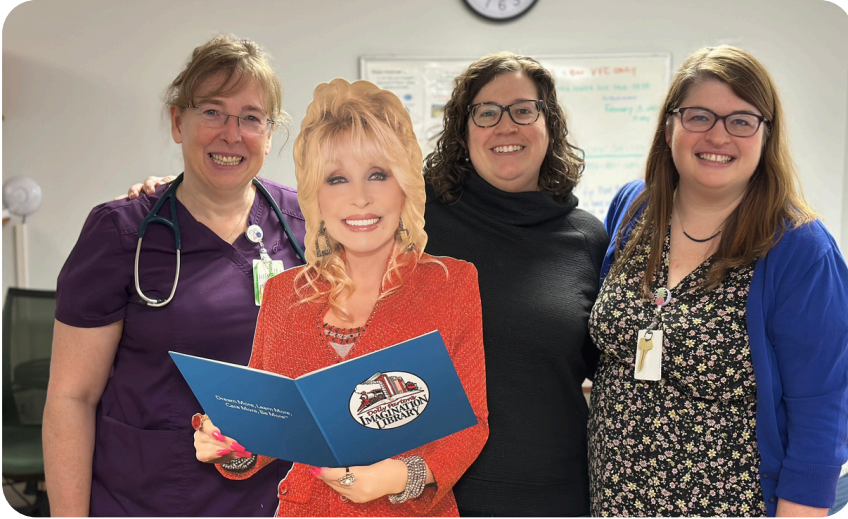
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us know if you  
plan to attend.  
Registration  
opens **May 1!***



# In the Field 2025



**Dr. Kim Cross, Dr. Beth Emrick, & Dr. Allison Holstein** (pictured from left to right) at CAMC Peds Clinic.

**WV AAP leadership meeting at Stonewall Resort (Oct, 27, 2024) to develop a strategic plan for the 2025 WV Legislative Session.**



**Dr. Jennifer Gerlach (President) & Dr. Jacob Kilgore**, both from Marshall Pediatrics, testifying for the WV Legislature.

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