

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER CONNECT



WELCOME

Welcome to the WV AAP Chapter Connect, a periodic update on chapter happenings, ways to get involved in the chapter, and showcase what our members do across the state.

As you can see, pediatrician's are great at multitasking!



FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING



Members of the WV AAP Leadership team met at Stonewall Jackson Report in November with the purpose to shape the future of the WV AAP, set priorities in advocacy, sustainability, and governance that will strengthen our chapter's leadership, voice, and impact.



Congratulations to the WV AAP Chapter for being awarded the Outstanding Chapter of the Year 2025 at the National AAP Annual Leadership conference. This was awarded based on work on advocacy efforts on immunization policy and literacy initiative.



Chapter Notes



Pediatric Residents from Marshall had a great time playing paintball at their yearly retreat!

Congratulations to Lisa Costello, MD, MPH, for winning the Outstanding Achievement in National or International Service.

This award recognizes WVU faculty for significant contributions that advance WVU Health Sciences' mission nationally or internationally.

Join us on the **Our Babies: Safe and Sound's** quarterly peer call. Dr.

Holstein will be speaking on:
Understanding Abusive Head Trauma in our Region: What the Data and Where we go next.

Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/quarterlycall>

Section on Early Career Physicians Grant Opportunity

Goal: support our early career physicians, as they conduct research, interventions, and education that address antiracism, health equity, and health disparities in communities and institutions.

Deadline: January 31, 2026

Visit the Early Career Physician section website for more information.

WV IN THE MILE HIGH CITY

Members of the WV AAP met for a social event while attending the NCE in Denver, Colorado.



Call for Chapter Champions!

What is a chapter champion? These are members who take on a leadership role in a specific area of pediatric health, serving as a liaison to promote best practices, provide education, and advocate for change within their state chapter. We are currently looking for champions for:

- 1. Healthy Mental Development (HMD) Chapter Champion** - serves as a subject matter expert on healthy mental development.
- 2. The Chapter Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Champion**- leader who will contribute to efforts to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion within their chapter and communities.

Contact Candice for additional information!

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Dolly Dash 2025

Members of the WV AAP participated in the 2025 Dolly Dash. We were well represented and had a great turnout! The proceeds directly benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of West Virginia. Hope to see you all again next year!



Save the Date

Monday, February 23rd 2026

WV AAP Advocacy Day at the WV State Capitol. Sign up **coming soon**.

May 1st, 2026 - WV AAP Children's Healthcare Summit at Stonewall Resort. More information coming soon.

Call for abstracts - Resident Research Competition. Case reports and original research. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2026**

Dr. Jennifer Gerlach spoke to the Marshall Pediatric Interest Group in October on her experiences in the WV AAP, practicing in the state, and being a child advocate.

HALLOWEEN FUN ACROSS THE STATE



Drs. Sarah and Samantha Frazier led their team to victory by winning first place in the FamilyCare Halloween costume contest



Meet the Addams (Marshall Residency) Family



CAMC Pediatrics and the Goblet of Rounds



Ghosts? No Problem. Dr. Claire Paxton, Dr. Loren Kasier, and their team chase down every challenge.

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