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From the Chapter President

Natural disasters the size of Hurricane Harvey brings us face to face with many important questions. Is there anything we can do to help now? Could we have been better prepared? Was this preventable?

The first question is obviously the most urgent. In times like these, we witness acts of heroism performed by ordinary people, neighbors and volunteers, people willing to act and put the interests of the more vulnerable above their own.

We learned valuable lessons in disaster preparedness from Hurricane Katrina. We learned the importance of personal preparedness, community resilience and the development of a professional and governmental infrastructure and resources for disaster response. Many such resources are now in existence that focus on the needs of children in disasters, such as the AAP Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council and the Children's Working Group established by FEMA. The AAP's Children & Disasters Website has a comprehensive listing of disaster resources for children.

Hurricanes and other weather disasters are not new. However, science suggests that global warming contributes to the frequency and severity of these disasters. Approximately one sixth of the world population live on coastal areas and are at risk of harm from these events. These questions appear too big to contemplate. But in the end, it is the power of people who are willing to act, individually or in groups or organizations that will make a difference for the better.

Best Regards,

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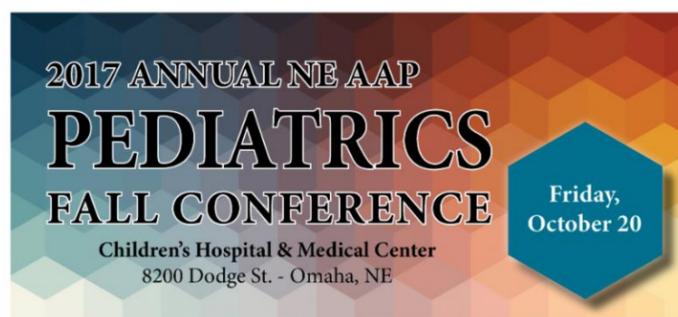
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STATEVIEW: a look at advocacy around the country

Take a look at what advocacy efforts are going on about the country at [STATEVIEW](#)

CHIP Set to Expire 9/30/17.

Federal Funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is scheduled to expire September 30, 2017 and congressional action is required to extend funding beyond this



Join your colleagues at the Nebraska AAP Fall Conference to be held on Friday, October 20th in Omaha in the Children's Hospital and Medical Center Glow Auditorium.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Network with your fellow physicians at a reception at Cedar in Countryside Village from 4-6 PM.

[More Information & Online Registration](#)

Application for CME is pending.



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deadline. By providing medical assistance for children who are not eligible for Medicaid, CHIP provides essential funding to support states to cover uninsured children. More than 1 in 8 U.S. children depend on CHIP for their medical and dental coverage. CHIIP's benefits were originally designed for kids, and as pediatricians, our voices will be important in deciding the future of this program. The American Academy of Pediatrics has developed a [CHIP factsheet for Nebraska](#).

Social Media

Don't forget to check out our Nebraska Chapter AAP Facebook and Twitter pages: [@NebAAP](#)

Keep up to date with Chapter happenings, as well as hot-off-the-press pediatric news.

Interested in helping with the social media subcommittee and if you have any ideas to contribute. You can reach out directly to director@nebraskaAAP.org.

Academic Pediatric Association Region IV Fall Meeting

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017
7:00 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.

[More information and online registration.](#)

This event is hosted by the UNMC Department of Pediatrics.

Seeking Community Providers for TeleECHO Clinics on Childhood Obesity

Children's Hospital & Medical Center, in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics Nebraska Chapter, is recruiting providers in Nebraska to participate in a new implementation of Project ECHO. Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is initially focused on improving capacity of primary care teams (the SPOKES) to provide quality care for the obese child.

Children's Project ECHO will convene national obesity experts and Children's specialty physicians (the HUB) to review cases in real-time, online learning sessions. Sessions will include a 15-20 minute presentation followed by case reviews and discussion. Providers will gain access to up-to-date guidelines on childhood obesity management and treatment, all while becoming part of a community of practice and learning.

Children's Project ECHO: Childhood Obesity will launch October 12, 2017, from Noon- 1:15pm, and will conclude in Spring 2018. The 15 teleECHOTM clinics will be offered approximately every two weeks and are scheduled on a variety of topics. The first five sessions are listed below:

October 12th:

Overview of Childhood Obesity and Introduction to Clinical Care of the Child with Obesity
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Sarah Hampl)

October 26th:

Childhood Obesity Comorbidities: Endocrine - Prediabetes, Type 2 Diabetes
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Melinda Chen)

November 9th:

Motivational Interviewing and Primary Care Prevention
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Christopher Bolling)

December 7th:

Early Assessment & Identification - Early Childhood
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Sandra Hassink)

December 14th:

Management of the Severely Obese Child
(Presenting Specialist Dr. Christy Turer)

For more information and to register, please contact [Dr. Karla Lester, Medical Director](#) or [Jen Mertens, ECHO Coordinator](#).

GenderWorks: Advancing Transgender Care in the Heartland - 2017 Conference

Friday, October 13, 2017
7:30 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.

This conference is dedicated to providing medical and mental healthcare providers with education and training on how to competently serve transgender patients and clients. It will also provide training to educators and policymakers seeking to advance the right of transgender students and community members.

[More information and online registration.](#)

This conference, is co-sponsored by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Nebraska Medicine, Professional Transgender Resource Network (PTRN), and the UNO Grace Abbott School of Social Work through the resources of the UNMC Center for Continuing Education.