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## **Chapter Connections - News Brief** August 2019

Dear NYS AAP - Chapter 3 Member,

As children return back to school, a new year begins for us as pediatricians. Under the leadership of our Immediate Past President, Dr. Heather Brumberg, the past year for our Chapter has been amazing! Thanks so much, Heather, for leading us into a bright future for the health of our children and families, and for supporting pediatrician well-being.

A lot has happened during the last few months:

Our June 1st annual Chapter meeting was a potpourri of engaging presentations (and much comradery). We celebrated our many advocacy accomplishments, were saddened hearing tragic stories of children at our borders, received an overview of how to engage in initiatives promoting children's environmental health, learned how to move parents' hesitancy about vaccines in the right direction, and took time to think about our personal priorities and how we can negotiate for ourselves.

On June 13th, at a joint Executive Meeting with Chapter 2, we learned about some positive changes the American Board of Pediatrics is pursuing to make Maintenance of Certification less burdensome.

In late July, we went to Itasca for this year's Annual District Meeting with our colleagues from California, where we celebrated our FANTASTIC win on vaccines in NYS! A special thank you to Elie Ward, our Director of Policy and Advocacy, and all of our members who worked so hard on this effort

We begin the year with a warm welcome to our pediatric trainees- medical students, residents, and fellows, many of whom are new members to our Chapter, and to all the pediatricians beginning new careers here. The NYS AAP - Chapter 3 looks forward to your participation in Chapter activities and to hearing from you, and all of our members, on how we can best meet the needs of your patients and yourselves. To that end, we are finalizing our Chapter's Five Year Strategic Plan, which we hope to share with our membership this fall.

*Your Chapter membership makes things happen for child health in New York!*

Sincerely,  
Lisa Handwerker, MD, FAAP  
President, NYS AAP - Chapter 3

**MEET YOUR NEW CHAPTER 3 OFFICERS**

**Term of Office: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021**



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## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

### **CDC LIVE WEBINAR: “Strategies for Addressing Vaccine Misinformation in the Practice”**

*Date/Time: Aug. 28, 1:00 – 2:00 pm*

**[Register Online](#)**

Join the Public Health Foundation (PHF) for a webinar featuring immunization experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), RefuahHealth Center, and Kids Plus Pediatrics. In this webinar, practicing healthcare professionals will share their evidence-based strategies for recommending vaccines and addressing vaccine hesitancy in their practice. Dr. Amanda Cohn from the CDC will provide



opening remarks about the agency's efforts to address vaccine misinformation and the important role that healthcare professionals can play in addressing vaccine misinformation. There is no charge to attend. Registration is required.

**AAP LIVE WEBINAR: "Women in Pediatrics"**

*Date/Time: Sept. 9, 8:00 – 9:00 pm*

[Register Online](#)

Join the American Academy of Pediatrics to celebrate Women in Medicine month! This webinar will discuss the contributions of women pediatricians as well as gender specific issues related to wellness, leadership, and equity. Join our expert panel to hear strategies for your organization and how the AAP is supporting women in pediatrics! There is no charge to attend. Registration is required.

**SAVE THE DATE: "18th Annual Regional Perinatal Public Health Conference: Resilience - Supporting Individuals, Families and Communities to Improve Health Across the Lifecourse"**

*Date/Time: Nov. 13, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm*

DoubleTree Hotel, Tarrytown, NY

[Save the Date Postcard](#)

[Registration Form](#)

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**A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM CHAPTER 3:  
Executive Council Meeting**

*Date/Time: Sept. 24, 5:30 – 8:30 pm*

The NYS AAP - Chapter 3 is pleased to announce that we will be opening up our quarterly business dinner meetings to all chapter members. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your chapter, and to meet and hear from the chapter leadership. Each meeting will also feature a special guest speaker(s) for a portion of the evening. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 24th in White Plains, NY. If you are interested in attending, please contact our Executive Director, Jessica Geslani, at [jgeslani@aap.org](mailto:jgeslani@aap.org) for more information.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:**

**Specialty Centers Support NY Pediatricians in Addressing  
Pediatric Environmental Health Concerns**



New York State **Children's**  
**Environmental Health Centers**

The [New York State Children's Environmental Health Centers](#) is a network of specialty centers that prevent, diagnose, and treat environmentally-related conditions for children across the state. Our experts also provide education and training to

healthcare providers regarding pressing issues in children's environmental health, and create outreach materials to help families take simple steps to a healthier environment.

Check out our "[Prescriptions for Prevention](#)" and share them with your patients (available in English and Spanish)!

**COMMITTEE ON UNDERSERVED CHILDREN:**

**Addressing Homelessness and**

## Gender-Based Violence

### Homelessness Initiatives:

- Committee has received AAP CATCH Planning grant for collaboration with Dept. Homeless Services, Care for the Homeless, and the NYSPAC
- Will plan and pilot intervention of health education sessions in family shelters from July 2019-June 2020, including developmental and immunization screening and connection to medical homes
- Will have resident involvement from multiple training centers



### Gender-Based Violence Initiatives:

- Committee also collaborating with Mayor's Office to End Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV)
- Held meeting on 6/3 at Manhattan Family Justice Center to discuss training pediatricians on identification and management of human trafficking
- Next steps: Any and all interested persons may join the Mayor's Office GBV Health Care Working Group, which meets quarterly, next meeting is in July
- Pediatricians and Child Abuse physicians to work together to develop guidelines for training all healthcare providers
- Anticipated collaboration with Injury and Violence Prevention Committee

If you are interested in joining the committee, or learning more about involvement in these initiatives, contact committee Chair, Dr. Katie Keown, at [mkk2147@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:mkk2147@cumc.columbia.edu).

## REMINDER: 2018 Meaningful Use Attestation Deadline is Sept. 30th

September 30, 2019 is the last day!

The 2018 Meaningful Use attestation deadline is 1 month away!! Have you logged in to [MEIPASS](#) yet to begin your attestation?

If you've already submitted, that's great! The NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Support Team will reach out to you when there is an update on your status.

If you haven't completed your attestation yet, and need help, contact Program Support at [hit@health.ny.gov](mailto:hit@health.ny.gov). You can also [View MU Attestation and Post-Payment Audit Tutorials](#).



## OUR MEMBERS IN PRINT:

**Dr. Nina Agrawal on Immigrant Health and Gun Violence**

Op-Ed by Dr. Nina Agrawal  
"Immigrant Children Are Fighting for  
Their Lives: What Can We Do?"



"My father was welcomed to the United States by the Statue of Liberty. Her iconic torch guided his ship into New York harbor from India (he was unable to afford a plane ticket in 1962). My mother cleaned houses while simultaneously going to graduate school and taking care of me. There were times when they didn't have food, but they persevered and sacrificed for the American dream — if you work hard, you can achieve anything." *Read the full Op-Ed on Doximity here:*

[https://www.doximity.com/doc\\_news/v2/entries/21645258](https://www.doximity.com/doc_news/v2/entries/21645258)

**Article Co-Authored by Dr. Nina Agrawal**

**"Youth exposure to violence involving a gun: evidence for adverse childhood experience classification"**

"Abstract: Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) have historically included child maltreatment, household dysfunction, and other critical issues known to impact children negatively. Although youth experiences with violence are broadly captured in some ACE measures, youth exposure to violence involving a gun has not been included specifically in the operationalizing, and therefore scientific study, of ACEs." *Read the full Journal of Behavioral Medicine article here:* <https://rdcu.be/bMFH3>



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR AWARDS

### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

- **Dr. Mirna Giordano** for her tireless work to create a Chapter committee addressing the opiate crisis and her efforts to engage pediatric hospitalists.
- **Dr. Lauren Jen** for her efforts to establish a Chapter mentoring program in response to early career physicians' communicated needs.
- **Dr. Lisa Eiland** for her work to spearhead Chapter initiatives around diversity and establishing a diversity and inclusion committee.



### HEALTHY TOMORROWS GRANT

**Dr. Evelyn Berger-Jenkins**

["Turn 2 Us \(T2U\) Mental Health Program Coordinator"](#)

### CATCH PLANNING GRANT

**Dr. Katie Keown:** ["Healthy Kids NYC"](#)

### CATCH IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

**Dr. Nancy Dodson:** ["A Selfie of the South Bronx"](#)

## CATCH INTERVENTION GRANTS

- Dr. Francesca Kingery: "[Images of Health in Washington Heights](#)"
- Drs. Claire Abraham and Katherine Tang: "[Addressing Food Insecurity through WIC Utilization](#)"
- Dr. Rachel Offenbacher: "[A bundle for improving safe sleep](#)"



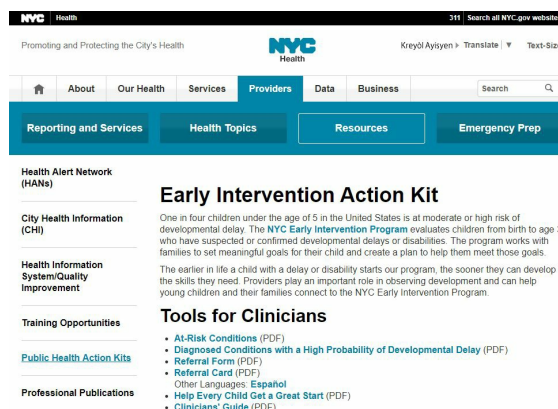
STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR  
Dr. Jonathan Blau

## RESOURCES: NYC DOHMH Early Intervention Action Kit & Immigrant Legal Resource Center Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan

### NYS DOHMH Early Intervention Action Kit

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Early Intervention Program provides evaluations and services for eligible children birth to three who are not walking, talking, playing, or learning like other children their age. When children get help for delays early, they have a better chance of reaching their full potential. The Program is free and available to all eligible New York families, regardless of race, ethnicity, income or immigration status.

The Early Intervention Program is happy to announce the launch of a new [Early Intervention Action Kit Page](#) and videos. The page contains new materials and videos that anyone can use when speaking with families about the Early Intervention Program. The Early Intervention Program hopes that you find these materials and videos helpful in your work with children and families.



### IMMIGRANT LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER (ILRC) "STEP-BY-STEP FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PLAN"

Many of the families we care for have worries about their immigration status. Here is a resource for immigrant families that pediatricians can keep in their offices and make available for all families: [Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan](#)

## NATIONAL AAP NEWS: President Elect Candidates



The National AAP National Nominating Committee has selected Dr. Lee Savio Beers of Washington, D.C., and Dr. Pamela K. Shaw of Kansas City, Kan., as candidates for AAP president-elect.

Additional information about the candidates, including profiles and position statements, can be found in AAP News and online at [www.aap.org/election](http://www.aap.org/election). Voting will begin Sept. 7 and ends Sept. 21.

## The NYS AAP - CHAPTER 3 is YOUR Local AAP Chapter

The New York State American Academy of Pediatrics (NYS AAP) is comprised of three local AAP Chapters, Chapters 1, 2, and 3, who work together as a coalition.

Your Chapter, the NYS AAP - Chapter 3, has over 1,700 members in 8 counties: Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess.

To learn more about Chapter 3, please view our [Member Value Flyer](#), which describes the value of Chapter membership.

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