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THE BIG AUTHORITY on little teeth®

Celebrating **75 years** of kid's smiles.





Annual Session: Welcome to AAPD 2022!

We are delighted to welcome you to our first in-person annual session in three years! We are excited to celebrate AAPD's 75th anniversary in San Diego! **There are many special features to commemorate this special occasion, including your opportunity to purchase a coffee table book on the history of the AAPD.** This will be available at the AAPD store in the Exhibit Hall. Displays throughout the meeting will celebrate this anniversary.

The Council on Annual Session, including our Local Arrangement Chairs, Drs. Jacob and Aaron Lee have worked closely with the Scientific Program Committee, led by Dr. Anthea Mazzawi.

- Our Preconference Course on Thursday, May 26, has a fantastic lineup of speakers.
- Ben Nemtin is the keynote speaker on Friday morning.
- As of press time, over 5,000 (over 2,800 members) have registered for the meeting, including 703 residents and 779 office staff.
- 455 research poster presentations have been accepted.
- 221 Exhibit booths have been sold, representing 131 companies.
- We anticipate nearly 3,500 people at the AAPD and AAPD Foundation Welcome Reception in the Gaslamp District.

This year we will be celebrating the two presidents who missed their years of in-person farewells at the Float at Coasterra immediately preceding the President's Farewell Dinner—an exciting event—at Coasterra. The 2022 award recipients will be honored this evening.

The AAPD Store can be found in booth 630. The AAPD Store continues to offer great products like the most recent edition of *The Handbook of Pediatric Dentistry* or souvenirs from AAPD 2022. Make sure to enter this year's Exhibitor Raffle and be present during the raffle at 10 a.m., on Sunday, May 29, live at the AAPD Store!

THIS PDF IS INTERACTIVE. EVERY SECTION HAS CLICKABLE LINKS THAT ALLOW YOU TO EXPLORE TOPICS AND LEARN EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY.

Who Attends The Annual Session?

YEARS IN PRACTICE	Less Than 1 Year	21%
	1-5 Years	24%
	6-10 Years	15%
	11-15 Years	13%
	16-20 Years	8%
	More than 20 Years	16%
	N/A	4%

Future AAPD Annual Session Sites

- 2023—Orlando, Fla.**
- 2024—Toronto, Canada**
- 2025—Denver, Colorado**
- 2026—Las Vegas, Nevada**
- 2027—Washington, D.C.**

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

We thank our 2022 Corporate Sponsors for their partnership with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the AAPD Foundation throughout the year. Together, we're making a difference for AAPD members, their staffs and the children in their care.

Visionary



Strategic



Gold



Silver



Bronze



AAPD® Membership is now **10,981** Members!

The AAPD member retention rate is an impressive 92.2 percent, which is the highest level in three years. The retention rate for Active and Life members is even higher at 94.3 percent. These are great numbers are the backbone of the Academy. Having such solid number and loyalty members allow us to continue to provide outstanding programs, services and initiatives. Thank you!

AAPD Membership 2021- 2022

Active	6,999
Life	492
Affiliate	452
Associate	48
International	147
International Colleague	5
International Colleague-3 years	22
Honorary	1
Retired	1,324
Predoctoral Students	366
Postdoctoral Students	1,018
International Students	82
Allied	17
Friends of Pediatric Dentistry	8

Total **10,981**



AAPD CEO JOHN S. RUTKAUSKAS

“The Academy is so pleased to see our members emerging from the Covid pandemic **stronger** than ever. With membership **growth**, this year was nothing short of **spectacular** as we experienced retention numbers not equaled for a number of years. Thanks to all our **members** by continuing to **support** our Academy with its focus on member **value** and **service**.” — **AAPD CEO** JOHN S. RUTKAUSKAS

AAPD Membership Demographics

AAPD Pediatric Dentist by Districts

1,693

Northeast Society
of Pediatric Dentistry

1,161

North Central Society
of Pediatric Dentistry

1,599

Southeastern Society
of Pediatric Dentistry

1,148

Southwestern Society
of Pediatric Dentistry

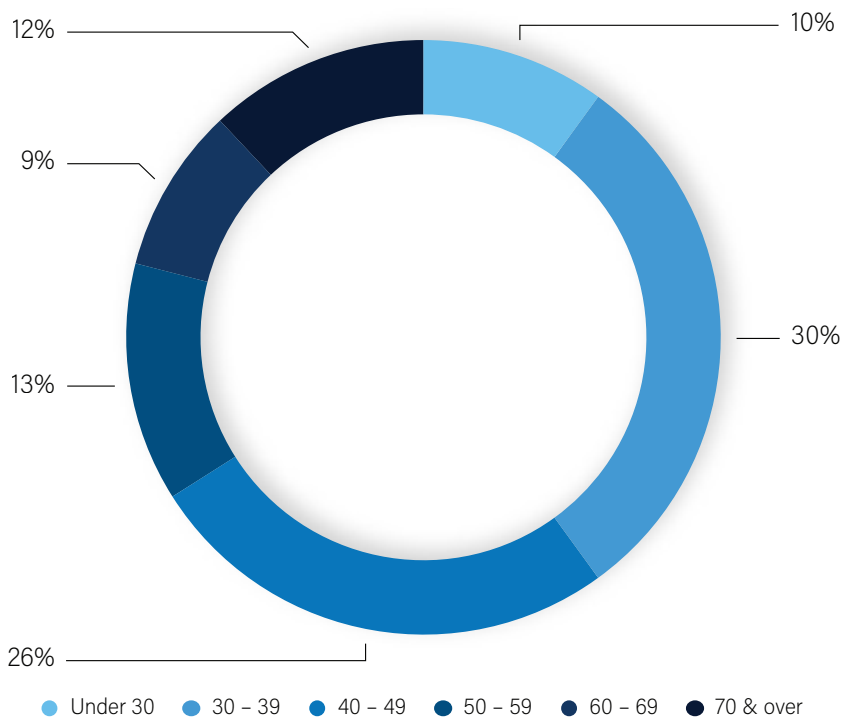
1,773

Western Society
of Pediatric Dentistry

AAPD Pediatric Dentists by State

Alabama	91	Illinois	217	Montana	31	Puerto Rico	14
Alaska	33	Indiana	124	Missouri	99	Rhode Island	18
Arizona	169	Iowa	66	Nebraska	51	South Carolina	112
Arkansas	49	Kansas	39	Nevada	74	South Dakota	17
California	829	Kentucky	96	New Hampshire	36	Tennessee	167
Colorado	163	Louisiana	84	New Jersey	281	Texas	638
Connecticut	114	Maine	20	New Mexico	19	Utah	99
Delaware	15	Maryland	182	New York	485	Vermont	10
District of Columbia	17	Massachusetts	221	North Carolina	247	Virginia	228
Florida	374	Michigan	157	North Dakota	15	Washington	221
Georgia	198	Military	20	Ohio	200	West Virginia	20
Guam	3	Minnesota	95	Oklahoma	57	Wisconsin	103
Hawaii	53	Mississippi	52	Oregon	98	Wyoming	10
Idaho	44			Pennsylvania	261		

AAPD Members by Age



AAPD Members by Gender

54% Female **46%** Male

AAPD Pediatric Dentists by Gender (Active/Life)

57% Female **43%** Male

AAPD Postdoctoral Members by Gender

69% Female **31%** Male

State/District Dues Collection

AAPD is currently collecting membership dues for **39 state chapters** and all **5 district chapters**. The table below lists the membership/market share for each chapter, which is the percentage of AAPD member pediatric dentists who also joined the state or district. *Remember that while it is not mandatory, the AAPD strongly encourages state and district membership.*

State	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Alabama	78%	91%	90%	96%
Alaska	84%	85%	78%	97%
Arizona	78%	82%	75%	83%
California	66%	73%	69%	71%
Colorado	76%	81%	78%	92%
Connecticut	74%	76%	75%	83%
District of Columbia	54%	47%	61%	76%
Florida	68%	68%	73%	75%
Georgia	77%	86%	86%	85%
Hawaii	80%	75%	78%	80%
Idaho	N/A	N/A	87%	81%
Illinois	75%	76%	74%	81%
Indiana	79%	90%	90%	86%
Iowa	84%	90%	79%	85%
Kentucky	79%	73%	79%	78%
Louisiana	79%	88%	78%	88%
Maine	94%	80%	73%	80%
Massachusetts	69%	71%	67%	77%
Maryland	75%	71%	72%	86%
Minnesota	86%	95%	74%	83%
Mississippi	79%	89%	89%	89%
Montana	92%	85%	86%	89%
North Carolina	84%	87%	79%	86%
Nebraska	78%	90%	90%	92%
New Hampshire	95%	97%	90%	100%
New Jersey	75%	79%	75%	94%
Nevada	72%	70%	70%	86%
New York	64%	62%	57%	84%
Ohio	82%	90%	86%	90%
Oklahoma	N/A	89%	83%	75%
Oregon	77%	84%	82%	83%
Pennsylvania	75%	75%	71%	85%
South Carolina	N/A	83%	79%	88%
Tennessee	63%	76%	73%	76%
Texas	74%	61%	68%	74%
Washington	74%	80%	81%	86%
Wisconsin	79%	91%	89%	92%
West Virginia	93%	100%	94%	94%

New Members for 2021 – 22 Fiscal Year

Active	5	472 New Active Members (Class of 2021)
Affiliate	50	
Allied	6	
Associate	5	
International	10	
Postdoctoral Students	263	208 Active Reinstated
Predocctoral Students	167	
International Students	42	
International Colleague	5	
Total	548	

District	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
NorthCentral Society of Pediatric Dentistry	N/A	N/A	70%	75%
Northeastern Society of Pediatric Dentists	60%	63%	62%	71%
Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentists	67%	69%	71%	74%
Southwestern Society of Pediatric Dentists	59%	60%	60%	67%
Western Society of Pediatric Dentists	72%	70%	70%	72%

Additional Chapter Support

There are now 20 chapters covered under the AAPD's IRS group exemption. This ensures that revenues such as membership dues and CE course registration revenues will not be subject to income tax.

Fellow Program

The fellow program focuses on leadership, organized dentistry and community involvement. **There are 1,526 AAPD members that have this designation.**

- 902 AAPD members have Fellow Status
- 624 members qualified for Fellow Life Status.

BECOME AN AAPD FELLOW

YOUR STAFF CONTACTS FOR MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER RELATIONS DIRECTOR SUZANNE A. WESTER
MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING COORDINATOR LEE GONZALEZ

AAPD Foundation

The philanthropic arm of the AAPD, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation is the nation's largest dentist-led charity dedicated to child oral health. The Academy and Foundation together are the foremost advocates in the fight for optimal oral health for all children. All children deserve access to oral health care, regardless their family's ability to pay. We strive to ensure all children have a Dental Home—a safe place where they receive consistent, compassionate dental care and education.

Entering the final quarter of the fiscal year, 2022 is on pace to our most productive year for grants and commitments made to dental schools and nonprofit clinics caring for the underserved:

- In February 2022, the AAPD Foundation's Board of Trustees approved nearly \$700,000 in Access to Care Grants to 35 organizations around the country. As of this writing, formal announcements are pending, awaiting signed grant agreements with all recipients.
- In April 2022, the AAPD Foundation awarded its first Access to Care Expansion Grant to Cook's Children's Hospital (Ft. Worth, TX) and its Save-A-Smile program. The grant, modeling Community Smiles Dental (Waukesha, WI) pilot initiative funded by the Foundation, will allow Save-A-Smile to engage parents in the pediatric medical setting so their children can be scheduled for dental appointments. The pilot in Waukesha resulted in Dental Homes for more than 1,100 underserved children. The Ft. Worth expansion is funded in part by Texas-based foundations.
- Three previous Access to Care Grant recipients are scheduled to make presentations to the AAPD Foundation Board in May 2022 to receive Multi-Year Access to Care Grants of \$75,000 a year for three years. Recipients will be announced during the AAPD Foundation's Donor Appreciation Reception in San Diego.
- The inaugural recipient of the Dr. Beverly A. Largent Access to Care Innovator Award, sponsored by Elevate Oral Care, will be announced during the Donor Appreciation Reception. Thirty-five access to care leaders were nominated for the honor. The winner receives a \$10,000 grant for their institution as part of the award.



Including grants
and commitments
to be made in 2022,
AAPD Foundation's
support of
ACCESS TO CARE
initiatives
will surpass
\$8 MILLION.

Leadership Institute and Dr. Jerome B. Miller Advanced Leadership Institute

Leadership Institute, Cohort VI, convened at the Kellogg School of Management/Northwestern University in December 2021 after a one-year pandemic delay. The group, pictured below, was *very* happy to be back together. This Cohort also features selected members of the American College of Dentists (ACD), which was invited to submit three candidates. Cohort VI will graduate in December 2022.



Leadership Institute Cohort VI includes Drs. Courtney Alexander-Winchell, Reza Ardan, Mirna Caldwell, Julie Connolly (ACD), Jennifer Cully, Vineet Dhar, Suzanne Fournier, Tonya Fuqua, Kristine Grazioso, Dylan Hamilton, Kim Hammersmith, Martha Hardaway, Steve Hernandez, Craig Hollander, Cody Hughes, Hakan Koymen, Bernard Larson, Huong Le (ACD), Randall Lout, Manav Malik, Natalie Mansour, Anthea Mazzawi, Gregory Olson, Barrett Peters, Harold Pincus, Holly Randone, Jeffrey Rhodes, Elise Sarvas, Allen Drew Smith (ACD), Maxim Sulla, Anna Maria Vierrou, Michael Webb, and Leila Younger.

A call for applications for the next Leadership Institute Cohort will be issued to all AAPD members late Fall 2022. In-person coursework for Cohort VII will begin in December 2023.

Cohort III of the Dr. Jerome B. Miller Advanced Leadership Institute convened in January at the Winter Planning meeting and March 2022 at the Wharton School/University of Pennsylvania, beginning its yearlong program focusing on matters of diversity, equity and inclusion.



Advanced Leadership Institute Cohort III includes Drs. Courtney Alexander-Winchell, David M. Avenetti, James R. Boynton, Claudia A. Cavallino, Paula L. Coates, Vineet K. Dhar, Oshmi Dutta, Hani Eid, John T. Fales, John L. Gibbons, Martha V. Hardaway, Clifford R. Hartmann, J. Kyle House, Sarah A. Hulland, Thomas G. Ison, Douglas B. Keck, Shari C. Kohn, Jacob K. Lee, Jessica A. Meeske, Kimberly K. Patterson, Harold J. Pincus, Mario E. Ramos, Francisco J. Ramos-Gomez, Angela M. Stout, Anupama R. Tate, Sarat Thikkurissy, Janice A. Townsend, and Stacy I. Weedon. Team coaches include Drs. Homa Amini, Carlos A. Bertot, Lisa S. Jacob, Jessica Y. Lee, and Scott D. Smith. Cohort III teams will present their reports to the AAPD Board of Trustees during Winter Planning 2023.

Since their inception, the AAPD Foundation has invested more than **\$1.1 million** in **Leadership and Advanced Leadership** Institutes.

Fundraising

Support for the AAPD Foundation annual fund – typically optional contributions made with membership dues and via aapdfoundation.org – remains strong in 2022. While year-to-date annual giving is slightly behind 2021, annual giving is well ahead of 2020 giving. New in 2022, all contributions made via dues or online automatically are acknowledged as support for the Access to Care Fund, linking donations directly with the Foundation's access to care mission. Also, refinements in aapdfoundation.org have led to an increase in the number of donors giving through the website.

On the major gifts front – those making five-year commitments of \$10,000 or more – the Foundation suspended all pledges in April 2020 as part of the pandemic shutdown. Besides adding a few new pledges earlier this year, the Foundation is working to get all pledge-holders back on track before the conclusion of the current fiscal year.

Marketing

At AAPD 2019, we introduced our return to the AAPD Foundation name and our reimagined branding. The Foundation is pleased to sponsor the AAPD Welcome Reception during AAPD 2022 in San Diego. Our sponsorship of the Welcome Reception will allow the AAPD Foundation to expand awareness among members and guests attending the event. AAPD 2022 will kick off a yearlong effort to develop a research-based marketing campaign to increase awareness of child oral health needs among targeted consumer audiences. The awareness campaign will launch no later than AAPD 2023 in Orlando.

Governance

May 2022 brings significant Board transitions for the Foundation with the departures of Immediate Past President Dr. Nick Rogers; AAPD President Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp; and Trustees Dr. Shari Kohn, Dr. Mario Ramos, and Mr. Kenneth C. Thomalla. Dr. Charles Czerepak also concludes his term as Foundation President. Thank you, Charlie, for two great years at the helm! And, thank you Nick, Jeannie, Shari, Mario and Ken for your service!

YOUR STAFF CONTACTS FOR AAPD FOUNDATION INQUIRIES

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AAPD[®] Finances

We want to acknowledge the outstanding leadership, not just on financial issues but on visionary programmatic planning of the AAPD board of trustees.

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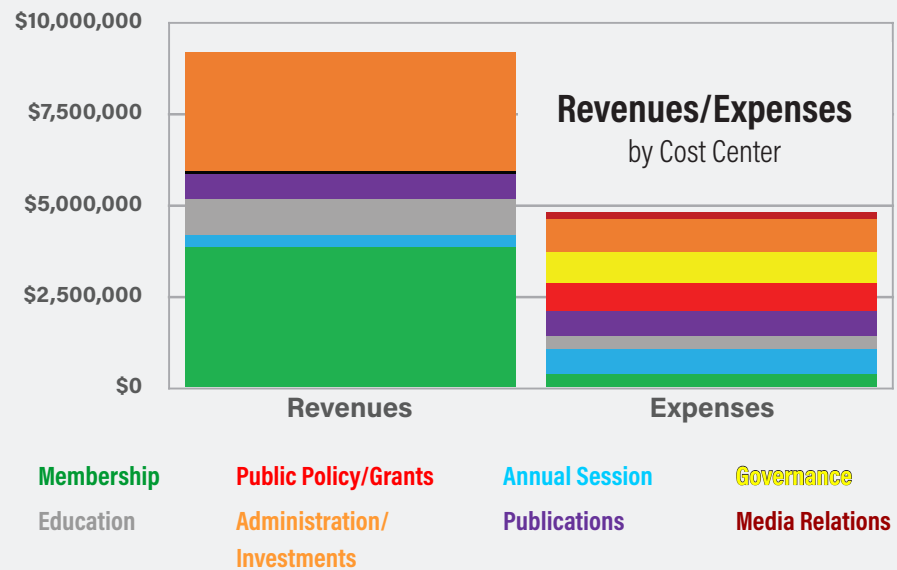
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DR. JOHN S. RUTKAUSKAS

The accounting firm of Martin and Martin conducted the audit of AAPD's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. AAPD experienced a significant net gain during the year of **\$3,362,424** reflecting total revenues of **\$10,095,153** compared to expenses of **\$6,732,729**. This reflects a recapitalization of assets that had been liquidated the previous year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Between July 2021 and March 2022, we added **2.4 million dollars** with the main sources of revenue from dues renewals, CE registrations and registrations from annual session. The financial highlights for the current fiscal year through March 2022 are provided below.



We also acknowledge outgoing board members for their service: Immediate Past President Jessica Y. Lee, NorthCentral District Trustee Marilia Montero-Fayad, At-Large Trustee (Liaison to International members) Anupama Rao Tate, and Parliamentarian Thomas G. Ison.

YOUR STAFF CONTACTS FOR FINANCES AND BUDGETING INQUIRIES

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DR. JOHN S. RUTKAUSKAS

BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTOR MARY PURNELL

AAPD® Publications

Our publications the *Pediatric Dentistry* journal, *Journal of Dentistry for Children (JDC)*, and *PDT (Pediatric Dentistry Today)* had another exceptional year keeping our members up-to-date on information with design and appeal.

Pediatric Dentistry* Journal and *JDC

The 2022 volume of *Pediatric Dentistry* continues to promote the practice, education, and research related to the specialty of pediatric dentistry through its peer-reviewed articles. **The impact factor for *Pediatric Dentistry* is 1.87.**

Members and non-members have access to the online *Journal of Dentistry for Children* and *Pediatric Dentistry*. The full article text is available free of charge to members through Ingenta Connect and can be reached through the Members-only section of the website. Non-members and the public can read article abstracts or purchase content online in the form of individual articles or full issues.

READ THE JOURNALS

Our on-line journal publication partner, Ingenta Connect, recently analyzed data for all the titles, and reports that AAPD's journals rank in the top 100 out of more than 11,000 titles for number of full-text downloads. For the period from Jan. 1 to March. 31, 2022:

***Pediatric Dentistry* ranks 5th with 3,952 downloads.**

- *Pediatric Dentistry* had 79,543 abstract views.
- *Pediatric Dentistry* had 19,848 table of content views.
- *Pediatric Dentistry* had 1,596 open access article views.

***JDC* ranks 47th with 693 downloads.**

- *Journal of Dentistry for Children* had 61,045 abstract views.
- *Journal of Dentistry for Children* had 10,269 table of content views.
- *Journal of Dentistry for Children* had 228 open access article views.

From **Jan. 1, 2022** to **March 31, 2022**, there were **9,842** full-text *Pediatric Dentistry* downloads, and **2,125** full-text *JDC* downloads.

PDT (Pediatric Dentistry Today)

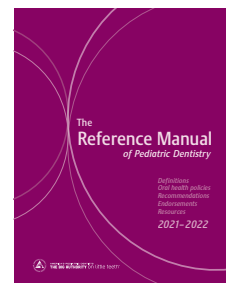
PDT (Pediatric Dentistry Today), the official AAPD magazine, offers feature stories, guest editorials, and news about members, trends affecting pediatric dentistry, legislative advocacy, insurance and coding issues, practice management, continuing education opportunities and activities of the Foundation. The standard feature Litch's Law Log continues to address current legal matters impacting the practice of pediatric dentistry. *PDT* is your member resource to know what's going on at the AAPD and in the world of pediatric dentistry. Keep a look out for a new *PDT* online presence soon!

PDT

Reference Manual

The 2021-22 *Reference Manual* was mailed to members in December. **Recall that starting in 2020, this became a free-standing publication, separate from the *Pediatric Dentistry* journal.** The

Reference Manual App is up-to-date and easily downloadable on any mobile device.



Membership Directory

The 2022 *Membership Directory* was published and mailed to members in early January. Stay tuned for news about the future of the *Membership Directory*!



Websites and Social Media

A completely redesigned **AAPD website** was launched in February 2019. Since the launch, the website has received positive feedback from members regarding its responsiveness, updated design, and search functionality, among other updated features. *Aapd.org* is a fantastic resource for not only members, but also for AAPD staff, board members, healthcare providers and others. The website includes several member benefits, an advanced Find a Pediatric dentist function, personalized member center, social media gallery, and more. On top of the new website in 2019, we rolled out Little Teeth Chat (**LTC**), the Shared Interest Groups (**SIGs**) online community forum for members, utilizing the software vendor Higher Logic. Check out the newly redesigned consumer/parent website *mychildrensteeth.org*!



Social Media

The AAPD actively runs **four social media accounts** to inform not only our members, but also parents and caregivers of pediatric dental news, tips and tricks and many more useful tools. **As of April 2022, the AAPD's main social media outlet, our consumer Facebook page, has gained a following of over 59,000.** Along with *Facebook*, our *Twitter* account has come a long way over the past few years. With a following of over 21,000, the AAPD uses this account to communicate the same content that is posted on the consumer *Facebook* account as well as AAPD event and CE course information, member accomplishments, and much more!

Finally, the AAPD has grown our branded *Instagram* account to exhibit graphics and links to articles on our website. This account has doubled its following to over 12,000 followers in the past year!

YOUR AAPD STAFF CONTACTS FOR PUBLICATIONS INQUIRIES

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WEB AND SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR CAMRYN SCHREINER

Little Teeth Chat: AAPD's Online Community



Little Teeth Chat (**LTC**) promotes member communication by providing AAPD members an online community forum via the AAPD website to connect, engage and share critical information and best practices in real time. Members continue to utilize Little Teeth Chat to share ideas and network. In 2021, there were a total of **52 new threads** with **360 individual posts**. You can go there at your convenience to start a conversation on Little Teeth Chat.

Currently there are LTC Shared Interest Groups (**SIGs**) organized around the following topics:

- caries risk assessment
- behavior guidance
- fluoride therapy (including SDF)
- restorative techniques
- sedation/anesthesia
- children with special health care needs
- oral pathology/oral medicine
- hospital-based practice
- practice management (coding, finances, marketing, patient and family dynamics, allied dental and office staffing, associates and partnerships)
- residency program management
- sports dentistry.

AAPD® Public Relations

AAPD members continue to be featured as industry experts and thought leaders on children's oral health issues in local and national media. Most importantly, the AAPD continues to be contacted as a resource for pressing healthcare stories as evidenced by the strong media traction below. We encourage you to view the following stories and highlights.

PR DASHBOARD

250+ MM TOTAL IMPRESSIONS	
230.8+ MM ONLINE IMPRESSIONS	19.2+ MM BROADCAST/RADIO
1,846 TOTAL PLACEMENTS	

AAPD was showcased through key national and local targets within the 2021/2022 fiscal year via an NCDHM satellite media tour, dedicated "bad candy" seasonal outreach timed to Halloween and syndicated news article encouraging parents resume routine (and important) dental check-ups.

Parents



ABC 7 Chicago
October 31, 2021
Even the most popular Halloween candy can cause dental problems. Here's how to avoid it.



ABC7CHICAGO.COM
How to avoid tooth decay, cavities from your kids' favorite Halloween candy
28 23 Comments 4 Shares

ABC 7 Chicago
@ABC7Chicago
Even the best Halloween candy can cause dental problems. Here's how to avoid it.

abc7chicago.com
How to avoid tooth decay, cavities from your kids' favorite...
Even the most popular Halloween candy can cause dental problems. Here's how to avoid it.



AAPD President Shares Teeth Tips

Dec. 18, 2021: AAPD President Dr. Beauchamp shares her top teeth tips and weighs in on oral health hygiene knowing snacking and sugar intake typically spikes timed to the holidays, via a syndicated news article that appeared in the following online publications:

- MySanAntonio.com
- SFGate.com
- SeattlePI.com
- Chron.com

AAPD President Featured in December 2021 Issue of Parents

December 2021: AAPD President Dr. Beauchamp, weighed in on brushing tips and oral hygiene hacks for parents in the December print issue of *Parents*.

AAPD Publication, Record Keeping, Highlighted Regarding Teledentistry

Dec. 2, 2021: "Record-keeping: More is Better—One bright note is an American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry publication entitled 'Record-Keeping.' The academy has done a great job instructing dentists on proper record-keeping, which can be a template for any phase of dentistry."

AAPD Foundation President Interviewed by ABC Chicago on Best Halloween Candy for Kids

Oct. 31, 2021: We are excited to share Dr. Czerepak's interview on WLS-TV's ABC Chicago (156,228 viewers and 4,474,201 unique visitors per month). In the digital piece, "How to avoid tooth decay, cavities from your kids' favorite Halloween candy," Charlie did an excellent job relaying talking points, including multiple mentions of AAPD. The piece was also shared on the station's Facebook (2.6M followers) and Twitter (799.6K followers) pages.

Key Pediatric Dentistry Media Highlights Over the Past Year

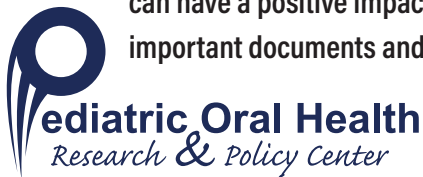
Media Outlet	AAPD Expert(s)	Date Featured	Topic
<i>NBC4 Washington</i>	Dr. Jonelle Anamelechi (Maryland)	Sept. 15, 2021	Avoid 'Mask Mouth': 4 Ways to Reduce Oral Health Problems During Pandemic
<i>MIC</i>	Dr. William Kemper (Kentucky)	Sept. 15, 2021	Why TikTokers are chugging pineapple juice before wisdom tooth surgery
<i>The Seattle Times</i>	Dr. Travis Nelson (Washington)	Sept. 22, 2021	Caring for young smiles: How to tackle oral health early on
<i>WFMZ Allentown</i>	Dr. Jamie Parado (California)	Sept. 22, 2021	Western U College of Dental Medicine receives federal grant to increase faculty diversity
<i>EIN News</i>	Dr. Kevin Boyd (Illinois)	Sept. 23, 2021	Dr Kevin Boyd Joins Airway Health Solutions as Creator of Early Childhood Curriculum for Pediatric Airway Health
<i>Daily Express</i>	Dr. Laura Huling (Connecticut)	Sept. 24, 2021	How often should you replace your toothbrush? The grim impact it could have on your health
<i>Forbes</i>	Dr. William Kemper (Kentucky)	Sept. 27, 2021	COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates That Exclude Dentists Don't Sit Well With Patients
<i>Miami Collective</i>	Dr. Christopher Bob (Florida)	Sept. 27, 2021	Going Back to the Dentist? 3 Things to Consider Dr. Bob Pediatric Dentist
<i>Duke Today</i>	Dr. Martha Ann Keels (North Carolina)	Oct. 4, 2021	The Duke Dentist and her Research: Saving Children's Teeth, One Tooth at a Time
<i>Dentistry Today</i>	Dr. Jessica S.F. Sliger (Arkansas)	Oct. 5, 2021	Benco Dental's Lucy Hobbs Project Recognizes Women in Dentistry
<i>New York Post</i>	Dr. Matthew Cooke (Philadelphia)	Oct. 20, 2021	This is the reason you should never crunch ice with your teeth
<i>Yahoo</i>	Dr. Nguyet M. Tau (Massachusetts)	Oct. 21, 2021	Nguyet M. Tau, DMD, DABPD, FAAPD, Is Being Recognized By Continental Who's Who
<i>Oregon Live</i>	Dr. Joel Berg (Arizona)	Oct. 28, 2021	Dentist says 'eat all your Halloween candy at once, for your teeth'
<i>Canton Repository</i>	Dr. Steve Girdlestone (Ohio)	Nov. 1, 2021	Dentist will buy back candy, send it to troops and veterans
<i>ABC11 WTOK</i>	Dr. Stephen Mitchell (Alabama)	Dec. 1, 2021	Dental access in Alabama is shrinking, what you need to know
<i>Portland Monthly</i>	Dr. Staci Whitman (Oregon)	Dec. 2, 2021	Leave It to a Portland Kids' Dentist to Invent an Eco-Friendly Flosser
<i>New Jersey Family</i>	Dr. Paul Casamassimo (AAPD Chief Policy Officer)	Dec. 21, 2021	Help Your Kids Conquer Their Dental Fears

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AAPD[®] Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center

The Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center (POHRPC) helps the AAPD be more effective in the public policy arena by analyzing research data and relevant policy and carrying out health services research that can have a positive impact on children's oral and overall health. The center is producing a number of critically important documents and involved in many exciting research projects.



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Research and Policy Center Webpage Update

Number of Unique Page Visits	3/20 – 3/21	3/21 - 3/22
Research and Policy Center Main Page	1,199	1,362
Who Are We	344	448
Medicaid/CHIP Reform Issues	209	295
Chief Policy Officer Commentary	N/A	146
Non Dental Provider Issues	84	95
Technical Briefs	2,227	1,422
Children's Health Data	1,236	1,008
Oral Health in Primary Care	414	358
Dental Workforce	374	301

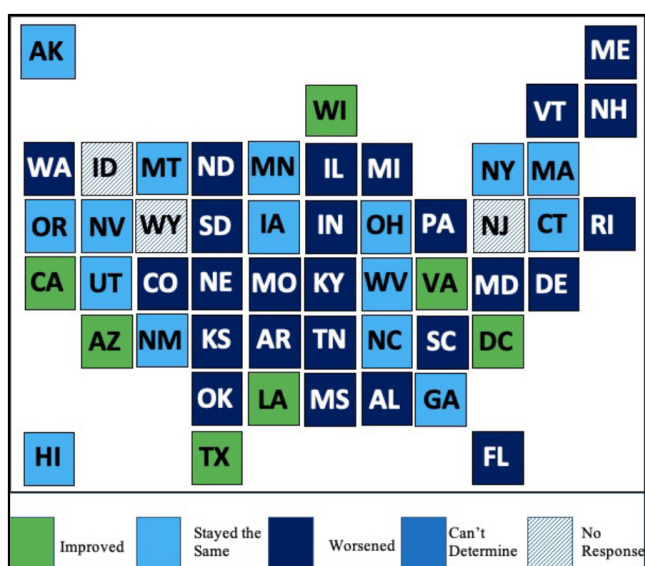
AAPD COVID-19 News and Info Hub

The AAPD COVID-19 Updates and Resources information hub features clinical and scientific developments and valuable resources on topics including updates on CDC infection control recommendations, vaccination, federal and state mandates, Small Business Administration EIDL and PPP, and HRSA Provider Relief funds. AAPD COVID-19 Updates and Resources give members a road map for what tomorrow may bring in terms of testing, personal protective equipment (PPE) and emerging science about the virus. The patient relations section highlights issues impacting pediatric patients and their families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the last year, the AAPD COVID-19 Updates webpage had 4,373 visits and the COVID-19 Resources webpage welcomed 1,344 visitors to the main page alone.

[COVID-19 RESOURCES](#)

Ongoing National Survey Tracks OR Access in Your State

This study extends an initial 2020 study to examine the extent, trajectory, and possible underlying causes of operating room (OR) access denial, including the impacts of the pandemic. Public policy advocates (PPAs) of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry completed an electronic questionnaire about state-specific OR denials from March 2020 through December 2021.



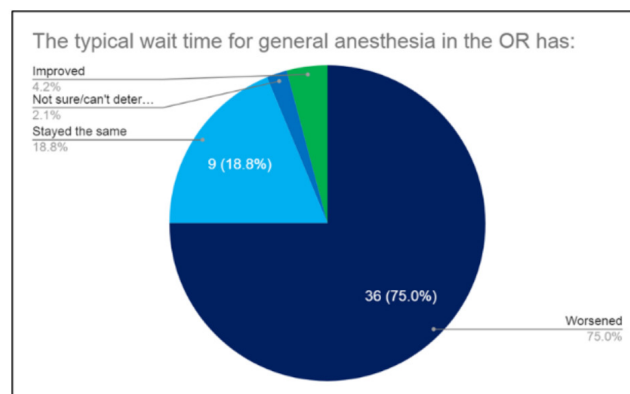
Since March 2020, a majority of states (52 percent) reported worsened OR access to hospital operating rooms, one third (33 percent) reported that access had stayed the same, and one seventh (15 percent) reported improved access since March 2020.

It is important to note that improved access does not necessarily mean good or pre-pandemic access. For example, California reports wait times of up to two years.

The original study, titled "OR Access Analysis. Denial of Operating Room Access for Pediatric Dental Treatment: A National Survey," was published in the January/February 2021 issue of Pediatric Dentistry.

One third of states (33 percent) noted that reports on children with ECC in their state denied OR coverage during ED visits worsened, one third (33 percent) noted that they had stayed the same, one state, Texas, noted improved reports.

Three quarters (75 percent) of states reported that the typical wait time for general anesthesia in the OR has worsened. Two states, Alabama and Texas, noted that it had improved. The remaining states (19 percent) shared that wait times remained the same.



Major decreases in pediatric dentists' access to operating rooms over the last decade has led to a backlog of cases with waiting times of up to two years.

Children are given pain medication and antibiotics, which are temporary and inequitable Band-Aid approaches to the larger issue of access to care. The AAPD is continuing its advocacy campaign to address the challenges pediatric dentists around the country are experiencing in obtaining or maintaining hospital or ambulatory surgery center (ASC) operating room time for dental cases requiring care under general anesthesia. See more details below in the Public Policy section.

Disaster Preparedness Resource Hub

The Research and Policy Center created the Disaster Preparedness Resource Hub to help pediatric dentists generate disaster plans that address their interests as both small business owners and healthcare providers who work with children. This comprehensive Hub includes action plan templates, emergency checklists, and the latest research on assisting children during times of crisis. *(Notably, it is for planning purposes only, not intended for use during a disaster.)*

Member Benefits Spotlight

SoFi Student Loan Refinancing

AAPD has partnered with SoFi to offer members a 0.125% rate discount when they refinance through SoFi.com/AAPD. For many in the dental community, student debt is a harsh reality. SoFi evaluates borrowers holistically to offer low rates that ultimately can save borrowers thousands of dollars. You can check your rate in two minutes with no impact on your credit score. Residents can refinance as well!

[AAPD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS](#)

Commentaries Build Visibility for the Research and Policy Center

- **“Forty Years Woke and Still Disrupting”** by Dr. Paul Casamassimo has received over 3,000 citations since its publication in the July/August 2021 issue of *Pediatric Dentistry*. The commentary explores this concept: “The challenge during the pandemic’s disruption that remains today is to balance our desire to discard science against our caution to do what is best for children.” Stressing that science has always been tempered by compassionate caring, the commentary notes that the simple application of science without attention to the unique characteristics of child populations can result in failure and inequity.
- **“Are We Home Yet? In Pursuit of a Dental Home Today”** arrived on the AAPD Research and Policy Center webpage in November 2021. Authors Drs. Homa Amini and Casamassimo view the concept of a dental home from the lens of spatial justice, recognizing that the health impact of where one lives can explain numerous aspects of access and availability of quality care. What scope and accessibility of services are adequate to provide a standard of care that can insure oral health? How can we most effectively develop and fund community-based programs for children’s oral health? These questions – and their answers – are explored.
- **“Who Will Be Next?”** by Dr. Casamassimo, Isabel Agolini, and C. Scott Litch, discusses the worsening situation for treating children in a U.S. hospital or surgery center operating room (**OR**) for dental disease. According to a late 2021 survey of grass-roots pediatric dentist-advocates from 47 states and the District of Columbia, over half (52.1 percent) reported that since March 2020, access to hospital operating rooms in their state had worsened, with a third (33.3 percent) reporting that access had remained the same, and the remainder (14.6 percent) reported improved access.

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New Publications

Value-Based Care in Pediatric Dentistry

Published in March 2022, this technical brief explores what a pediatric dental approach to value-based care (VBC) might look like. The brief defines key terms related to VBC and describes in detail challenges and cautions in re-engineering the pediatric oral health care system to a VBC-model. It notes the longstanding differences between medicine and dentistry, as well as the importance of continuing a single standard of care for all patients, as two key considerations for design and implementation.

Are Your Kids Covered? Medicaid Coverage for Essential Oral Health Benefits, Second Edition

Originally published in 2017, this updated 2021 publication identifies the pediatric dental procedures most essential for coverage, catalogs the coverage of these procedures by state, and specifies problem areas of coverage for oral health services. The second edition includes teledentistry services and provides updated coverage information for each state. This advocacy resource has proven valuable to members as they champion for extended access to care through public insurance of oral health services for children.



SDF Fact and Policy Summary



The Research and Policy Center has developed a fact and policy summary clarifying

the AAPD's position on key issues surrounding Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF), such as establishing SDF as a covered benefit from both private and public third-party carriers. The fact sheet will serve as a companion to the AAPD's *Policy on the Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride for Pediatric Dental Patients* and clinical practice guideline on *Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride for Dental Caries Management*.

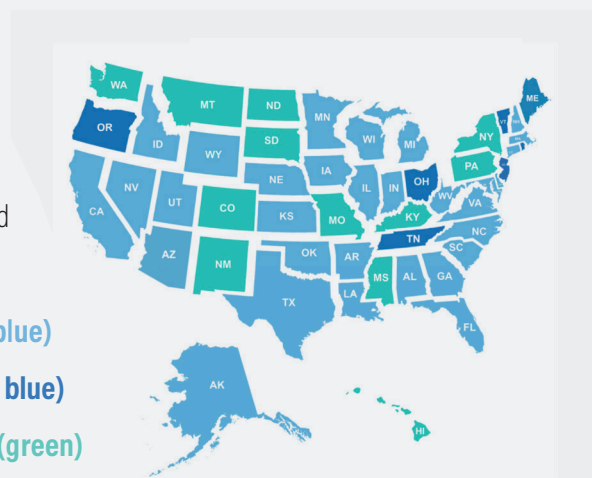
Denial of Access to Operating Room Time in Hospitals for Pediatric Dental Care

Every day, you see the significant impact of operating room (OR) access on pediatric oral health. Delaying treatment of caries results in worsening dentition status, greater likelihood of emergency department visits, and medical complications. This resource offers a clear look at the critical issues and details the challenges of access to hospital-based care for children needing treatment under general anesthesia. Equally important, it offers potential OR access strategies for pediatric dentists within their own communities.

State Dental Periodicity Schedules Update

This updated resource includes concise information and clear visuals for each state's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services. By visiting the Research and Policy Center Website, individuals can find links to each state's relevant dental periodicity schedule and a color-coded map divided by:

- States That Use AAPD Recommended Dental Periodicity Schedule (light blue)
- States That Use a Dental Periodicity Schedule Different than AAPD's (dark blue)
- States That Have Not Yet Adopted a Separate Dental Periodicity Schedule (green)



All state Medicaid EPSDT programs are required under federal law to adopt a separate dental periodicity schedule.

Projects in Development

Evidence-Based Dentistry Website

In this virtual hub, you will learn about AAPD's contribution to Evidence-Based Dentistry and how to apply Evidence-Based Dentistry best practices in your own research and day-to-day practice of pediatric dentistry. The new Evidence-Based Dentistry site launched in early May 2022.

Teledentistry Brief

The POHRPC is developing a brief on teledentistry that will explore the advantages and potential risks of teledentistry for children and give practical guidance on its appropriate uses and pitfalls. In particular, the brief will explore teledentistry's potential impact on the specific populations of children living in rural areas and patients with disabilities.

Work-Life Balance Brief

The Research and Policy Center's Work-Life Balance brief will seek to normalize sharing the stresses of pediatric dentistry and offer practical assistance and solutions to address the stressors most central to the practice of pediatric dentistry. The brief will provide real-life examples about stress-inducing events and the steps pediatric dentists and their teams took to prevent future incidents. A resource hub consisting of videos, podcasts, and articles will complement the brief. The project team has planned a brief survey of AAPD members to gain a concrete understanding of work-life challenges.

Research Projects

AAPD Joins Harvard Medical School in Frenectomy Study

The AAPD is collaborating with the Pediatric Otolaryngology Department of Harvard Medical School in a new study to survey pediatric dentists, pediatric surgeons, and pediatric otolaryngologists on the diagnosis and treatment of tongue and lip tie through frenotomy, frenectomy and frenuloplasty. Study objectives are to characterize how children are being examined, what factors into the decision about whether a procedure needs to be performed, which type of procedure is performed and by what technique, and postoperative care.

Early Childhood Behavioral Caries Management Research

The AAPD is working with the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine and the Columbia Teachers College Department of Health and Behavioral Studies on a study titled, "Pediatric dental providers' perceived acceptability and feasibility of teledentistry-delivered behavioral early childhood caries management," funded under a grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

International Study on Children At Risk of Abuse and Neglect

AAPD members participated in a survey about their experiences and challenges associated with at-risk children and the duty to report suspected cases of child maltreatment to child protection services. The study is a collaboration between the AAPD, the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health, and the Department of Maternal and Child Health and the Oral Health Centre of Expertise in Western Norway.

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Value-Based Care in Pediatric Dentistry

COVID-19

Latest Updates

PRACTICE SAFETY

RDSP Critical Drug Shortage List Keeps You in Informed of Supply Chain Issues Impacting Essential Drug Availability

Safety Committee Update

New AAPD Safety Committee efforts bring safety awareness to members through a variety of outlets, and through the expansion of the Online Safety Toolkit and *Practice Safety Website* resources. To optimize convenience, the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry *E-News* now serves as an outlet for safety alerts and more, delivered right to your in-box, each cycle. Look out for the new "Safety Lab" feature and updates on medication and device recalls.

Beyond Re-emergence: Pediatric Dentistry Practice Checklist

Beyond Re-emergence: Pediatric Dentistry Practice Checklist is the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's online resource for relevant issues affecting practice in post-COVID pediatric dentistry. The site has demonstrated a continued interest from members since its inception in March 2020, welcoming 6,628 visits between March 2021 and March 2022. Members can access Beyond Re-emergence resources on the new AAPD Practice Safety webpage, or by clicking the Practice Checklist graphic on the AAPD homepage.

Safety Spotlight in Pedo Teeth Talk and Newly Erupted

In keeping with the commitment to promote safety culture in pediatric dentistry, the Safety Committee continues to canvass topical experts to bring key insights on current safety issues to AAPD membership through Pedo Teeth Talk and now, Newly Erupted. Listen to the April 26, 2022, interview with Dr. Alexandra Otto, Co-Founder of Kids Tooth Team in Buda, Texas, on what it takes to get a start-up off the ground all while championing safety.

Measuring Safety Knowledge in Pediatric Dentistry Education

Dr. Casamassimo and a team of authors recently undertook a first survey in pediatric dentistry to understand the extent of safety concepts, tools and techniques known and taught in advanced pediatric dentistry programs. With a 76 percent response rate, the survey results helped shed light on key areas that may need special attention from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The preliminary information from the Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program Director Survey suggests that there is an opportunity for education on critical safety and quality safeguards for pediatric patients.

Online Safety Toolkit

Find the answers to your questions on dental waterline quality issues, cybersecurity safeguards and more in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's **(AAPD) Safety Toolkit**. This collection of resources is curated by pediatric dentists and contains current recommendations in major areas of dental practice on safety. It includes best practice guides, training materials and office-friendly tools to help pediatric dentists maintain the safest environment for their patients. Members can also now peruse the newest section, "Dentist Safety".

Safety Spotlight in PDT

Safety has a home in *Pediatric Dentistry Today*, where Safety Committee appointees bring members' articles on child wellness, sedation safety, and content meaningful to the times. Members can find a rotation of a variety of important topics circulating bimonthly in the Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center segment. This Spring saw the publication of the article, "Are Disinfectants Safe?" by Dr. Casamassimo, a commentary advocating for a critical look at the use of surface disinfectant use. Other articles published in the safety column this year were "Addressing Hidden Dangers for Children" by Dr. Casamassimo, and the November 2021 *PDT* cover story, "Systems and Safety in Dentistry" by Dr. Charles Czerepak. If you missed them, don't worry!

[ACCESS PDT ARCHIVE](#)

Partnering with AAAASF in Voluntary Accreditation Program

The Safety Committee encourages all members to learn more about the AAPD partnership with the AAAASF voluntary accreditation program. This program helps members provide the highest level of care and safety to their patients.

Evidence-Based Dentistry Committee (EBDC) Update

The mission of the EBDC is to promote optimal pediatric oral health through evidence-based clinical guidelines that improve patient outcomes. The EBDC continues to oversee development of new evidence-based clinical practice guidelines:

Permanent Tooth Vital Pulp Therapy in Children and Adolescents

The Pulp Therapy workgroup, chaired by Dr. Jim Coll, continues to meet monthly to semi-monthly. A draft of the primary tooth systematic review/meta-analysis is currently under review by the workgroup. Data extraction of articles is still ongoing for the permanent tooth vital pulp treatment. The Pulp Therapy Workgroup will be meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at the Annual Session. The American Association of Endodontics (AAE) will announce its three selected representatives to review the draft of a jointly supported guideline in spring of 2022. AAE and the Pulp Therapy workgroup are expected to meet in-person in June, 2022 to begin drafting the clinical practice guidelines.

Frenectomy and Lactation

A list of five workgroup candidates, as well as alternate nominees, has been submitted to and approved by the board. Since there are existing systematic reviews to inform this guideline, the workgroup will initiate guideline development based on the systematic reviews. The formation of this workgroup is scheduled for mid-year, 2022.

Behavior Guidance for Pediatric Dental Patients

The Behavior Guidance Workgroup, chaired by Dr. Vineet Dhar, will conduct a systematic review in conjunction with the clinical practice guideline. The systematic review is entitled "Non-pharmacological behavior guidance interventions in pediatric dental patients" and is estimated to complete in October 2022. The Clinical Practice Guideline is estimated to be completed near the same time. Dr. Chia-Yu Chen was nominated to be a new member of the Behavior Guidance workgroup, joining the project in January 2022. In addition to ongoing virtual meetings, the Behavior Guidance workgroup will hold an in-person meeting on Sunday, May 29, 2022, at the Annual Session. The workgroup has chosen to collaborate on a survey with the Department of Oral Health Sciences at the University of Washington School of Dentistry on social/behavioral interventions for dental/orofacial pain. Survey results plan to be published in June/July 2022. This joint research will provide useful data on provider preferences in behavior guidance techniques, and thus offer a practical focus for the clinical guidelines.

Clinical Practice Guideline Topic	Systematic Review Publication Date	Guideline Publication Date
Sealants	08/2016	09/2016
Vital pulp therapy in primary teeth	01/2017	09/2017
Silver diamine fluoride	N/A	09/2017
Non-vital pulp therapy	07/2020	09/2020
Behavior guidance	2021	2022
Vital pulp therapy in primary teeth	2022	2022
Permanent tooth vital pulp therapy in children and adolescents	2022	2023
Frenectomy and lactation	2022	2023

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AAPD[®] Public Policy Advocacy for Children's Oral Health

With the staff leadership of Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel Scott Litch, much support from Governance and Operations Manager Margaret Bjerklie, and tremendous contributions of our Congressional Liaisons and Hogan Lovells (our “eyes and ears” and strategic advisers in Washington, D.C.), we continue to pursue activities consistent with AAPD's legislative and regulatory priorities developed by the Council on Government Affairs (CGA).

Drs. Warren Brill and Jade Miller have moved into their co-Congressional Liaison roles with transition assistance from Dr. Heber Simmons, Jr. Heber has transitioned from Congressional Liaison to Special Consultant to the board of trustees. All three participate in our monthly CGA “brain trust” conference calls with Hogan Lovells. All participated and represented the AAPD PAC in various virtual Zoom political fund-raisers for Members of Congress over the past year. In mid-November 2021, they were finally able to return to Washington, D.C., for in-person Congressional visits.

With the retirement of Mike Gilliland of Hogan Lovells at the end of March 2022, we are now working with Anna Weinstein as our main lobbying strategist and Kolo Rathburn as our appropriations expert.

I also want to acknowledge the work of Julie Allen of Powers law firm on the OR access issue. This is described in detail in this section. Julie is representing AAPD, ADA, and AAOMS on this initiative and it has been an excellent joint collaboration.

DFLRP Tax Relief Act

The AAPD spearheaded a letter from the Organized Dentistry Coalition (which includes ADA and ADEA among others) in support of legislation that would allow full-time educators participating in the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (**DFLRP**) to exclude from their federal income taxes the amount of the loan forgiveness received from this program. In July 30, 2021, letters to the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees, the groups asked lawmakers to include S. 449/HR 1285, Dental Loan Repayment Assistance Act, in any tax legislation considered by Congress in 2021.

[READ THE LETTERS](#)

2022 Legislative Priorities

Based on CGA recommendations, *2022 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities* were adopted by the AAPD board of trustees on Jan. 14, 2022.

This report covers some of our 2021 outcomes; additional detail is provided in the March 2022 *PDT*.

Pediatric Dentist Appointed CMS Chief Dental Officer

The AAPD was delighted that board certified pediatric dentist and AAPD member Dr. Natalia Chalmers was appointed Chief Dental Officer (**CDO**) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (**CMS**). The CMS CDO position had been vacant since 2017, and AAPD strongly advocated for a CDO appointment. Congressional appropriations report language was obtained each fiscal year since then urging CMS to fill the CDO position. Dr. Chalmers previously served a temporary stint as CMS Dental Officer beginning in 2020, on assignment from the Food and Drug Administration. Earlier this year, the AAPD and ADA jointly wrote CMS to endorse Dr. Chalmers' candidacy. She is the first CDO to serve in the CMS Office of the Administrator.

[CMS PRESS RELEASE](#)

[AAPD-ADA LETTER](#)

Dr. Chalmers recently spoke at the 2022 AAPD Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference (**POHAC**) in Washington, D.C., in March 2022, providing an overview of the Medicaid dental program and current CMS efforts to ensure access and equity.

HRSA Issued New FY 2021 Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Awards

The AAPD was pleased that the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (**HRSA**) awarded nine new program grants for the Title VII Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (**DFLRP**). Thanks to AAPD advocacy efforts to obtain fiscal year (FY) 2021 federal funding for the Title VII oral health programs, a total of \$944,779 was awarded for these new grants. This is in addition to the \$4,801,501 that was awarded for DFLRP continuation grants at 21 other institutions, **meaning that over \$5.7 million was provided to DFLRP in FY 2021**. The loan repayment program extends for five years, repaying a higher amount each year so long as the benefitted individual remains a full-time faculty member (the institution will pay an amount equal to 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 percent of the student loan balance, upon completion of each year of service).

The nine new awardees and FY 2021 funding levels are as follows (note that award levels increase each subsequent year due to the structure of the program):

- Western University of Health Sciences (Calif.)- \$100,000
- University of the Pacific (Calif.)- \$59,399
- Boston University (Mass.)- \$97,898
- AT Still University of Health Sciences (Mo.)- \$100,000
- University of Rochester (N.Y.)- \$94,516
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (N.C.)- \$99,900
- East Carolina University (N.C.)- \$69,800
- Medical University of South Carolina (S.C.)- \$97,177
- Texas A&M University (Texas)- \$66,960

Six of the nine grantees requested the funding preference for pediatric dentistry faculty. As obtained by the AAPD via Congressional report language, this resulted in the HRSA *Notice of Funding Opportunity* including the following provision:

“Preference in making grant awards will be given to applicants providing loan repayment to pediatric dentistry faculty supervising dental students or residents and providing clinical services in dental clinics located in dental schools, hospitals, and community-based affiliated sites.”

Each awardee program will administer the loan repayment and identify the individual recipient (s) of such funds. The AAPD continues to profile pediatric dental faculty members benefitting from this program, and share with policymakers. DFLRP is making a tremendous difference in strengthening the future of pediatric dental education. I want all AAPD members to learn more about the recipients, so attached to this report is our updated profiles document.

Grass Roots Network

The AAPD occasionally issues Action Alerts asking that Members of Congress be contacted on important legislative or regulatory priorities for pediatric dentistry. We use a software program that is very simple and easy to use. If you wish to join over 1,500 of your colleagues on our Grass Roots Network and receive all future alerts, you can sign up on the AAPD website.

Most recently, we conducted an **Action Alert** to gain signatures on the Congressional letter to CMS in support of dental OR access.



FY 2023 Federal Appropriations: Title VII Pediatric Dentistry Funding Continues; Favorable Report Language Obtained

Pediatric Dentistry Title VII Funding Maintained at \$12 Million

While the United State House of Representatives FY Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill included \$14 million for Title VII pediatric dentistry in actions taken last summer, the final FY 2022 omnibus legislation concluded finally in early March 2022 maintained level funding. We will work on an increase for FY 2023 as indicated in the section below related to POHAC. Some very important report language was obtained in the House bill report (H.Rpt. 117-96):

Oral Health Training . . . The Committee directs HRSA to provide continuation funding for section 748 post-doctoral training grants initially awarded in fiscal year 2020 and dental faculty loan repayment program **(DFLRP)** grants initially awarded in fiscal years 2018 and 2021. The Committee directs HRSA to initiate a new pre-doctoral grant cycle, and to initiate a new DFLRP grant cycle with a **preference for pediatric dentistry faculty supervising dental students or residents and providing clinical services in dental clinics located in dental schools, hospitals, and community-based affiliated sites.**" (p. 51)

HRSA

"HRSA Chief Dental Officer.—The Committee is disturbed to learn that despite its directive in House Report (116–450) to have HRSA ensure that the Chief Dental Officer **(CDO)** is functioning at an executive level authority with resources and staff to oversee and lead all oral health programs and initiatives across HRSA, no such authority has been delegated. The Committee directs HRSA to

restore the authority of HRSA CDO with executive level authority and resources to oversee and lead HRSA dental programs and initiatives as well as have a role within oral health across the agency. The CDO is also expected to serve as the agency representative on oral health issues to international, national, State, and/or local government agencies, universities, and oral health stakeholder organizations. The Committee requests an update as part of the fiscal year 2023 Congressional Budget Justification on how the CDO is serving as the agency representative on oral health issues to international, national, State and/or local government agencies, universities, and oral health stakeholder organizations." (p. 70)

CMS

"Medicaid Dental Audits.—The Committee has previously raised concerns that failure to use professional guidelines or established state Medicaid manual parameters in the auditing process can result in inaccurate Medicaid dental audits, negatively impacting dentist participation in the program and impeding patient access to care. While State Medicaid agencies **(SMA)** have significant responsibility in managing provider audits, the Committee believes that as part of CMS oversight of the Medicaid program it is appropriate to issue guidance to SMAs concerning best practices in dental audits and offer training in such practices. The Committee again urges CMS to develop such guidance for SMAs and report within 90 days of enactment of this Act on steps taken to develop such guidance." (p. 195)

Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., Promotes Key Legislative and Regulatory Issues

On March 14-15, 2022, over 250 AAPD members from 35 states plus D.C., advocated for children's oral health in Washington, D.C., by visiting with their members of Congress. AAPD attendees included members of the Council on Government Affairs, PAC Steering Committee, and Executive Committee. Twenty-six AAPD state Public Policy Advocates participated as well.

Forty-six pediatric dentistry residency program sites were represented, with over 160 residents in attendance.

In addition to a briefing session the prior day (March 13), the AAPD also held advocacy orientation and training session solely for residents. An AAPD PAC appreciation reception was held on Monday evening March 14, to raise money for the PAC.



Several members of the Kellogg Leadership Institute cohort VI who attended POHAC pose with the AAPD's Issues Packet for Members of Congress. (L-R) Drs. Anthea Mazzawi (Canton, Ga.), Natalie Mansour (Glendale, Calif.), Jennifer Cully (Cincinnati, Ohio), Barrett Peters (Charlottesville, Va.), Jeffrey Rhodes (Rogers, Ark.), Bernard Larson (Mount Vernon, Wash.), Elise Sarvas (Minneapolis, Minn.), Suzanne Fournier (New Orleans, La.), and Hakan Koymen (Perry Hall, Md.). Mansour, Rhodes, Sarvas, and Fournier serves as Public Policy Advocates for their state chapters. Peters serves as Southeastern district representative on the Council on Government Affairs (CGA), and Larson serves as a consultant to CGA.

The specific advocacy requests made by attendees during Capitol Hill visits were:

HRSA TITLE VII PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY APPROPRIATIONS AND DFLRP TAX RELIEF

- **Provide FY 2023 funding of \$46 million for the HRSA Title VII Primary Care Dental Training Cluster and related oral health programs, with not less than \$14 million for Pediatric Dentistry Training programs including continuation of a preference for pediatric dental faculty in the Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (DFLRP).**

On April 27, 2022, a Congressional Dear Colleague Letter signed by 33 House members in support of FY 2023 funding for Title VII pediatric dentistry was sent to the Chair and Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies. For the sixth straight year, this effort was led by Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-Calif. 26th).

- **Pass legislation to make DFLRP non-taxable to recipients. Co-sponsor S. 449/H.R. 1285.**

ENSURING LASTING SMILES ACT

- **Support passage of the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act (S. 754/H.R. 1916) legislation that would require all private group and individual health plans to cover the full medically necessary treatment of patients with congenital anomalies, including related dental procedures.**

ELSA is supported by a coalition of 62 dental and medical provider and patient advocacy organizations.

On April 4, 2022, ELSA was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on the suspension calendar by a 2/3 vote. The bill now moves on to Senate consideration. Thanks to strong bi-partisan support, the Senate bill currently has 40 co-sponsors.

ACCESS TO OPERATING ROOMS FOR PEDIATRIC DENTISTS

- **Contact the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and ask that the agency move forward this year to address severe oral health disparities affecting certain children and adults, particularly the disabled and those with special health care needs. CMS needs to do two things: set up a new billing code for use by hospitals to improve access to covered dental rehabilitative services and propose in the CY 2024 Hospital Outpatient Proposed Rule (HOPPS) rule that ambulatory surgery centers also be permitted to bill for dental rehabilitative services.**

2022 AAPD PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH ADVOCACY ISSUES



LITTLE TEETH ARE A BIG DEAL

Tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease, more common than asthma or childhood obesity.

“Help us take care of the children.”
~ Dr. Heber Simmons Jr.



Operating Room Access/CMS HCPCS Dental Facility Fee Code Initiative: Advocacy Efforts are in Full Gear

The AAPD continues its advocacy campaign to address the challenges pediatric dentists around the country are experiencing in obtaining or maintaining hospital or ambulatory surgery center (ASC) operating room time for dental cases requiring care under general anesthesia. In 2019, the AAPD engaged the consulting services of the Washington, D.C., law firm of Powers Pyles Sutter and Verville PC. The firm identified a major access barrier as the lack of a specific dental facility fee code in CMS HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System). This results in an abysmally low facility fee for dental cases. HCPCS codes are developed by CMS Medicare. Hence, a strategy was developed to seek a specific facility fee code for dental cases and to ensure it will receive an appropriate level of reimbursement. We've held Zoom meetings with the CMS Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group (HAPG) Director and CMS staff in November 2020 and then again in September 2021 and April 2022.

As noted, this is a joint advocacy initiative with ADA and AAOMS. Julie Allen previously worked for the ADA DC office and later did some consulting work for ADA on ACA implementation when she was with a different firm. We have leveraged this prior relationship to obtain financial contributions from both ADA and AAOMS to support the engagement of the Powers firm on this issue. If approved, additional work will be needed to modify the CMS ASC regulation for adoption of the code, and to also seek state Medicaid agencies' acceptance for the new code (for those who use the HCPCS system). This latter effort would require state PPAs to work in close collaboration with our state chapters and state dental associations.

Our specific proposal to CMS is that a HCPCS Level II Category G Code would be the most appropriate coding category, since G codes are not only commonly utilized in the Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (HOPPS), but also are recognized by Medicaid and other non-Medicare payers as well.

The AAPD along with the American Dental Association (**ADA**) and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (**AAOMS**) submitted a proposal to CMS on Sept. 21, 2021, with this simplified coding language:

“Covered dental procedure requiring general anesthesia; facility services only.”

We also recommended that CMS place the code into the same payment category as coded dental procedures (APC 5871) to receive a competitive facility fee compared to other types of surgeries, and that the code be included on the ambulatory surgery center covered procedures list to support access in these settings.

[VIEW THE LETTER](#)

We have worked to build support for this proposal from beyond the dental field. For example:

- The Ambulatory Surgery Center Association supports our proposal and has communicated this to CMS.
- On Jan. 20, 2022, the **American Academy of Pediatrics** wrote CMS in support of the AAPD-ADA-AAOMS code proposal.

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- On Feb. 17, 2022, the AAPD, ADA, and AAOMS filed written testimony with the Subcommittee on Health of the House Ways and Means Committee summarizing the problem and advocating CMS adoption of our proposal. This was in response to the Subcommittee’s hearing on Bridging Health Equity Gaps for People with Disabilities and Chronic Conditions.

[VIEW THE TESTIMONY](#)

- On March 24, 2022, 24 national organizations from the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (**CCD**) Health Task Force wrote CMS in support of the AAPD-ADA-AAOMS facility fee code proposal.

[VIEW THE LETTER](#)

- **Thanks to Congressional visits that AAPD members made on March 14-15, 2022, as part of POHAC, we secured a bi-partisan Congressional Dear Colleague Letter sent to CMS in support of our efforts.** The DCL request was led by Congresswoman Terri Sewell (D-Ala. 7th) and Congressman/dentist Drew Ferguson (R-Ga.3rd). The letter was just about to be finalized as of press time. Look for more information in upcoming *E-News* and *PDT* issues.

[VIEW THE LETTER](#)

The AAPD through the Council on Government Affairs (**CGA**) initiated a state Public Policy Advocate initiative in 2012 to strengthen and coordinate state-level advocacy efforts by our state chapters. A PPA serves as the state pediatric dentistry chapter's advocate for the oral health issues of infants, children, adolescents and patients with special health care and developmental needs. The PPA represents the chapter in promoting children's oral health issues with the state legislature and other elected bodies, state regulatory agencies (including Medicaid and health departments), licensing bureaus, professional health and child welfare organizations, oral health coalitions, foundations, institutions of dental education, publicly-funded safety net programs, and the private sector benefits industry. The PPA closely coordinates their activities with those of the state dental association. PPAs serve as an advocacy liaison between the state pediatric dentistry chapter and the state dental association.

We continue to convene PPA quarterly conference calls to share information and discuss strategy. Annual written reports from PPAs are included in the Council on Government Affairs annual report that is available on the AAPD website. We also regularly feature their activities in *PDT*, and share information and strategies among PPAs via quarterly Zoom meetings hosted by the AAPD. **There are PPAs in 46 states plus the District of Columbia.**

If you want to get more involved with advocacy at the state level and help your state chapter, please contact your PPA. They will be happy for assistance. Welcome to new PPAs Jackie Burgette of Pennsylvania, Janna McIntosh of Oklahoma, and Todd Gray of Nevada.

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AAPD[®] PAC

I commend our membership for their support of the AAPD PAC. For more details, please refer to the Annual Report from PAC Steering Committee, which you will receive next month. A detailed list of our 2021 supporters will be printed there, and was also printed in the May 2022 *PDT*. Also be sure to stop by the PAC kiosk in San Diego in the registration area! There are video presentations running and various pediatric dentist testimonials will be filmed at the kiosk.



AAPD PAC THE BIG ADVOCATE for little teeth

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The screenshot shows the AAPD PAC website header with the logo and social media share icons. Below the header are four main content areas:

- About the PAC**: Includes links for PAC FAQ, PAC Leadership, Legislator of the Year, and Annual Reports. A "Learn More >" link is at the bottom.
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AAPD® Educational Training Programs

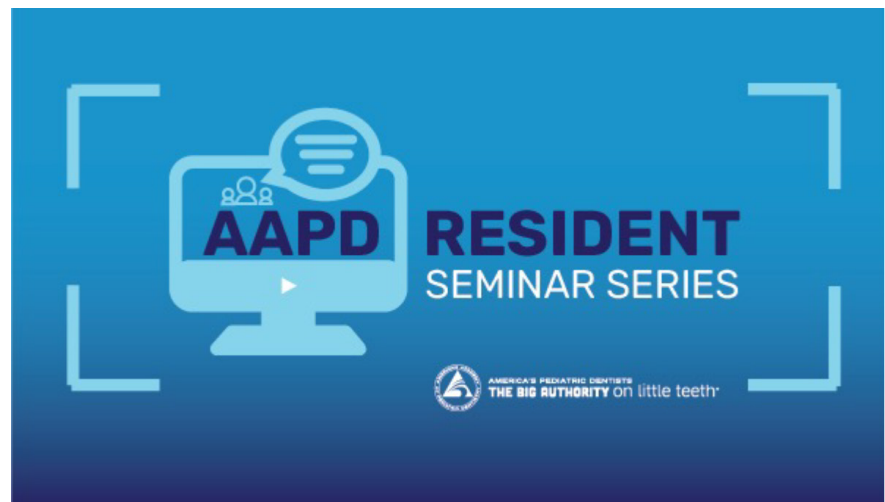
(Residency/Postdoctoral and Predoctoral)

Academy for Advancing Leadership Scholarships Provided

To address the critical shortage of clinical and dental school faculty, the AAPD established its Master Clinician Scholarship in 2008 (now known as the Leadership in Education and Administration Program **(LEAP)**). For the thirteenth consecutive year, the AAPD will provide scholarships to our members to participate in two Academy for Advancing Leadership's courses, Institute for Teaching and Learning **(ITL)** and Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program **(CAAMP)**, as well as receive complimentary registration to Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Dentistry. The ITL course is designed as a program to help participants achieve better student outcomes by refining their teaching skills and enhancing the quality of their interactions with students. The CAAMP is an interactive program designed to address the unique challenges faced by new, current, and aspiring administrators.

Pediatric Dentistry Residency Seminar Series

This exciting project was started during the COVID-19 pandemic, in response to all clinical and didactic operations coming to a halt. The first presentation was held in October 2020 and The AAPD Resident Seminar Series is still going strong. Presentations geared toward enhancing residents' education are held once a month. The aim of the sessions is to cover a broad range of topics to augment programs' regular curriculum. Seminars are open and available to all members. The Pediatric Dentistry Residency Seminar Series schedule (with registration links) is updated periodically, and can be accessed via the AAPD website. We know that not everyone will be able to view these presentations live, so presentations are recorded and posted as well.



2022 AAPD Graduate Student Research Award (GSRA) Competition

The AAPD Graduate Student Research Award was established in 1989 for current and recent pediatric dentistry students and residents. The AAPD Committee on Scientific Affairs selects eight finalists to present their research during the Annual Session. Finalists will conduct their oral presentations during Annual Session. Finalists receive a cash award and plaque. A matching cash award is given to each finalist's training program. Congratulations to the following 2022 winners:

AZZA TAGELSIR AHMED, PH.D.

Early Lead Exposure is Associated with Molar Incisor Hypomineralization (MIH)
Boston University

DONGYEON KIM, D.D.S.

Spontaneous Space Closure After Extraction of First Permanent Molars
Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY

JORMAN GARCIA, D.M.D.

Comparison of Articaine Infiltration to Lidocaine IANB in Pediatric Patients
University of Illinois at Chicago

JUNGSOO KIM, D.D.S.

Monitoring Occlusal Caries on Primary Teeth with Optical Coherence Tomography
University of California, San Francisco

LUANA LIM, D.M.D.

Comparison of The Masking Ability and Translucency of Different Tooth Colored Restorative Materials
Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Loma Linda, CA

ROSANGEL OROPEZA, D.D.S.

Cytotoxicity Analysis of Pulp Stem Cells After Silver Diamine Fluoride Application
University of Texas — Houston

SAPNA SAINI, D.D.S.

Exploring the Association Between Caregiver Opposition of Topical Fluoride and COVID-19 Vaccines
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

TAIMY CRUZ HONDARES, D.D.S.

Antibacterial, Biocompatible and Mineralization-inducing Properties of Calcium Silicate-based Materials
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

They will be recognized during the General Assembly in San Diego, and the Ralph McDonald award presented to the overall GSRA winner will be announced at that time.

AAPD In-Service Examination

The AAPD continues its relationship with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (**NBOME**) that now includes computerization of the In-Service Examination. Since 2008, the AAPD has contracted with NBOME for psychometric services and test construction. The In-Service Examination Committee has divided itself into two smaller groups; one concentrates on item writing and the other develops the exam and blueprint. The exam developers conducted all meetings virtually this year. The exams continue to be administered in two phases: outgoing and incoming residents are examined at different times. This allows programs to receive and share scores with the residents. A total of 941 exams were administered in 2021. This accounted for \$141,150 in non-dues revenue. **We continue to have a 98 percent participation rate of the CODA-approved pediatric dentistry residency training programs.**

Collaboration with IADR/AADR

The Education Development and Academic Support Manager continues to support the IADR/AADR Pediatric Oral Health Research (POHR) Group as its Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The POHR Group has grown since its inception and has increased its international membership. This year the AAPD agreed to sponsor and fund a new award, the **AAPD/IADR POHR Research Award – \$1000**. The aim of the award is to promote the interest of pediatric dentists, clinicians, and academicians in research on the oral health of children and adolescents, and to acknowledge excellence of the research conducted by these individuals. The POHR Group offered four awards, all with Jan. 17, 2022, deadlines.

IADR PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH STUDENT AWARD

For the purpose of promoting the interest of young scientists and students in research focused on the oral health of children and adolescents, and to acknowledge excellence of the research conducted by young investigators. (DDS or Bachelor degree dental students, Postgraduate students or resident/registrar in specialty training postgraduate/certificate programs). The winner will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$1,000 USD.

IADR PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

For the purpose of promoting the interest of young scientists and students in research focused on the oral health of children and adolescents, and to acknowledge excellence of the research conducted by young investigators. (PhD Students or Postdoctoral Fellows). The winner will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$1,000 USD.

IADR PEDIATRIC ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH FACULTY AWARD

For the purpose of promoting the interest of junior faculties or scientists in research focused on the oral health of children and adolescents, and to acknowledge excellence of the research conducted by junior faculties. (completed their last degree/fellowship /training program within the last five years). The winner will receive a Certificate of Recognition and \$1,500 USD.

IADR POHR PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY WORKING GROUP TRAVEL AWARD

The IADR is inviting applications from IADR members from Africa who have submitted an abstract for a travel award to support their attendance at the IADR General Session. The objective of this award program is to encourage African investigators to undertake research in any area related to pediatric oral health and present their findings at the IADR General Session & Exhibition. The award is sponsored by PDWG and consists of \$1,000 to attend the IADR General Session.

Pediatric Dentistry Residency Continues to Soar in Popularity

Pediatric dentistry continues to be a popular specialty with graduates as evident by the continued growth in Match results for the 2022–23 academic year. After the influx of applicants participating in the Match for all programs last year, we see the numbers settled back to their historical trends this year. For the 2022–23 academic year, the number of Pediatric Dentistry positions offered and residency positions filled continues to surpass all specialties and AGED programs participating in the Match. Only GPRs have a higher number of applicants and positions offered.

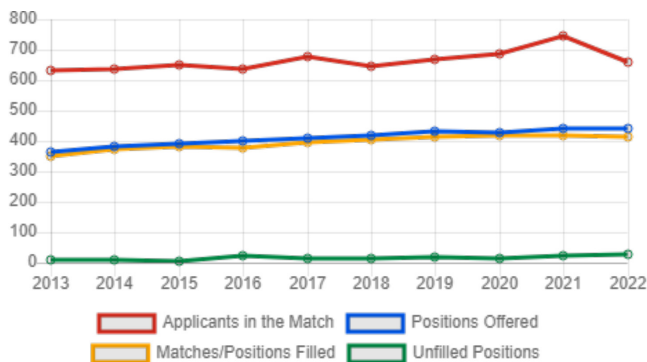
2022-23 Match Statistics

Program	Applicants Participating in the Match	Positions Offered	Matches/ Positions Filled	Unfilled Positions
Pediatric Dentistry	657 (-87)	439 (-1)	413 (-4)	26 (+3)
Adv. Education in General Dentistry	609 (-69)	355 (+19)	252 (-14)	103 (+33)
Orthodontics	593 (-15)	345 (+13)	331 (+9)	14 (+4)
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	450 (-43)	242 (+6)	237 (+2)	5 (+4)
Periodontics	298 (-59)	139 (+2)	135 (-2)	4 (+4)
Prosthodontics	245 (-38)	127 (-3)	111 (-7)	16 (+4)
Dental Anesthesiology	67 (-4)	30 (+1)	30 (+1)	0 (0)
US General Practice Residency	948 (-230)	769 (-10)	623 (-81)	146 (+71)

The number in parentheses represents the changes (plus or minus positions) as compared to last year.

Dental Match Statistics

Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program for Pediatric Dentistry Positions Beginning in 2022



Annual data on accredited programs and enrollment (Survey of Advanced Dental Education) is gathered and maintained by the Health Policy Institute of the American Dental Association (**ADA**). Data from the 2020–2021 academic year is the latest available. At that time, there were 81 pediatric dentistry residency programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (**CODA**), enrolling a total of 972 postdoctoral students. There was first year enrollment of 476 and 477 graduates.

COMPLETE RESULTS OF THE 2022–23 MATCH

ANNUAL REPORTS ON ACCREDITED PREDOCTORAL, ADVANCED AND ALLIED DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE U.S.

In terms of practicing dentists in the U.S., pediatric dentistry continues to be the second largest dental specialty, following orthodontics: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute analysis of ADA Masterfile.

Supply of Dentists in the U.S. 2001-2021

General Practice	159,246
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics	10,921
Pediatric Dentistry	8,767
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	7,437
Endodontics	5,717
Periodontics	5,663
Prosthodontics	3,693
Public Health Dentistry	801
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	423
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	177
Dental Anesthesiology	97
Orofacial Pain	25
Oral Medicine	6



Title VII Grants

AAPD sent alerts to program directors encouraging applications to on several FY 2022 HRSA Title VII new grant cycles. **All except for THCGME were made possible by AAPD's advocacy efforts.**

Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities

This was also disseminated to the state Public Policy Advocates network, as these grants must be submitted by a state government. Applications were due Jan. 31, 2022.

Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Applications were due Feb. 7, 2022.

Dental Clinician Educator Career Development Program (HRSA 22-049)

Applications were due Feb. 14, 2022.

Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program

Applications were due March 22, 2022.

Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program (HRSA-22-139)

Applications were due March 31, 2022.

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AAPD[®] Dental Insurance and Dental Coding Assistance

Dr. Jim Nickman Now Serving as Consultant to AAPD

Due to the retirement of long-time AAPD Dental Benefits Director Mary Essling, our Committee on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP) Chair Dr. Jim Nickman has been engaged by the AAPD as a Dental Insurance Consultant. His goal is to provide valuable assistance to members on insurance and coding issues. Calls come in regularly from members seeking assistance with appealing denied claims, determine appropriate coding, utilizing general anesthesia legislation requirements, coordination of benefits, Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions, and conversion of dental codes to medical codes and diagnostic codes. Dr. Nickman will be contributing to The Coding Corner in *PDT* and the AAPD website on a regular basis. He also continues to serve as the AAPD's representative on the ADA's Code Maintenance Committee (CMC). CMC meets each year in March to review CDT proposals that would take effect on Jan. 1, of the following year.

District and State Code Workshops

The CDBP offer Coding and Insurance Workshops to district and state chapters. The state or district is responsible for the speaker's airfare and lodging expenses. Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, no coding workshops were scheduled in 2021. However, we look forward to getting these back on track in 2022-23.

AAPD Coding and Insurance Manual and CDT 2022 Updates

We recently released CDT-2022 updates to the 11th edition of the AAPD Coding and Insurance Manual 2017. The electronic link was sent to all Active and Life members as a member benefit via ENews on Dec. 9, 2021. It is also included on the AAPD website under Resources: Dental and Insurance Coding.

CDT 2023 Proposal from AAPD regarding D1355

Per the board's approval, our CDBP submitted a proposal to the ADA Code Maintenance Committee (CMC) to revise code D1355 by removing SDF from the descriptor, and if that fails, to submit a proposal to delete the code. Experts from CCA and CSA concluded that at present there is no literature that supports the use of silver diamine fluoride for primary prevention. This was discussed at the CMC's meeting in March 2022, but unfortunately not adopted.

PODCASTS

Pedo Teeth Talk



AAPD's podcast, **Pedo Teeth Talk**, is hosted by Dr. Joel Berg and has seen another year of great download numbers.

Hu-Friedy was the platform sponsor of Pedo Teeth Talk in 2021 and will continue to sponsor in 2022. This year, there have been 10,525 downloads over 64 episodes.

AAPD Newly Erupted Podcast

AAPD introduced a new podcast this past year, **Newly Erupted**. Newly Erupted is geared towards new pediatric dentists and pediatric dental residents. It is hosted by Dr. Joel Berg and focuses on topics that interest early career pediatric dentists. In 2021, Newly Erupted was sponsored by Cheng Crowns, Denovo Dental, Dox Pedo, My Kid's Dentist & Orthodontics/Pacific Dental, and Treloar & Heisel. To date, there have been 2,038 downloads over 18 episodes.



AAPD® Continuing Education

Fall 2021

ORAL CLINICAL EXAM REVIEW COURSE

Sept. 9, 2021: Phoenix, Ariz.

Final attendance was 140.

THE NEW COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW: ADVANCES IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Sept. 10 – 12, 2021: Phoenix, Ariz.

Final attendance was 147.

JOINT SYMPOSIUM WITH CANADIAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (VIRTUAL)

The CAPD/AAPD Joint Symposium was a great success.

Final attendance was 471. We intend to meet jointly in 2024.

SAFE AND EFFECTIVE SEDATION OF THE PEDIATRIC DENTAL PATIENT

Oct. 22 – 24, 2021: Dallas, Texas

Final attendance was 156.

The Assistant's Course final attendance was 37.

Spring 2022 CE Calendar

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION TEST REVIEW

April 23, 2022: Virtual

SAFE AND EFFECTIVE SEDATION OF THE PEDIATRIC DENTAL PATIENT

March 24-26, 2022: Tampa, Fla.

Final attendance was 69.

MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC SEDATION EMERGENCIES: A SIMULATION COURSE

March 27, 2022: Tampa, Fla.

USF Health CAMLS Simulation Center

Final attendance was 23.

Fall 2022 CE Calendar

Registration for these courses will open in Spring 2022.

ORAL CLINICAL EXAMINATION REVIEW

Aug. 18, 2022

COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW COURSE

Aug. 19 – 20, 2022: New York, N.Y.

SAFE AND EFFECTIVE SEDATION OF THE PEDIATRIC DENTAL PATIENT

DENTAL ASSISTANT SEDATION COURSE

JOINT SYMPOSIUM WITH RCSI (DUBLIN, IRELAND)

Oct. 28 – 29, 2022

The Education Passport

The Education Passport is our digital learning portal created to provide access for member and non-Members to our high-quality education. Users can purchase content from previous continuing education courses, Annual Sessions, and more. **Once purchased, content is available to the user for five years, and the user can claim CE from the content for three years.** This past year we added content from The Hub, Qualifying Exam Study Clubs, updated Comprehensive Review Course, updated Safe & Effective Sedation Course, Oral Clinical Review course, Joint AAPD/CAPD (Molar Hypomineralization Symposium), and Journal CE.



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American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

The AAPD maintains an excellent workshop relationship on both the volunteer and staff level with our specialty's certifying board, the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Since 1964, the AAPD has sponsored the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD), fulfilling a requirement that to be recognized as a specialty an organization must demonstrate the ability to establish a certifying board (CDEL/ADA 2001). As the credentialing and certifying arm of the specialty, ABPD has a vision that we support: To achieve excellence in pediatric dentistry through certification of all pediatric dentists.



AMERICAN BOARD OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

As of this writing, there are 6,735 active diplomates. Given 7,443 active and life AAPD pediatric dentist members, that means that 90 percent of eligible AAPD members are ABPD Board Certified Pediatric Dentists.

The AAPD leadership continues to support ABPD's efforts to encourage all Academy members to be certified and to enroll in the renewal of certification process.

In Memoriam

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What's new with the AAPD's headquarters office staff?

Our staff looks forward to seeing you in San Diego!

Interns

Isabel Agolini is our Kimpton Fellow, a program sponsored by the University of Chicago. The university reimburses employee compensation and benefits for their one year fellowship. This was AAPD's second year of participation in the program. Isabel assisted the research and policy center on a number of projects, and also provided invaluable support for the 2022 Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference.

Departures and New Hires

- **Rachael Haave** joined AAPD in the fall of 2021 on Temp-to-Perm assignment from a staffing agency in the Meeting Services Associate position, and accepted the full-time position in October. Her previous work experience was as an Events Manager at ASM Global, McCormick Place, plus with the Madison Square Garden Company at The Chicago Theater, and Minnesota Sports and Ent at the Saint Paul RiverCentre and Xcel Energy Center. Rachael earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota.
- Meeting Services Manager **Caroline Price Oliva** decided to resign from AAPD in November 2021 to be a stay-at-home mom. She continued to do consulting work on the 2022 Annual Session. Caroline joined AAPD in 2017 and contributed immensely to the success of various AAPD meetings including annual sessions, virtual annual sessions, CE courses, and pediatric oral health advocacy conferences in Washington, D.C.
- Given Caroline's departure, **Rachael Haave** was promoted to Meeting Services Manager in November 2021.

Promotions

The following staff were promoted, effective July 1, 2021:

- **Kristi Casale**—Vice President for Meetings and Continuing Education
- **Cindy Hansen**—Vice President for Publications
- **Colleen Bingle**—Senior Meetings, Exhibits, and Sponsorship Manager
- **Alison Smith** joined the AAPD staff in December 2021 as Meeting Services Associate. Alison most recently worked as an Administrative Assistant for Urban Labs, and has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. We worked through the LaSalle Network staffing agency in this search.
- **Brianna DeWitt** joined the AAPD in August 2021 as Donor Relations Assistant for the AAPD Foundation. She has previous experience as a Household Assistant, Executive Assistant, and Marketing Intern. Brianna is working on obtaining her bachelor's degree from George Mason University.
- **Stefanie Dziedzic, M.S.**, joined the AAPD in October 2021 as Development Director for the AAPD Foundation. Her previous work experience includes being Chief Relationship Officer at Montgomery Place (senior living and nursing care), and prior to that at Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network and The Cradle/The Cradle Foundation (an adoption agency). Stefanie earned her bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University, Master of Science in Healthcare from Marian University, and has a Certificate in Leadership & Management from the Wharton School of Executive Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

- **Rachel Wedeward**, MLIS, AHIP, joined the Policy Center in November 2021 in the position of Research Project Manager. A professional librarian, she previously worked at the American Hospital Association as a Research Information Specialist and the American Library Association as a Research Coordinator. She received her BA in anthropology, politics, and government from Ripon College in 2014, and a MS in library and information science from Dominican University in 2016. Rachel is also an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Chicago School of Professional Education, and is currently pursuing a Master Online Teacher Certificate from the University of Illinois Springfield.
- **Michelle Hidalgo** accepted a position with The Society of Thoracic Surgeons in September 2021. Michelle worked with the AAPD Foundation for eight years, managing a number of marketing/fund-raising campaigns. We are holding off on filling this position pending the Marketing and Communications search.
- **Tom Jurczak**, Senior Business Services Director, accepted a position at the Turnaround Management Association in October 2021. We thank Tom for his service to the AAPD over the past six years, which included a complete overhaul of our accounting and budgeting systems.
- **Mary Purnell**, M.S., joined the AAPD in January 2022 as Business Services Director. Mary has worked in business/accounting offices for Montgomery Place, East Balt Bakeries/Bimbo QSR, Labriola Baking Company, and Caterpillar Resource Industries. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Benedict College, and a Master of Science degree in Accounting and a Master of Business Leadership and Management (Jack Welch Management Institute) degree from Strayer University.
- **Mary Essling**, Dental Benefits Director, retired at the end of 2021. Mary was with the AAPD 14 years and helped numerous AAPD members successfully navigate dental and medical insurance and CDT coding issues. She worked very closely with the Committee on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP), producing a number of resources for our members including annual pediatric dentistry coding updates. This is a unique position to fill, requiring a very specialized skills set. While searching, we are engaging AAPD's CDBP chair and CMC representative Dr. Jim Nickman as an AAPD consultant to respond to members' insurance and coding inquiries.
- Web and Social Manager **Lily Snyder Zielinski** accepted a director's level position with CNA insurance in November 2021. Over the past 6 years at AAPD, Lily was an integral part of re-designing both the professional and consumer websites, keeping web content up to date, messaging for social media platforms, and producing E-News.
- We're pleased that **Camryn Schreiner** started in January 2022 as Web and Social Media Coordinator. She is a 2021 graduate of Indiana University, and has experience on social media with the university's career center.



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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program (DFLRP)

Meet the Pediatric Dentistry Recipients (as of March 2022)

- Dr. Jennifer Fernandez, University of Tennessee
- Dr. Patrick S. Lolo, Nicklaus Children's Hospital
- Dr. Samah Omar, Loma Linda University
- Dr. Scott Schwartz, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Dr. Brittaney Hill, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
- Dr. Ian Marion, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
- Dr. Elise W. Sarvas, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Jonathan Bacon, Howard University College of Dentistry
- Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Howard University College of Dentistry
- Dr. Khrystyna Leskiv, Bronx-Lebanon Hospital
- Dr. Ehsan Azadani, The Ohio State University
- Dr. Elizabeth Palmer, Oregon Health and Science University
- Dr. Laurita Siu, Loma Linda University
- Dr. Elva Jordan, University of Texas Health at San Antonio
- Dr. Sean McLaren, University of Rochester Medical Center
- Dr. Isamar Rivera-Ramos, University of Rochester Medical Center
- Dr. Kerin Burdette, Texas A&M College of Dentistry
- Dr. Carolyn Kerins, Texas A&M College of Dentistry
- Dr. Nina Ray, Texas A&M College of Dentistry
- Dr. Krystle Rapisura, Western University of Health Sciences



Dr. Jennifer Fernandez, University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry has a rich heritage of alumni who became leaders in pediatric dentistry as well as organized dentistry. This traces back to faculty who were role models of service, clinical excellence, and commitment to putting the patient first. The challenge going forward is replacing those icons. In 2016 the average age of the faculty in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry was 64 years. This is not unique to the University of Tennessee. Over time residents who have been identified with teaching gifts and leadership skills have expressed interest in dental education if it were not for their mountain of student debt. The HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program enabled the identification and recruitment of such a person in **Dr. Jennifer Fernandez**, who tells the following story:



“I graduated from the University of Tennessee’s pediatric dental residency in 2016. While under the mentorship of Drs. Martha Wells and Larry Dormois I discovered an affinity for teaching, but due to the heavy burden of student debt I was forced into private practice. I moved away after graduation to work and due to life circumstances, found myself back in Memphis. The Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program allowed me to both enjoy a life of teaching and comfortably repay my student loans. Were it not for the faculty loan repayment, half of my take home pay would go toward debt repayment, which would preclude the faculty position. The freedom it has given me to pursue this field of work is without measure, and for that I am truly grateful.”



Dr. Patrick S. Lolo, Nicklaus Children’s Hospital

“Growing up in Haiti and witnessing oral health disparities inspired me to pursue a career in dentistry. My passion for the dental field grew even stronger upon moving to Florida and observing similar disparities among children. In 2015, after completing my dental degree at the University of Florida, I noticed that most of my classmates were not very fond of participating in the Medicaid program and helping to address the needs of underserved children. The most common reason was high student debt. I mean, who can fault them? Graduating with \$400,000 worth of student loans is a serious matter. As a minority who once benefited from government-subsidized

health insurance programs, I was determined to be a part of the solution. With few general dentists willing to accept Medicaid in their private offices, I realized that educational institutions and community health centers bear much of the burden of providing care for the underserved. These issues compelled me to complete a certificate in Pediatric Dentistry at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital where I met my mentor, Dr. Oscar Arevalo. With his leadership and passion for the



underserved, he inspired me to pursue an academic career. After obtaining my certificate in pediatric dentistry in 2017, I accepted a position as a junior faculty at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. While I was excited about my career path I wondered about my ability to repay my educational loans. The HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program will enable me to focus on what's most meaningful: developing my career as an academician, serving as a role model for minority children, and influencing dental residents to make a difference in the lives of underprivileged children.”

Dr. Samah Omar, Loma Linda University

Through the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program, Loma Linda University has been able to retain Dr. Samah Omar as an Associate Professor and full-time faculty member within the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Omar earned her dental degree in 1999 from the Jordan University of Science and Technology and worked in private practice and community hospitals prior to moving to the U.S. and completing the International Dentist Program. Dr. Omar received her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 2010 and Master of Science in Dentistry degree in 2011 from Loma Linda. She is certified and a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.



Loma Linda University School of Dentistry has had its pediatric dentistry department for more than two decades; the class size has expanded from two to four residents in that time. The pediatric dentistry department is very short-staffed, and recent graduates who are candidates for faculty have a difficult time due to their outstanding educational loans. The city of San Bernardino and its surroundings have some of the worst health, economic, and education indicators in the nation. Since this community is in a poverty population, more than 50% of the children living in this area are uninsured or use DentiCal. Most of the local private pediatric dentistry offices do not accept DentiCal, due to low reimbursement rates, so the Loma Linda Pediatric Dentistry clinic is one of the largest clinics in the Inland Empire that accepts DentiCal.

Thanks to the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program, the Pediatric Dentistry department has been able to recruit and also reward current faculty for their hard work and dedication to the department.



Dr. Scott Schwartz, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

“After deciding to become a dentist as a sophomore in high school, I routinely pictured my life as a private practitioner in a leafy Chicago suburb. During dental school, however, I realized the extent to which educational institutions are responsible for shouldering the significant amount of dental disease that persists among the poor and minority groups. As a result, my career goals veered away from a traditional clinical career in private practice. Instead, I developed an interest in public health and academic dentistry, a curiosity I fed through my specialty training in pediatric dentistry and formalized with a Master's in Public Health. After studying health policy and management, reconciling

my own feelings towards a for-profit health care model, and gaining significant exposure to the joys of teaching, I was compelled to explore academics as a full-time career. When I finally started my dream job at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the dust settled from 26 years in school, I fully understood the financial implications of professional school student loans. Academic pediatric dentists make significantly less than their private practice counterparts, which can make long-term dedication to this career difficult. Just my monthly student loan obligation would consume more than half of my salary before accounting for other necessities. The HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program will facilitate paying down the debt burden to a point where the income differential will no longer affect my commitment to a career dedicated to education and public service. It is a truly life changing gift to more completely embrace my decision to pursue a career in academic dentistry, influencing the practice of our future pediatric oral health practitioners.”

Dr. Brittaney Hill, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry

“Like many dental students, upon completion of dental school my plan was to return to my hometown—Memphis, Tennessee—and work as a full-time clinician. Little did I know that my career would take a completely different trajectory. While in my pediatric dentistry residency program, I recognized the great impact that pre-doctoral programs have on the training of dental professionals who could greatly impact oral health care access and utilization, specifically amongst underserved populations. My desire to serve the underserved was then coupled with a desire to educate and mentor dental students and residents. As a result, I began pursuing a Master's of Public Health in Health Policy and Administration. During this educational experience, I realized that a career in full-time academia was on the horizon. As I prepared to start my first year as a full-time Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, I began to feel the weight of my student loan debt and wondered if a part-time academic





appointment would be more economically feasible. Torn between my career passion and student loan debt, I was faced with a very difficult decision. I was then made aware of the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program. This program creates an avenue for young, eager dentists like myself to follow our passion and accept faculty positions without being discouraged by the substantial amount of student loan debt that we have acquired. I am extremely grateful to have been awarded the DFLRP grant and it has further solidified my choice to pursue a career dedicated to dentistry, academia and public service.”



Dr. Ian Marion, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry

“I knew entering my residency that I wanted to practice differently, but I was not entirely certain what that would entail. I sought out the opinions of my faculty and mentors and investigated academia as my ideal future profession. My faculty and mentors lauded the positive aspects of the profession, and the many contributions I could make to patients directly, future generations of practitioners, and the knowledge of the profession. However, without fail, everyone I talked to seemed obligated to mention that compensation would always be a concern, and I should plan

carefully if academia really was a career I wanted to pursue. Several of them mentioned how their academic careers were enabled by loan repayment programs and how they may not have chosen the career without it. I took this caution to heart, especially with a large private school loan burden. Though I had a fair amount of anxiety about my financial future, I entered a full-time academic position immediately after residency, at that time without any additional support. I loved my work, and what I was able to accomplish, but I knew I always had to have a “Plan B” ready in case my financial situation changed. Thankfully the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program became a reality for me last year. Knowing that my loan burden has been alleviated grants me the security and the stability to fully embrace my career and continue training future generations of pediatric dentists.”

Dr. Elise W. Sarvas, University of Minnesota

“I have always been intellectually curious. I earned my doctor of dental surgery degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then pursued a master’s degree in pediatric dentistry at the University of Washington. But just a year into my pediatric dental residency in Seattle, I jumped at the chance to extend my studies by also pursuing a public health degree that would be my springboard into academics. I found this path was consistent with being able to do all the things I treasured most about pediatric dentistry: caring for medically complex patients in a hospital setting; collaborating closely with other health professionals; and finding patterns





in our oral health care system through research. In addition to these passions, teaching predoctoral dental students and postdoctoral dental residents allows me to scale up clinical care for the most vulnerable patients far beyond what I could possibly do alone. I get to do what I love, and help the world while doing it.

“It is no secret that academic pediatric dentists make far less than their private practice counterparts and I knew this as I applied for jobs across the country. When I settled in at the University of Minnesota, this abstract concept became a harsh reality as the cost of 23 years of education came due. Those years as a nerd were not going to be rewarded with a large paycheck. Over half of my take home pay went directly to my student loan obligations. It is no exaggeration to say that receiving the grant through the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program is life-changing. I am so thankful for AAPD’s efforts to advocate for these funds, particularly the persistence of Dr. Heber Simmons who met personally with HRSA to explain the critical situation that new faculty face. Their efforts have allowed this nerd to pursue her dream and commitment to teaching and molding the future of pediatric oral health care with a much lighter financial burden.”



Dr. Jonathan Bacon, Howard University College of Dentistry

Dr. Bacon is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and has always been interested in education. His mother sparked this interest at an early age. She taught special education for over 30 years and was extremely respected within her field. She inspired him to always give back to those who are less fortunate. Accordingly, in high school he worked as an instructional assistant for special needs children. Following college, he continued to pursue education and worked as a high school teacher for Spanish and biology before eventually deciding to pursue a career in

dentistry.

Following dental school, Dr. Bacon pursued a post-doctoral residency in pediatric dentistry through Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. He provided dental services for medically compromised children and children with special needs. He was honored with being selected as chief resident in his 2nd year. He then practiced in north Baltimore for two years before entering a 3-year residency in dental anesthesiology through Stony Brook University Hospital in New York. There also he was named chief resident, and concentrated on anesthesia for special needs patients and children with low socioeconomic status. Dr. Bacon is now an assistant professor at Howard University College of Dentistry. He works as an educator for pediatric and OMFS residents and plans to provide anesthesia services at Howard University Hospital in the near future.

During his five years of post-doctoral training, Dr. Bacon accrued interest on his student loans and accepted a significant loss in salary. However, the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program has alleviated this financial burden and made it possible for him to return to education. He hopes to utilize his foundation in anesthesia to improve access to care for special needs



patients and children of all ages. He seeks to improve resident learning through novel educational approaches and wishes to inspire the future dentists of tomorrow.

Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Howard University College of Dentistry

Dr. Jennifer Wilson attended Howard University College of Dentistry from 2007-2011, and graduated with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery. She completed her residency in pediatric dentistry from 2011-2013, serving as the chief resident. In 2014, Dr. Wilson became Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.



“My calling in life is to work with children. As a lover of art and science, dentistry was a natural fit. I fused those passions, and pursued a career in pediatric dentistry. I attended Howard University for my undergraduate, pre-doctoral, and post-doctoral education. While a student, I became interested in eventually giving back to my institution by teaching. This is an interest that I expressed to my program director; however, I knew that it would be many years before I was able to take on that role. With hundreds of thousands of dollars in outstanding student loan debt, and other expenses to consider, taking a position in academia was not a viable option. Little did I know that an undeniable opportunity would come less than ten years after graduation.”

Dr. Wilson worked in private practice for five years, and then learned of the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment program. With a rewarding career in academia now possible, while also being able to satisfy financial obligations, Dr. Wilson accepted the HRSA grant. Dr. Wilson is now an Assistant Professor at her alma mater, Howard University. She is honored to be a recipient, and looks forward to cultivating an enriching future in academia.



Dr. Khrystyna Leskiv, Bronx-Lebanon Hospital

“Dentistry is a very special profession. It is demanding both academically and clinically. What drove me to pursue a career in academia was a desire to help a new generation of dentists achieve and maintain a healthy balance between providing quality patient care, practicing critical-thinking skills, and maintaining a healthy work environment. Working in academia gives me an opportunity to teach and guide pediatric dentistry residents in their professional growth, to direct the learning process and lead them

to success. Moreover, doing so at BronxCare Health System, where I have received my own training, allows me to give back to the institution and local community as well.

“I love my job and enjoy the opportunity to participate in the educational process. This opportunity would not be possible without the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program, which gave me the ability to do what I love without worrying about making next month’s loan



payment. Unfortunately, working in academia means taking a pay cut – something I would not be able to do with the responsibilities of paying back my educational loans and having a growing young family. It is an honor to receive HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program Award and I am grateful for the ability to follow my dream and pursue a career in academia.”

Dr. Ehsan Azadani, The Ohio State University

“I completed my dental education followed by a pediatric dentistry residency in my home country of Iran. After my residency, I accepted a full-time faculty position and taught pediatric dentistry to pre-doc dental students and pediatric dental residents for about four years. However, my passion for academic pediatric dentistry did not stop there. I pursued further education in the US by completing a second DDS program at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a second pediatric dentistry residency at The Ohio State University and Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Soon after my second residency training, I entered an academic position at OSU with a joint appointment at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. I take the utmost pride in teaching and scholarly activities. Throughout the years I have had multiple roles as both a trainee and a trainer and have learned that nothing can be more fulfilling than teaching. This passion has been the driving force for my long journey to get to where I am today. I have always been determined to pursue an academic career after residency, but the HRSA Faculty Loan Repayment Program has been instrumental in alleviating the loan burden, allowing me to fully embrace my career responsibilities to train the next generation of pediatric dentists.”



Dr. Elizabeth Palmer, Oregon Health and Science University

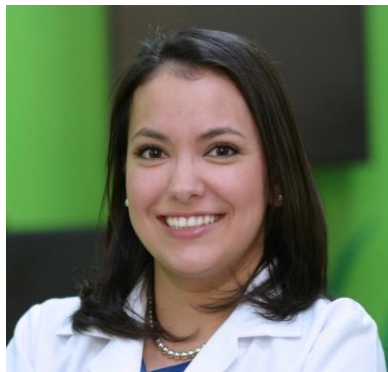
“I have always known that I would like to be involved in higher education through teaching and research. However, it wasn’t until I began working in a dental research laboratory, that I realized that I also wanted to become a dental academician. During my pediatric dentistry residency training, I had the opportunity to work in a hospital setting with the state’s most vulnerable pediatric populations, and I loved it. It was at that point that I decided to dedicate my career to educating dentists so they too would be able to work successfully alongside our medical colleagues and provide care to patients that are medically fragile, behaviorally challenged, or socially disadvantaged. As the current pediatric dentistry residency program director at the Oregon Health & Science University, I am in a key position to educate our next generation of pediatric dentists to become clinically sound primary care providers that are proficient in treating at-risk pediatric patients.



“Unfortunately, a large portion of my academic salary has gone toward paying back the education loans that I accrued while in training. This has put financial stress on my family. Being awarded loan repayment through the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program at OHSU has significantly alleviated that stress. I feel very grateful to be a recipient of this life-changing program so that I may be able to continue to pursue my professional goals as a pediatric dentistry educator without the worry of paying down my debt burden.”

Dr. Laurita Siu, Loma Linda University

Dr. Laurita Siu graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 2015, and completed her pediatric residency at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dentistry in 2017. Prior to dental school, Dr. Siu completed a Master’s Degree in Public Health with an emphasis on Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Loma Linda University. She has worked on many research projects at the school, and plans to continue teaching at Loma Linda University, joining the faculty in January 2018. Thanks to the HRSA grant, Dr. Siu can be alleviated from the financial burden of loan repayment and focus on empowering the future dentists with the skills needed to become compassionate and competent professionals.



Dr. Elva Jordan, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio

Dr. Jordan always admired her parents’ commitment to education and dreamed of following in their footsteps. Her father maintained a private practice in prosthodontics and was a dental school professor in Mexico for 35 years, while her mother taught elementary special education for 20 years. After graduating from Texas A&M University, Dr. Jordan taught 7th grade science at a middle school in Laredo, Texas before eventually deciding to pursue a career in dentistry. Dr. Jordan obtained her dental degree and postdoctoral training in pediatric dentistry at UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry in 2009 and 2011. She began her career in academia immediately after graduating. She was an assistant clinical professor in San Antonio for one year before moving to Laredo, Texas in 2012. In Laredo, she worked part-time in private practice with Dr. Joe Castellano and taught part-time at the UT Health San Antonio Laredo Regional Campus Pedo program. Dr. Jordan began teaching full-time in 2016 and became eligible for the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program. Dr. Jordan is honored to be a recipient of the Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program and looks forward to cultivating an enriching future in academia.



Dr. Sean McLaren, University of Rochester Medical Center



“When I entered college I did not know exactly what was in store for me. I was born and raised in Rochester, NY and had no desire to leave my friends and family. My parents and most of my relatives worked for Kodak and that was the norm; we didn’t have anyone in the healthcare field. I became interested in dentistry during college and started doing research about what that would mean as a profession. I applied and was accepted to SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. During dental school I assumed I would graduate and become a private practitioner of general dentistry in Rochester. I completed a 2 year GPR program at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester and was exposed to many new areas of dentistry. During those 2 years I gravitated towards pediatric dentistry in part due to the enthusiasm of one particular pediatric dentist (who is now a great friend).

I applied to the pediatric dentistry residency program and like many, was not accepted initially. I worked with children and adult IDD populations and re-applied to the pediatric dentistry residency program and was accepted. Similar to my previous path, I knew I enjoyed pediatric dentistry, but didn’t know what type of practice setting I would be in. Upon graduation I had offers in town from a couple different pediatric dentists to join them as an associate and I was offered a full time faculty position. The faculty position was for quite a bit less money, but it was doing what I wanted to do. My fiancée at the time (now she’s my wife and an amazing mother to our 2 children) said: “Do what you want to do.” This was great advice, but as time went on financial obligations like student loan debt really could put a strain on things. I was happy with what I was doing, but kids had been added to the mix and bills were mounting. I had taken on more responsibility within the division, but I couldn’t walk into a local meeting without 3 or 4 pediatric dentists trying to convince me to join their practice and “work less and make more.” It was quite tempting and my wife and I put a lot of thought into me changing career paths. At that time, the dental center put an application in for the HRSA faculty loan repayment program and faculty development grant. I was asked if I wanted to be included as a possible recipient and I gladly accepted. The university’s application was accepted and I decided to stay as a direct result.

This program not only helped with my personal finances but also drastically altered my career path through the faculty development component. I’m currently the chair of pediatric dentistry, finishing my MBA this semester, and couldn’t be happier personally and professionally, even with all the craziness of the past 2 years. I often talk to potential faculty members and let them know all the benefits of this program and what it has meant to me personally and professionally and the many underserved children in Rochester whom we care for. I’d like to say thank you to the Congressional members that vote to fund this program. It means so much more to the children we are able to treat because of the availability of these funds to help recruit and develop phenomenal faculty members.”



Dr. Isamar Rivera-Ramos, University of Rochester Medical Center

“As early as I can remember I wanted to become a teacher. I come from a family of educators and I always knew I would teach. This was not a surprise to my parents as my mom was a Kindergarten teacher, both her parents were teachers, as are two of my aunts. When I completed my Bachelor’s degree in Biology I was undecided on what career path I would take: education or a health care field? Upon my mom’s advice I decided to shadow my pediatric dentist to see if I liked it and I was enamored with working with children and teaching them to take care of their teeth.

From then on, I decided: I would become a pediatric dentist. I was extremely happy when I was accepted to The University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine (UPRSDM). Once in school, a unique opportunity was presented to me to apply for a newly collaborative effort between the UPRSDM and the University of Rochester with the objective of completing a DMD/PhD dual degree. I came to Rochester the summer after first year of dental school and loved the University and the idea of learning more about Oral Microbiology. I applied to the program and was accepted to the Microbiology and Immunology track. My husband and I moved to Rochester after my third year of dental school and for the next two years I juggled my responsibilities as a graduate student and my requirements for graduation from dental school. I graduated from dental school and continued my graduate studies. I spent the following years in the laboratory focusing on the oral bacteria and caries etiologic agent *Streptococcus mutans*. However, I missed seeing patients and providing dental care. I applied to the residency programs in Pediatric Dentistry (to which I was not accepted during my first attempt) and Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD). I was accepted to the AEGD and started residency right after my daughter’s birth. I applied to the Pediatric Dentistry program for a second time and this time I was accepted. During my first year as a pediatric dentistry resident, I successfully defended my doctoral thesis and obtained a Ph.D. in Microbiology while raising a baby along with my husband. Once I completed residency, I was offered a position as faculty and I gladly accepted. Although I was aware that private practice would offer more financial benefits, my passion has always been in academics and community service. Shortly after I started my position as faculty, I was presented with the opportunity to be part of the HRSA Faculty Development Grant. This program has been instrumental in my development as a faculty member early in my career. Currently I serve as full-time faculty, mentoring residents, and serving as the Clinical Site director for the Eastman Institute for Oral Health (EIOH) -School 17 Community based clinic. I am involved in didactic and clinical teaching for Pediatric Dentistry residents as well as course director for several courses for EIOH. The HRSA Faculty Development Grant allowed me the freedom to pursue my desire to be a part of academia and do critically relevant research, reducing financial stress from my Dental School student loans. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and hope programs like this remain in place.”



Dr. Kerin Burdette, Texas A&M College of Dentistry

“At the age of 12, I knew I wanted to be a dentist. Twelve years later I fulfilled this dream, graduating from the Six-Year Combined BA/DDS Program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. After graduation, I completed a General Practice Residency at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Veterans Administration Medical Center. I then committed several years of service with the National Health Service Corps providing dentistry at the Samuel U. Rodgers Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center in Kansas City, Missouri. In addition to public health, my experience includes mobile dentistry, managed care, private practice, academia, and administration. My love of treating children led to a Specialty Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Shortly thereafter, I completed a Master in Public Health with Dental Emphasis at A. T. Still University College of Graduate Health Studies. I am a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. I serve as a member of several organized dental communities and on the Advisory Board at Dental Health Arlington, Inc. After practicing in private practice settings, I decided to shift gears and transition to academia. This has been another highlight of my career. I absolutely LOVE teaching! Currently, I am a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Public Health Services Department at Texas A & M University College of Dentistry and practice at Barefield Pediatric Dentistry. I realize that while I am a forever student, the degrees and extra training I received have come with a price adding on debt. Being awarded the HRSA Loan Repayment will ease this burden while allowing me to work with predoctoral students and post-graduate residents. I consider this a win-win situation and I am so grateful for this opportunity.”



Dr. Carolyn Kerins, Texas A&M College of Dentistry

“I always knew I would be involved in academics. Even as a child, I truly enjoyed school.” Prior to dental school, Dr. Kerins started a Master’s degree in Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M Health Science Center-Baylor College of Dentistry and decided to pursue a Ph.D. With funding from NIDCR, she was able to pursue the Ph.D. as well her dental degree. Her research mentors were the impetus for her application to pediatric dentistry residency training. Dr. Kerins shares that “Pediatric dentistry was able to combine my strengths, my intellectual curiosity and my research interests.” Dr. Kerins graduated from Texas A&M University College of Dentistry in 2002, completed her Ph.D. in 2004, pursued a one-year internship at Children’s Hospital, then finished residency training in 2005. She has been in full-time academics since then. She has applied multiple times for individual faculty loan repayment grants, but was not selected. This is her first year to receive funding in an institutional FLRP geared toward faculty development.



As you have heard before, academic dentistry salaries pale in comparison to that earned by dentists in private practice. Depending on the circumstances this can be approximately a \$200,000 differential per year. This has significant implications on quality of life of academic dentists who often work more hours compared to their non-academic counterparts. Teaching is truly a labor of love for most and receiving funding to help off-set student loan debt by the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program is life changing. Dr. Kerins believes if more of the Dental Faculty loan repayment grants were made available to institutions, dental schools would be able to recruit more young graduates and early/mid-career dentists to help alleviate dental faculty shortages seen throughout the country.

Dr. Nina Ray, Texas A&M College of Dentistry

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” As a first grader, my reply was “a dentist.” It’s very rare that a childhood desire grows to become a reality. Growing up in New Orleans, I didn’t have medical professionals who looked like me as a child. As I grew more into my collegiate studies, my desires to become a dentist to be able to provide that role model to children who look like me was imperative. After graduating from Xavier University of Louisiana, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, I continued my path to pursue a career in dentistry, which led me to an acceptance into Howard University. Upon graduation, I entered a General Practice Residency



at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in Bronx, New York for two years where I was appointed as Chief Resident in my second year. During this residency, I gained knowledge in all aspects of dentistry along with completing advanced general dentistry cases. Through this residency, and a later position where I practiced general dentistry with an emphasis on pediatric patients, my passion to formalize my education in pediatric dentistry was determined, and I was accepted into the Pediatric Dental Residency at Howard University College of Dentistry. My time at Howard University was both enjoyable and rewarding; it included an appointment as the Chief Resident in the Pediatric Dental Residency Program, where I had the opportunity to work in an environment that allowed me to communicate with residents and teach in the undergraduate clinic. Today I am a Clinical Assistant Professor at Texas A&M College of Dentistry, where I teach didactic courses, lead surgical treatment of patients, and provide clinical guidance to students and residents.

Through my collegiate path in dentistry, the impact that influential professors have had in my life has helped shaped who I am today, and I recognize the value that academic pediatric dentists have, while making significantly less than their private practice counterparts. The HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program is an avenue to encourage individuals like me to follow their passion of helping shape the future of dentistry. Because of this program, I’m allotted the opportunity to focus on my passion, without the stress and burden of substantial student loan debt that I have acquired. I am blessed and grateful to have been awarded the DFLRP grant so that I can focus on my passion to help those future generations of pediatric dentists.



Dr. Krystle Rapisura, Western University of Health Sciences

As an alumna from the inaugural class at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Dental Medicine (WesternU CDM), Dr. Rapisura provides a unique perspective; she has seen the growth of WesternU CDM since her time as a past student, and can now be the lead for change in the Community-Based Dental Education (CBDE) curriculum as the Assistant Dean for Community Patient Care. Her focus as a student at WesternU CDM, as a pediatric resident at New York University College of Dentistry, and as faculty at WesternU CDM has been on providing access to care and treating those in medically underserved areas and communities, both locally and internationally.

“As a first-generation college graduate, I have been blessed to be surrounded by a support system that continues to grow with my personal aspirations and professional development. Taking out loans to pay for my dental education and adding to the financial burden for residency was not a decision I made lightly. Although my intentions were always to work part-time in education, it was only when I was in academia where I felt my experiences, strengths, and passions truly collided and I made the decision to transition to a full-time faculty. As a WesternU alum, I have an extra sense of pride and responsibility to be a pipeline for others to continue to treat and educate the underserved upon graduation and be a mentor for those interested in academia and/or pediatric dentistry. The encouragement I received to enter into academia and the support I continue to have to grow professionally while in academia has been unmatched. I would like to thank HRSA for providing this opportunity to dental faculty who have a passion toward building health equity and breaking down social determinant barriers. Being a recipient for the inaugural HRSA DFLRP at WesternU is a reminiscent of being one of the first graduates here at WesternU – this is a great way to begin this academic pipeline program.”