

March 2007 Chapter Child Care Contact (CCCC) E-News

Dear AAP Chapter Child Care Contacts and Colleagues:

As you know, the AAP established a Provisional Section on Early Education and Child Care in July 2006! We are pleased to welcome you to our Section and to thank you for agreeing to serve as an AAP Chapter Child Care Contact (CCCC).

Each quarter, the Section Executive Committee will bring you information that you can use in your advocacy efforts to increase health promotion in early childhood, especially regarding health and safety in child care settings. We also appreciate your crusade to share this vital information with interested colleagues through your AAP Chapter. If you have ideas for future updates, please let us know.

Resource Highlight: Each E-News will include 1 resource that we feel is pertinent to your efforts. To start out, we've created a special Web page for you at <http://www.healthychildcare.org/CCCC.html>. Here, you will find several resources such as: the CCCC job description, a CCCC roster, template articles, research articles, and various other useful publications.

Creative Idea or Suggestion: Each issue, we will ask you to do "just one thing" in your role as the CCCC, and we will include an example or two that you might find useful. This quarter, we are asking you to do one of the following:

- *Suggestion One:* Contact the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Coordinator in your state and ask them A) Which ECCS activities include a focus on health? and B) Who are the health professionals involved in these efforts? If you are not sure who your ECCS contact is, please see the webpage related to your state here: <http://hccnsc.edc.org/states/>. Please Email us what you find out.
- *Suggestion Two:* Submit an article to your Chapter newsletter on an issue related to health and safety in child care.

Peer-to-Peer Learning: We would like to highlight your work so that your CCCC colleagues can learn from and benefit from your ideas and efforts. Please send us a description of something you have accomplished this past year. This issue brings you news from Madhulika Mathur, MD, FAAP in Madison, WI.

I have been serving as the Child Care Contact for Wisconsin and attended the April 2005 AAP Conference on Pediatric Advocates for Early Education and Child Care. I am currently practicing Pediatrics in Madison, Wisconsin and I have participated in a few early childhood activities over the past year:

- Served as the chairperson for the WI AAP Chapter Committee on Early Education, Adoption, and Foster Care.
- Wrote brief reports on relevant activities as needed to the Chapter leaders and national committee members.
- Attended meetings of our Birth to Three Professional Development Initiative. This group put together a [flow chart](#) to help child care providers address concerns about an individual child's development with the parent of the child.
- Participated in meetings with the coordinator for the Wisconsin Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems initiative.

We plan to check back with you in May 2007 to ask you what you've accomplished!

You can reach the AAP Early Education and Child Care staff (Laura Aird, Trisha Calabrese, and Renee Jarrett) at:

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Thank-you again for all that you do for children!

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