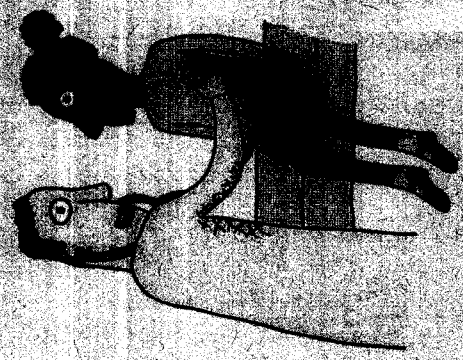


An Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director and Lobbyist, staff the MDAAP. MDAAP is governed by a volunteer and very active Executive Committee and is organized around a Committee structure. We



currently have 20 active committees that are run by volunteer Chairpersons, all of which are pediatricians. We are very fortunate to have a large segment of the membership actively involved in the work of MDAAP. Pediatricians from the academic institutions, research centers and many private practitioners create a positive and productive organization that continues to advocate on behalf of children throughout the state.



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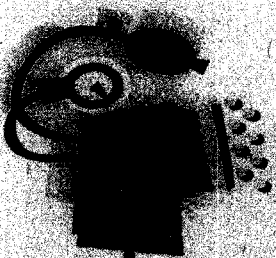
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MISSION

To support and encourage pediatricians in the promotion of optimal health for all of Maryland's children and adolescents.

The Maryland Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization in Maryland. Since the inception of MDAAP in 1950, the organization has had a long and distinguished history of advocacy and support for Maryland children and their



health care needs. The mission of MDAAP is to support and encourage pediatricians in the promotion of optimal health for all of Maryland's children and adolescents. MDAAP's commitment to the health and well being of all children in Maryland. The MDAAP Chapter has over 1,200 members statewide. The MDAAP initiates and supports numerous programs that

respond to the needs of children. Through collaborative and creative programming with other public and private agencies throughout Maryland, MDAAP encourages a positive change agent in the lives of children.

The MDAAP is currently working on numerous projects. Recently, a leader and/or member of the organization, General Joseph C. (Asking Saves Lives Campaign) throughout the state of Maryland. This is a campaign that will reduce the number of gun-related accidents and accidental deaths through comprehensive education programs in school and offices. We are currently working on a gun safety program in Baltimore. Not only are there strong and lasting relationships with public child advocacy groups throughout the state and the region, there is also a strong public policy component that has been effective at the community and state level. The MDAAP has

been recognized across the state, by the national Academy of Pediatrics and other health associations for their insightful and productive public policy agenda. They are a recognized leader in developing and initiating legislation in Annapolis involving the health and well being of children. The leadership of MDAAP has been instrumental in crafting and implementing legislation that has had a positive impact on the lives of children. Health policy initiated by the MDAAP include:

- Increased by 50 million dollars the Medicaid reimbursement rate for physicians.
- Collaborated on conversion of the Maryland Medicaid Program: *HealthyChoice*
- Fought for Universal Newborn Hearing Screening
- Worked on passage of tobacco tax increase to-bacco and stricter vending machine regulations
- Seatbelt safety guidelines