In 2017, we witnessed significant political threats to health care access for children, and our members answered the call. The silver lining to the divisive political climate has been seeing pediatricians across our state double down in advocacy for the health and safety of kids outside of the walls of our clinics, hospitals and labs. In 2017, 71 members participated in our annual Advocacy Day, members sent 1,274 messages to their legislators, members testified before the state legislature 25 times, and members had 12 op-eds or letters to the editor appear in print media. Our members successfully swayed federal representatives from our state who were considered swing voters on repealing the Affordable Care Act. In our state legislature, we had multiple wins: strengthening the state's distracted driving laws, guaranteeing paid family medical leave insurance, Medicaid reimbursement for adolescent depression screening and post-partum depression screening, funding for an additional child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship slot, and Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health providers who provide therapy in primary care settings (aka collaborative care).

Beyond our legislative advocacy, members also educated each other through many other engaging and well-attended events. This included: 2 population health forums, 2 mental health forums, and 4 regional listening sessions. We also had strong participation in our Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative, our QI Initiative to increase HPV immunization rates, our Great MINDS trainings on developmental screening in primary care, and our peer-led presentations on management of ADHD and anti-psychotic medications.

At a time when many membership organizations are seeing their numbers decrease, we continue to gain members. The WCAAP now represents over 1000 pediatric providers across the state. I greatly appreciate your membership in the chapter and your participation at any level that works for you. With increased membership numbers and membership engagement, our chapter earns a stronger voice with legislators and truly serves as a professional home for Washington’s pediatricians.

Rupin Thakkar, MD, FAAP
President, Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
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INSPIRED every day by the families who walk through our doors and into our hearts.

DRIVEN by boundless opportunities of health and healing.

UNITED by our passion to provide exceptional care for children.

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Advocating for Washington’s children, families and communities

WCAAP connects pediatricians, specialists and providers throughout the state to create a network of passionate experts and advocates like you that are improving the health and lives of children here every day.

In 2017, you helped make Washington a better place for kids by speaking up on the issues that have an impact on children, families and pediatric care in your communities. We had an ambitious legislative agenda with priorities that included increasing access to care by raising the Medicaid rate; improving children’s mental health; investing in early childhood programs like home visiting, paid family leave, and Reach Out and Read; and keeping kids safe by preventing access to firearms, updating distracted driving laws, and raising the age to purchase tobacco.

Your action helped us achieve success with our ambitious agenda! Eighteen WCAAP members testified at 28 different hearings in the House and Senate.

Sixty-three WCAAP members from around the state traveled to Olympia for Advocacy Day.

WCAAP members wrote nearly 1300 messages to legislators about issues that affect child health.

WCAAP members helped raise awareness about child health by contributing to newspaper columns, letters and opinion pieces 16 times from Vancouver to Spokane to Seattle and communities in between.

WCAAP partnered with the Washington Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists to host two children’s mental health forums in Olympia to educate legislators on barriers to care and explore possible improvements. Fifty-four legislators and policy makers attended these forums, making a powerful impact toward improving kids’ mental health policy.
As a result, we’re celebrating important wins!

Significant steps were taken toward improving children’s mental health including funding for adolescent and maternal depression screens and directing our state Medicaid agency to prioritize reimbursement for behavioral health integration in primary care settings.

Our state’s distracted driving law was updated to prevent surfing the internet or emailing while driving. This update will save lives and prevent disabling injuries.

The legislature passed paid family and medical leave which will result in decreased maternal stress and depression, increased attachment and breastfeeding, better outcomes for kids post-surgery and hospitalization, and improved financial well-being for families.

Reach Out and Read and Home Visiting programs received sustained financial support.

WCAAP members have been tireless advocates on the federal front, rallying to the call to preserve CHIP and Medicaid. You can be confident that the WCAAP will continue to partner with the national American Academy of Pediatrics and our sister chapters nationwide to protect children when threats to their health and well-being emerge.
Leading on health care transformation

**WCAAP leads** a statewide health care transformation committee comprised of 27 primary care, hospital medicine, specialty and behavioral health care providers. This group ensures the voices of pediatric health care providers are heard in the health system transformation efforts underway and that children’s health improves as these changes take place. **This year we:**
Supported
over 1500 clinicians statewide in health care transformation by providing the tools and resources they need to transform their practices and prepare for value-based payment.

Delivered
peer-led training in effective primary care management of ADHD and antipsychotic medications to 75 primary care providers in 5 regions of the state. The sessions also brought together behavioral health providers from each community to share resources and learn how to access mental health services.

Held
two day-long Pediatric Population Health Forums for a statewide audience, bringing state and national expertise on social determinants of health, population health strategies, and behavioral health integration to audiences of 60-70 providers. View the presentations from our November 2017 Forum here.

Completed
an AAP-funded quality improvement initiative to increase rates of HPV series completion, with 5 clinics across the state completing the initiative. Download our HPV information card here.

Positioned
a physician champion and a behavioral health champion in most of the nine regional Accountable Communities of Health to increase collaboration and communication between primary care providers and behavioral health providers.

Convened
a work group comprised of Chief Medical Officers and QI staff from the state’s Managed Care Organizations to work toward a more unified approach to supporting providers with data and helping prepare providers for value-based payment.

Fostered
partnerships between behavioral health and primary care providers statewide, to increase effective referrals and communication. Download our Behavioral Health Toolkit here. This guidance has resulted in 40 behavioral health centers and 18 primary care clinics forging agreements to share referrals and plans of care.

Worked
with experts in Value-Based Payment to develop provider educational materials as well as policy recommendations for a sustainable payment system that will support pediatric-focused Value-Based Care.

Published
Download “Transforming Pediatric Practice: Helping You Reach Your Goals” by Drs. Frances Chalmers and Beth Harvey, WCAAP leaders in health care transformation.
Making early childhood connections

We are keenly aware that Early Childhood is a critical time in a child’s life for brain development and biosocial impacts during early childhood can influence future health and wellbeing.

The WCAAP’s Early Learning Committee connects pediatric health care providers with a strong interest in early childhood initiatives throughout the state of Washington. The committee supports all work that improves the environments that young grow and learn: with parents, with child care providers, with family and friends. In 2017 the committee welcomed a new co-chair, as Dr. Diane Liebe joined Dr. Abby Grant at the helm and Dr. Danette Glassy stepped down after many years leading the committee. This year we:

- Learned about and supported Help Me Grow as a state strategy.
- Trained 182 primary care pediatric providers in Universal Developmental Screening in rural and underserved communities of Washington through Great MINDS (Medical Homes Include Developmental Screening), and equipped these providers with access to early intervention services for identified patients.
- Served as a hub to strengthen committee members’ work on 23 early childhood initiatives at the federal, state, local and clinic level.
- Led state and national early childhood efforts:
  - **ABBY GRANT**
    - Frontiers of Innovation First 1000 Days
    - AAP Council on Early Childhood
  - **DIANE LIEBE**
    - Systems, Services and Implementation Work Group, Essentials for Childhood
  - **JILL SELLS**
    - Chair, AAP Council on Early Childhood
  - **DANETTE GLASSY**
    - Essentials for Childhood Steering Committee
  - **BECKY SCHWARTZ**
    - Implementation Work Group, SB 5835 (protects pregnant women in the workplace)
Swedish is recognized in our community for providing extraordinary care to children and their families.
Bringing pediatric providers together

With more than 1000 members – our highest membership level ever – WCAAP connects pediatricians, specialists and providers throughout the state to create a network of passionate experts and advocates like you that are improving the health and lives of Washington’s children. WCAAP helps address the challenges you see every day and strengthens your practice through ongoing member education and networking with peers, anticipating and reacting to emerging public health issues, and legislative advocacy on behalf of kids. We encourage you to connect with us to ensure we are relevant and timely in our advocacy for you and for children. This year we:

Strengthened connections
Listening sessions in Olympia, Spokane and Yakima brought 68 members together to share concerns about child health on a local level and to network with other pediatric health care providers from their region.

Engaged physicians
Coached residents to testify in Olympia and publish opinion columns, educated residents on our legislative agenda at a noon conference, and connected to them with Chapter opportunities at an evening social hour. A Young Physician trustee guides the Chapter’s efforts to engage residents and young physicians.

Listened to you
A comprehensive survey of both Washington Chapter AAP members and nonmembers in our state helped inform our work to deliver value to pediatric health care providers in every corner of the state. See our members’ priorities for WCAAP here.
You know Washington’s children. WCAAP knows Washington state. WCAAP unifies the power and knowledge of pediatric providers in Washington to improve the health and wellbeing of children.
Pediatric Intensive Care and Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care serving the Inland Northwest

“Children with critical illness have immediate needs for highly specialized physicians, advanced technology and experienced staff for optimal outcomes. Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital is pleased to offer this highest level of complex care.”
Keith Georgeson, MD,
Chief Executive of Children's Services
What issues are of the greatest importance to you?

- State and federal legislative advocacy: 75%
- Working with state government agencies on child health policies: 73%
- Advocacy of payment issues and negotiation with insurance providers: 35%
- Public advocacy and education: 35%
- Providing members with news and updates via social media and monthly newsletter: 15%
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CFO AND TREASURER develop the annual budget based on agreed upon assumptions. It is then presented to the Executive Committee and Board in December for approval and to ensure that each board member has a thorough and detailed understanding of the Chapter's finances. Any significant budget variances are discussed during quarterly Board meetings. At year-end, any left over grant funding is carried forward to the next year and any general operating surpluses go into reserves.

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

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Change in Net Assets: $ 71,281

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets: $ 487,647

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One of the best children’s hospitals in the nation. 25 years and counting.

For the first time ever, Seattle Children’s received national rankings for all 10 specialty areas, with every one of our programs ranked in the top 20 by *U.S. News & World Report*. We’re extremely proud of this honor, and of the additional recognition we’ve received this year alone. To learn more, visit seattlechildrens.org/usnews

Our Research Institute is one of the nation’s top five pediatric research centers in National Institutes of Health funding.

Our Hospital and Research Foundation was ranked as a top performing healthcare nonprofit for fundraising, with over $19 million raised for uncompensated care to help families pay for critical services.

Our medical school department of pediatrics was ranked #5 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

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OUR VISION

We nurture human potential.

As pediatricians, we aspire to ensure a foundation of lifetime health and improve the well-being of future generations.

OUR MISSION

To optimize the health and well-being of children and their families while supporting pediatricians in their development and practice.

To accomplish our mission, we will:

• Empower pediatricians to provide quality medical care
• Advance public policy to benefit children
• Advocate for communities that support children and their families
• Collaborate with other child health advocates
• Frame and lead the public discussion on child health issues