2022 was certainly a year we will not soon forget. A year ago, we were addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and the only thing that was clear was that we needed to find a way to motivate our patients (and their families) to embrace the COVID vaccines. The charge was clear and at WCAAP we rolled up our sleeves and went to work. Midway through the year, as we thought we might put COVID behind us, the financial gap in medicine became overwhelming and major adjustments became necessary. As we closed out 2022 and moved into 2023, we faced an unprecedented pediatric surge, living at the intersection of RSV, Influenza A, Rhinovirus and COVID (again).

To gain perspective on 2022, I needed to pull myself away from the constant work that seems to shift but never lighten. The one constant during this busy year was that WCAAP remained firmly committed to addressing issues important to you, our valued members. Despite your exhaustion, you never wavered in your commitment to guarantee that the children of Washington have a bright future to look forward to. Our Vision, Mission and Core Values remain central to this work, but none of it could have been done without your help, grit, and perseverance. For that we remain eternally grateful.

As you’ll see in the pages ahead, WCAAP members are the soul of our organization. In October, we were honored as the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Outstanding Large Chapter for our work in 2021 and we received the AAP’s inaugural Inspire Change Award for our Equitable Care Committee’s incredible achievements. Drs. Peter Asante and Mary Ann Woodruff were recognized with national awards from the AAP for their leadership. We are incredibly grateful for each of our members’ partnership and contributions to WCAAP, and as board president I am especially grateful for our board and committee members. These are significant accomplishments to celebrate, and I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on all of the good work that is being done even as the world around us seems as complex as ever.

In closing, I want to share my sincere thanks to each of you. The practice of pediatric medicine is in part scientist, in part detective, in part support person, and in part a sacrifice, but wholly a calling and a passion. Every individual, every family is on their own unique journey to lifelong health – our challenge is to find a way to meet them on this journey.

The citizens of Washington State, adults and children alike, are better off because of you and your calling, so never lose sight of your passion. And we, at WCAAP, are honored to represent you as we continue marching toward our true north.
OUR VISION
We promote health and wellness for all children, adolescents, and families and advance equitable, evidence-based, collaborative approaches to pediatric care.

OUR MISSION
We champion the health and well-being of children, adolescents, and families through advocacy, education, and partnership.

CORE VALUES
• Equity
• Advocacy
• Collaboration
Childhood is a time for wonder, not worry. For curiosity and bumping up against obstacles. When those obstacles land kids in our care, we’re here to make it better—no matter the challenge.
Advancing Equitable Care

WCAAP was awarded the 2021 American Academy of Pediatrics Inspire Change Award for the incredible accomplishments of our Equitable Care Committee. The Inspire Change Award was new in 2021 and going forward will be awarded annually to recognize a chapter that, through its initiatives, programs, or activities, supports equity, diversity, and inclusion among members, leadership, and health outcomes for children.

Led by Drs. Peter Asante and Kathleen Kieran, WCAAP’s Equitable Care Committee applies an anti-racism lens to pediatric care and challenges pediatric providers to promote equity in their work caring for children and families. The Committee published an Equitable Care Toolkit for pediatric health care providers and hosted four webinars in 2022. The webinar topics were Gender Affirming Care part 1 and part 2, Justice-Involved Youth and Reproductive Justice. Each webinar averaged about 60 attendees, and recordings are available for viewing on WCAAP’s website.
Counting on WCAAP

- #1 Outstanding AAP Chapter
- 1st Inspire Change Award for advancing diversity and equity
- 1100+ members statewide
- Testimony in 38 legislative hearings
- 97 Advocacy Day attendees
- 31 clinics served by the Washington Child Health Improvement Partnership
- Nearly 25,000 kids served by WA-CHIP Immunizations Learning Collaborative
- 23% reduction in missed vaccination opportunities
- 16 clinics served in 10 counties by the COVID-19 Vaccination Learning Collaborative
- Community Health Workers in 25 clinics across Washington
Some said heart failure would take Hudson out of the game. Tell that to this honorary team captain.

THE MOST EXPERIENCED PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY TEAM IN THE NORTHWEST

Hudson suddenly began experiencing symptoms of heart failure. His family made the trip from Eatonville, Wash. to Seattle Children’s, where pediatric heart experts recommended a heart transplant. With compassionate care and comprehensive cardiac treatment, he got his new heart. Today, Hudson is the honorary captain of his hometown football team — and his Seattle Children’s team is right there cheering him on. Find your hope at SeattleChildrens.org.

Hudson learns to walk again with help from one of his physical therapists, Lacey Sindelar.
Legislative Advocacy

The 2022 Legislative Session was our most productive to date, thanks to deep engagement from WCAAP members in every corner of the state. WCAAP members testified in 38 legislative hearings and sent messages from 40 legislative districts. We held our second virtual Advocacy Day with nearly 100 WCAAP members attending. During Advocacy Day, WCAAP honored Senator David Frockt with the first annual “David Frockt Child Advocacy Award” in recognition of Senator Frockt’s 12 years of advocacy and improvements for child and adolescent health and well-being.

Seventeen of the 22 bills or budget provisos we supported in the 2022 legislative session passed, including:

• Funding for Community Health Workers in primary care clinics, to support families with young children and behavioral health for kids of all ages.
• Funding for 10 primary care clinics to start building behavioral health integration for children and teens.
• A ban on high-capacity firearm magazines.
• Funding to increase the number of school nurses & counselors.
• A Working Families Tax Credit.
• Funding and direction to create a strategic plan for children’s mental health.
• Equitable access to donor breastmilk.
• Funding for tobacco & marijuana use prevention.
• Diaper subsidies for families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
• Homeless youth health care consent.
• And many more!
WCAAP members and executive director Sarah Rafton participate in the legislature’s Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group, and Rafton serves as the Work Group’s BH Integration Sub-Group co-chair along with parent advocate Kristen Houser. Participation and leadership in the Children & Youth Behavioral Health Work Group has paid significant dividends in allowing us to elevate pediatricians’ voices and vet solutions for feasibility and effectiveness before bringing bills for consideration during the legislative session.

Our legislators trust and rely on pediatric health care providers like you to voice concerns and propose solutions. We are grateful to each WCAAP member who reached out to legislators and advocated on behalf of Washington’s children and families, and we look forward to continued success in 2023!
The Washington Child Health Improvement Partnership (WA-CHIP), established in 2019, is the structure WCAAP uses to improve child health and to inform advocacy for policy solutions that benefit families. The partnership is comprised of WCAAP, the Washington State Department of Health, Public Health – Seattle & King County, and Seattle Children’s Hospital, with support from Washington State, King County, health plans, and philanthropic funders. WA-CHIP served 35 clinics in 2019-2021 and 31 clinics in 2022. The partnership is led by two steering committees:

- **First Year Families Steering Committee** – Leads efforts to promote early relational health and family well-being for our state’s youngest children, ages 0-5 years old.

- **Champions for Youth Steering Committee** – Leads efforts to improve child and adolescent immunizations and behavioral health for kids in grades K-12.
Clinic-Facing Learning Collaborative

- Identify content area based on community need
- Design learning collaborative with faculty expertise
- Learning collaborative outcomes inform policy work
- Steering Committee advocates for change and improvement
WA-CHIP: First Year Families

First Year Families Steering Committee
The First Year Families Steering Committee is dedicated to advancing the medical homes’ impact on early relational health and family well-being via a common advocacy agenda. With 27 members representing diverse community organizations, clinics, hospitals, and state and local agencies, the committee aims to amplify individual voices advocating for broader policies to improve family well-being throughout the state of Washington.

Transforming Care for Relational Health: Pediatrics Supporting Families
With funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation’s Proof Point Communities grant, WCAAP has worked with Pediatrics Northwest to launch a transformation of care project to support parents and families. This first year of a four-year grant was spent planning and laying the groundwork for ensuing years. Key activities:

1. Establishment of the care transformation committee at Pediatrics Northwest.
2. Successful state advocacy and funding for pediatric community health workers focused on early relational health at 19 clinics across the state.
3. Curriculum development and design to train Community Health Workers in attachment, development and relational health.
4. Conducted two townhalls and solicited feedback on racial disparities from staff and providers.
5. Identified parent partners to shape family engagement efforts.

Reliable Universal Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Learning Collaborative
We know that developmental screening is essential to detect developmental delays and to intervene early for optimal outcomes, yet 65% of families in Washington State are not getting screened in primary care. With funding from the Washington State Department of Health, WCAAP is conducting a learning collaborative to integrate Universal Developmental Screening and referrals into workflows with two clinics, Sea Mar Bellingham and Sea Mar South Park. The clinics are being coached on screening, referrals, and resources; communicating the importance of early intervention; and catching missed screens.
Equitable strength-based early childhood developmental screening and family-centered support is a long time coming. We must do better. Building new systems and models of care and bridging early education and medical homes are the first steps. Early intervention and empowering families is crucial and can have such long-lasting positive impact. I am grateful to be partnering with the state and various community and advocacy organizations to work towards this goal for our most marginalized communities here in Washington.

- Christina Pease, MD, FAAP, Sea Mar Community Health Center
Champions for Youth Steering Committee

The Champions for Youth committee convenes 22 stakeholders representing the Office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction, School Nurses Organization of Washington, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Washington State Department of Health, the Health Care Authority, local school nurses, health plans, and primary care pediatricians and pediatric health care providers.

The Champions for Youth Steering Committee is a valuable asset and resource for collaboration on youth vaccination needs and communications. The voices at the table vary in their roles in the community from medical providers, nurses, and community groups. This platform has allowed us to grow in our understanding of various roles and how we can connect and share common language around public health needs. Having school nurses involved has benefited the continuity of care conversations to build better systems for families.

- Tessa McIlraith, MS, BSN, RN, District Nurse, Burlington-Edison School District

WA-CHIP Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations Learning Collaborative

Due to declining vaccination rates in children across Washington State, the WA-CHIP Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations learning collaborative expanded its focus from adolescents only to include 4–6-year-olds.

Our 2022 cohort served nine clinics in Benton, Chelan, King, Spokane, Thurston, and Whitman counties. Clinics used evidence-informed interventions paired with clinic coaching and peer support to make effective workflow changes. In total, the clinics served 24,444 children ages 4–6 and 11-17, and the clinics reduced their missed opportunities by an average of 23% across sites!

We serve a diverse patient population - mostly immigrants from Vietnam, Myanmar, Nepal, Somalia, and South America. Through the WA-CHIP Immunization Learning Collaborative, our team was able to improve our vaccination rate in a significant way, reducing missed opportunities to vaccinate by 37% over six months. It changed how we screen, alert, and provide vaccination, from the time the patient walks in the office to the time the patient leaves.

- Andy Vu, MD, Unibe Care Family Medicine
COVID-19 Vaccination Learning Collaborative

WCAAP supported 16 pediatric and family medicine clinics in Benton, Clark, Cowlitz, Island, King, Pierce, Skagit, Spokane, Thurston, and Yakima counties to improve their approach to COVID-19 vaccine communications and workflows and reduce missed opportunities. The clinics selected interventions with the most impact on their patient populations, with the goal to overcome vaccine hesitancy among patients and staff while strengthening the clinics’ position as a resource for reliable and accurate information for families. WCAAP provided coaching, resources to train staff on how to initiate COVID-19 vaccine conversations, and reminder/recall training to remind patients due for second dose or booster doses to return for vaccination.

COVID-19 School Partnerships

WCAAP collaborated with the Washington State Department of Health and the School Nurse Organization of Washington to support school efforts to increase family confidence in COVID-19 vaccines, with funding from the American Academy of Pediatrics and support from Molina Healthcare, Cambia Health Foundation, and Seattle Children’s. We connected with school leaders in counties identified as having low rates of youth vaccination but high populations of kids under 18: Pierce, Skagit, Spokane, and Yakima counties. These leaders identified a need for a toolkit with easy-to-share FAQs and social media assets. We created a toolkit with key messages informed by data from the Frameworks Institute and Washington State Department of Health and American Academy of Pediatrics resources. The toolkit includes sample social media text and graphics that schools can use, sample phone message/text message script in Spanish and English, an FAQ for families in Spanish and English, links to videos made by local pediatricians encouraging families to talk with their providers when they have questions, and links to other external resources. The toolkit was disseminated to school nurses and other school personnel statewide to use in communicating with families, with special emphasis on connecting with the identified counties.
Empowering Youth Health Promoters

In addition to producing the toolkit for schools, we have also been working with youth to promote COVID-19 vaccine confidence. WCAAP staff worked with students from Foss High School in Tacoma to learn about and share information about the vaccines.

“...This project was important to me because it taught me the benefits and importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine. The purpose of this project was to spread awareness to the community about how the COVID-19 vaccine could help your body prepare to fight the virus. It is beneficial for everyone to learn about the COVID-19 vaccine since the virus is vastly contagious and can be very harmful to people who are not vaccinated.

- Mary Dinh, Student, Foss High School
Thank you to our 2022 supporters! Your generous support enables us to continue our work to make Washington a better place for children and families.

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