

ILLINOIS CHAPTER, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

ICAAP is an organization of approximately 2,000 pediatricians in Illinois. Primary activities include advocacy on behalf of children, families, and health professionals in Illinois; the provision of continuing medical education and other resources for pediatricians, pediatric specialists, and other child health care providers; and collaboration with other state organizations and agencies on programs and projects that improve the health and well-being of children.

Advocacy

ICAAP advocates on behalf of children and pediatricians in Illinois. The work of ICAAP focuses on issues pertaining to the health and well-being of children, such as access to medical care, Medicaid improvements for physicians and children, injury prevention, and more.

Programs

ICAAP develops and implements educational programs on a variety of children's health topics with the intention of providing ongoing education for pediatricians and health care professionals in Illinois.

HOUSING

First Steps: Improving Child Health and Housing. Works to prevent and mitigate child health risks associated with house insecurity with a specific focus on children ages 0 to 6 and pregnant persons.

Collaborative on Child Homelessness - Illinois (COCHI)

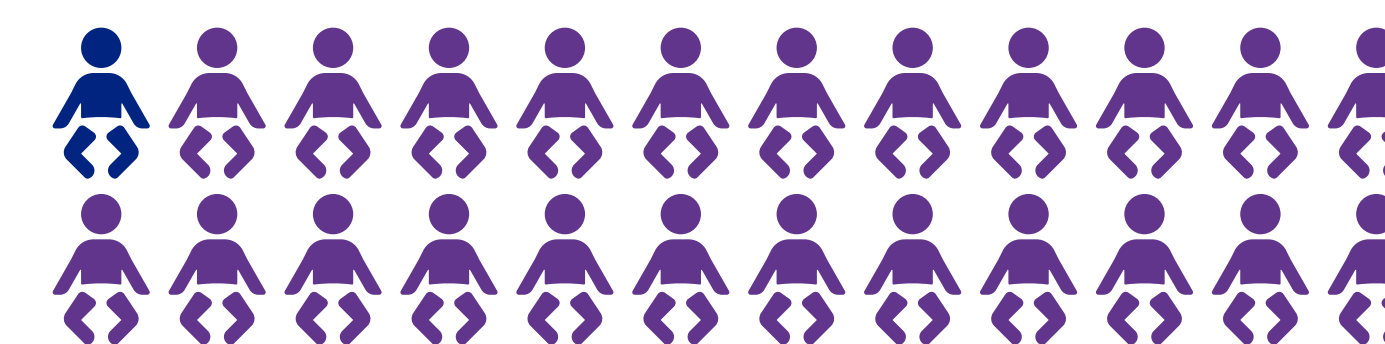
A multi-disciplinary, multi-organizational coalition with the purpose of improving health outcomes for young children, families, and pregnant persons experiencing housing insecurity by increasing capacity and fair access to housing through a deliberate racial equity and justice lens. COCHI defines housing insecurity as those who are literally homeless and those living doubled up.



LEAD SCREENING PROJECT

ICAAP leads education initiatives for healthcare providers and outreach on lead poisoning prevention in certain areas of Chicago.

Of approximately 237,000 children tested in Illinois in 2019, more than 7,000 had blood lead levels at the public health intervention level



CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

ICAAP hosts monthly webinars for pediatric and adolescent healthcare providers who practice in private or public settings. Webinars cover best practices on relevant immunization topics, provides an overview of the relevant data, clinical information, common concerns among patients/caregivers, and health equity information, including disproportionately affected populations and how to increase uptake/access to immunizations. Outreach materials/social media images are created to compliment vaccine uptake activities around routine immunizations and flu vaccines.

I-VAC

ILLINOIS VACCINATES AGAINST COVID-19

The goal of Illinois Vaccinates Against COVID-19 (I-VAC) is to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are available as part of routine patient care across the state by supporting healthcare organizations, primary care clinicians, and non-medical staff involved in COVID-19 vaccine programs.

ICAAP is working in partnership with sub-grantees, the Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO)-Chicago at the University of Chicago and the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) to implement this statewide initiative. More at ILLINOISVACCINATES.COM

The project includes these elements:

COVID-19 Vaccine Bootcamps
Topics include foundational knowledge and skills on COVID-19 vaccine enrollment, storage and administration, vaccine hesitancy, and more. A self-guided education toolkit is also available.

Learning Collaborative Sessions
A forum for healthcare providers to engage with peers and subject matter experts to help solve challenges related to COVID-19 testing, mitigation, vaccination and management. Sessions are tailored to providers serving different patient populations.

COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach Resources
Patient-facing materials dedicated to normalizing vaccines for the successful integration of COVID-19 vaccines into routine clinical workflows.

I-VAC podcast: Beyond the Needle
To empower primary care clinicians to feel confident in implementing COVID-19 vaccinations so that their patients can receive the vaccine at a routine visit. Features a variety of primary care clinicians/staff from across the state.

One-on-One Implementation Support
Over 25 physicians are a part of I-VAC. These clinicians serve as advisors and act as a real-world resource for those working to integrate COVID-19 vaccines into their routine clinician workflows.

COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Project
Comprised of: 1. Current Vaccination Rate; 2. Community Vulnerability and 3. Access. Score of 4 points is given to the lowest quartiles that would be high-risk and therefore indicative of requiring prioritization.
Example above: Ogle County, March 2022. Access to Vaccines: 4; Vulnerability: 21; Vaccination Score: 4, TOTAL SCORE: 30. County level reports are generated monthly.

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MISSION

To promote and advocate for optimal child, youth and family well-being, and access to quality healthcare while supporting our members.

REACH OUT & READ ILLINOIS

Reach Out & Read Illinois prepares low-income children for kindergarten by incorporating books into pediatric visits from six months to five years, connecting families to neighborhood resources and encouraging families to read together.



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Reach Out & Read Illinois builds on the relationship between parents and healthcare providers. Books are an important part of early learning and brain development, and Reach Out & Read Illinois distributes early learning resources and over 142,000 books to families every year. Yet, this is only a fraction of those that need support.



Clinics Across the State



38% of families read to their baby every day in Illinois

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