

American Academy of Pediatrics

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British Columbia Chapter

The British Columbia Pediatric Society serves as the British Columbia Chapter Office for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The BC Chapter has 75 members as of mid-year 2018.

The American Academy of Pediatrics was founded in June 1930 by 35 pediatricians who met in Detroit in response to the need for an independent pediatric forum to address children's needs. When the AAP was established, the idea that children have special developmental and health needs was a new one. Preventive health practices now associated with child care - such as immunizations and regular health exams - were only just beginning to change the custom of treating children as "miniature adults."

The mission of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults. To accomplish this mission, the Academy supports the professional needs of its members.

One of the AAP's major activities is to further the professional education of its members. The Department of Education houses PediaLink® —the pediatrician's home for CME and professional development. The annual AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) features the largest variety of educational sessions in over 60 topic areas to suit a variety of learning styles, is home to the largest pediatric technical exhibit, which also showcases the latest pediatric products and services, as well as AAP educational and professional resources and programs. There are also many educational opportunities through AAP seminars, publications, and statements from committees and sections, which form the basis of a continuing postgraduate educational program. View all AAP Professional and Educational Resources.

The AAP publishes *Pediatrics*, its monthly scientific journal; *Pediatrics in Review*, its continuing education journal; and its membership newspaper *AAP News*. It also publishes manuals on such topics as infectious diseases and school health. In its public education efforts, the AAP produces patient education brochures on a variety of topics and a series of child care books written by AAP members.

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