## Value of Chapter Membership

The chapters and national AAP have a unique relationship of respect and autonomy. The chapters are independently incorporated which allows them to pursue their own interests, but they depend upon the national organization for policy direction and support. Chapters serve as the connection to members at the local level, and assist in implementation of policy. The chapters also carry out the Academy's mission in the states.

## What Chapters are...

- \* Chapters are organized groups of pediatricians and other health care professionals working to:
  - Implement AAP policy at the state and local levels
  - Respond to the needs of their members
  - •Address national priorities, but also handle issues unique to their specific regions and locale

## What Chapters do...

- \* Provide advocacy on a wide variety of local, state and national issues impacting children and the practice of medicine
- \* Provide leadership opportunities, such as committee participation
- Provide educational opportunities and resources, such as CME meetings, conferences and newsletters

## Top 5 Reasons to join the Missouri Chapter (MOAAP)...

- 1. Advocacy We are the voice for Missouri kids on important policy issues.
- 2. Communication Members receive regular updates about what's new in pediatrics in Missouri and the US.
- 3. Special Projects MOAAP provides funding opportunities to improve care for your patients.
- 4. Leadership We offer chapter leadership opportunities to enhance your professional career.
- 5. Networking MOAAP helps members collaborate with colleagues across the state of Missouri.

This is just a snapshot of what the Missouri Chapter does. For more information and to join, visit <u>missouriaap.org</u>.

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