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I wonder if Mother Nature thinks we need some cheering up. We can be thankful for the recent warm Indian Summer days, the early fall colors and then the rain.

New Hampshire Physician Leadership Development Program

The NH Physician Leadership Development Program is a collaboration between the New Hampshire Medical Society, the New Hampshire Hospital Association and leaders from the University of New Hampshire's Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics and College of Health and Human Services.

The goal of the program is to cultivate effective physician leadership across the Granite State from the by teaching leadership, management, communication skills, and empowering physicians to foster change among their colleagues.

The program is targeted to practicing physicians who have taken on increasing levels of responsibility in their careers and want to work on becoming effective leaders. The program runs from January 2021 to December 2022. It consists of Zoom sessions and once a month day long in person sessions. Completing the program is worth 80 hrs. of Category 1 CME. For more information, please click [NHPLP](#)

Maintaining Safe School Operations: COVID Conversations with DHHS and Community Clinicians

One of the most challenging aspects during this time of Covid for many of us in pediatric primary care has been navigating the healthcare needs of our patients surrounding the issues of school reopening and maintenance of safe operations of schools. I'd like to highlight and invite members to join our ongoing conversations around these questions and challenges. The NH chapter of the AAP is partnering with Dr. Ben Chan and his team at NH DHHS as well as Paula McKinnon as the president of the NH school nurses association to have facilitated discussions hosted by CHaD. See the attached flyer for further details to learn how to register for our future discussions. Please also stay tuned for recordings of our prior meetings that will be available on the NH chapter of the AAP website.

The goals for this online learning opportunity will be to discuss how to address subjects such as: considerations around risk reduction strategies in schools, the care of symptomatic children, facilitation and factors to consider on school clearance and reentry, consideration to indicate change in school instruction models. [ECHO](#)

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New Hampshire Family Voices



Recently NH Family Voices has received Telehealth Grant Award and will be participating in a multidisciplinary Community of Practice (CoP). The purpose of this CoP is to provide an opportunity for participants to share and discuss:

- Best practices for serving families via telehealth
- Strategies for reaching families who are diverse, vulnerable, medically underserved and hard to reach
- Barriers to family participation in telehealth services (for example, trust, confidentiality, family engagement) and strategies to overcome those barriers
- Ideas and resources for promoting family-centered telehealth
- Ways to promote family engagement in telehealth.

The increased use of telehealth is in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic and is an important way to ensure children with special health care needs continue to receive needed care. It's important to think about ways to reach all families, to discuss the barriers and benefits, and to ensure telehealth policies that are helpful to families are sustained beyond the pandemic.

Participants In addition to the Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2Fs), we are inviting state Parent to Parent alliance members (P2P), the Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs), Regional Genetics Networks (RGNs), community-based American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) chapters, Title V program staff, Federation of Families for Children's Mental affiliates, Hands & Voices chapters, and disability specific organizations, such as autism, epilepsy, sickle cell, and mental health organizations.

This will take place on the following dates: December 15th, 2020, January 26th, 2021, February 23rd, 2021 and March 23rd, 2021.

For more information, contact Terry Ohlson-Martin at NH Family Voices. tom@nhfv.org

Opportunities Available: This is a new section of the newsletter to highlight opportunities to get involved or for help needed. If you have something you want listed, please contact Catrina.Watson@nhms.org

The NH EMS Coordinating Board is looking for a pediatric representative. Meetings are every other month for a couple of hours. For more information contact catrina.watson@nhms.org

NH AAP 2020 meetings

The last 2020 meeting is December 9. 2021 Meetings will be April 14, June 9, September 8 and December 8. Board Meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

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