



# COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

**Consider joining one of the Maine AAP Committees - a simple way to get involved and make a difference!**

## Advocacy

**Chair:**  
**Joe Anderson, DO**

This committee coordinates all policy initiatives and sets the legislative framework for the organization, including review and approval of our legislative focus each session and works closely with our lobbyist and other organizations.

## Career/Leadership/Mentorship

**Chairs:**  
**Anne Coates, MD**  
**Alton Kremer, MD**

This committee oversees our career mentorship program. They coordinate statewide networking events for members and trainees and lead our poster session celebration at the annual conference.

## Communications/Member Engagement

**Chairs:**  
**Michele LaBotz, MD**  
**Amy Buczkowski, MD**

This committee works to engage members in Maine AAP activities, oversees our communications platforms, and works with the Exec Cmte on membership retention and recruitment efforts.

## Conference/Education

**Chairs:**  
**Jennifer Jewell, MD, MS**  
**Stephanie Joy, MD**

The Conference and Education Committee organizes all programming for Maine AAP Members including clinical talks, speaker series and our large annual conference.

## Executive Committee

**President: Brian Youth, MD**  
**Vice President: Anne Coates, MD**  
**Secretary: Genevieve Whiting, MD**  
**Treasurer: Chris Motyl, DO**  
**Past President: Laura Blaisdell, MD**

This committee guides all activities of the organization in alignment with the Board and Executive Director. They serve as Nominating Cmte and guide Development and Fundraising.

## Foster Care

**Chairs:**  
**Andrea Tracy, MD**  
**Amanda Brownell, MD**

This committee holds monthly meetings to connect pediatricians and other clinicians working in Foster Care intake clinics and align them with services provided by the Office of Child and Family Services.

## Gun Safety

**Chairs:**  
**Chris Turner, MD**  
**Laura Blaisdell, MD**

In collaboration with the Maine Gun Safety Coalition and other groups, this committee supports legislation and policy to increase firearm safety and works with medical providers and organizations to promote gun safety education.

## Mental & Behavioral Health

**Chairs:**  
**Deborah Hagler, MD, MPH**  
**Amy Mayhew, MD**

This committee aligns with Maine's Child and Adolescent psychiatrists, and works on projects to improve the mental health of Maine youth. They advise and help structure programs and initiatives to provide SUD treatment for Maine adolescents.

## Public Health & Environment

**Chairs:**  
**Abby Fleisch, MD**  
**Erin Flynn, MD**  
**Brian Youth, MD**

This committee advises our public health related projects and aligns with National AAP efforts on environment and climate change and works to educate Maine pediatricians.

## School Health

**Chair:**  
**Alyssa Goodwin, MD**

This committee is aligned with the DOE and Maine Association of School Nurses. They work to align efforts on school health, provide a framework for School Health Advisors and connect with the work of school nurses on all health topics.

## Telehealth

**Chairs:**  
**Valerie O'Hara, DO**  
**Mary Tedesco-Schneck, PhD, PNP**

This committee works closely with the Northeast Telehealth Resource Center and advocates to advance telehealth and educate our members on best practices for use and for billing and coding.