



**Michigan Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
 Nominations Form
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Medical School: Mich. State Univ. - College of Human Medicine

Residency: Children's Hosp of MI

Specialty: Pediatrics

Year you became a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics: 1988?

Current Professional Position: Ast. Prof WSU - School of Medicine, Attending Pediatrician

Place of Employment: Children's Hosp of MI

Principal Medical Society Memberships and Faculty Appointments, and other relevant medical appointments: FAAP
Member, Academic Pediatric Association,
Asst. Prof. - WSU, School of Medicine.

Current/Prior Membership on MIAAP or AAP Councils/Committees/Section: MIAAP representative to MACI (Michigan Advisory Committee on Immunizations)

Position on MIAAP you wish to be considered for: At-Large Representative MIAAP
Medical Director ABCD Project

At-Large Representative.

My work in Detroit continues to keep me motivated to work towards better health care and improved developmental opportunities for all children. As medical director of the Assuring Better Child Development Project (ABCD Project) I had the opportunity to visit practices in several sites across Michigan, outside of my usual stomping grounds, an experience that has broadened my understanding of the issues faced by general pediatricians in various settings. In addition, I have had the opportunity to network with staff within local and governmental units which provided me with a better feel for how to advocate effectively for children in this state. On a local level, I was co-chair for many years and continue as member of the Detroit Lead Partnership, an advocacy organization that has worked hard and successfully to reduce lead poisoning among our children, admittedly an issue that is more common in heavily industrialized communities but in Michigan is not restricted to Detroit. More recently, I became involved with our Wayne County Great Start Collaborative and am actively working on duplicating a Wayne County version of the Kent County Child Healthcare Access Program (Kent CHAP), a medical home project for Medicaid children. On a state level, I am an active member of the Michigan Advisory Committee on Immunizations, our state counterpart to the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. I was active in recruiting MIAAP members to successfully advocate against cutting MCIR funding from the state's budget in 2009. Through the ABCD Project, I have worked with staff at the Michigan Department of Community Health as well as the Michigan Department of Education and we have several successes to show for our efforts in closing the loop between communication between physicians' offices and Early On providers. These experiences motivate me to continue to work toward strengthening the voice of pediatricians in our state, a goal which our current leadership (under MIAAP president Dr. Charlie Barone and executive director Denise Sloan) has truly moved forward.

The top 2 AAP policy priorities I would shepherd on the board if elected include Child Health Advocacy (promoting the medical home, promoting early literacy and developmental screening in pediatric practices, and mobilizing members to advocate for child health and pediatric practice issues in the public arena), and Membership Benefit (advocating for pediatric providers on access and reimbursement issues with state partners). MIAAP initiatives that I strongly support include current efforts under way to design Healthy Weight training for pediatric practices, as well as to improve mental health service availability for our patients.

Teresa Holbrook
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