



THE VISION OF CATCH IS FOR EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY TO HAVE A MEDICAL HOME* AND OTHER NEEDED SERVICES TO REACH OPTIMAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

What Is CATCH?

CATCH is a national program of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) designed to improve access to health care through community-based efforts. The program began in 1991 and receives funding from a variety of sources.

The mission of CATCH is to support pediatricians who work with communities to ensure that all children have medical homes and access to other needed health care services. To achieve this goal, the CATCH Program provides pediatricians with training, technical assistance, peer support, networking opportunities, and funding opportunities for project development.

Pediatricians are critical participants in efforts to plan and implement changes in communities—efforts that can substantially improve the health of children.

CATCH IS...

For the urban pediatrician...By addressing barriers such as poverty and language differences, the urban pediatrician can maximize CATCH funding to improve access to quality health care.

For the rural pediatrician...Knowing the community and its specific health care needs, the rural pediatrician can use the growing national CATCH network of community pediatricians to address rural health care problems and access to care.

For the young pediatrician...With energy, innovative ideas, and a District or Chapter CATCH Facilitator as a mentor, a young pediatrician can make a difference in his or her community.

For the experienced pediatrician...From years of practice, the experienced pediatrician has witnessed firsthand the problems within a community and can be the catalyst for change.

For you...Helping you as a pediatrician address the health care issues you care about in your community.

CATCH Funding Opportunities

CATCH Planning Funds Program

www.aap.org/catch/planninggrants.htm

This grant program supports pediatricians in planning a community-based child health initiative. Grants in amounts of \$2,500 to \$12,000 are awarded each year on a competitive basis to pediatricians who want to assess and document the needs of children in the community, develop collaborative partnerships for planning the initiative, and successfully prepare for implementation of a program. Since its inception in 1993, the CATCH Planning Funds program has awarded planning grants to more than 800 pediatricians. Applications are accepted May through July.

CATCH Implementation Funds Program

www.aap.org/catch/implementgrants.htm

This program provides grants in amounts of \$2,500 to \$12,000 to support pediatricians in implementing an innovative initial and/or pilot community-based project to increase children's access to health care. CATCH funding should lead to the development and evaluation of sustainable projects that can be replicated in other communities. Applications are accepted November through January.

CATCH Resident Funds Program

www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm

This program provides grants of up to \$3,000 for pediatric residents to develop community-based projects. Projects must include planning activities and may include minimal implementation activities. Applications are accepted May through July and November through January.

CATCH Rome Visiting Professorships in Community Pediatrics

www.aap.org/catch/vp.htm

The purpose of this program is to promote advocacy for children and advance the field of community pediatrics. Accredited pediatric residency or medical programs can receive up to \$4,500 to fund a 2- to 3-day educational program. Four visiting professorships are available yearly. This program is provided in partnership with the AAP Community Pediatrics Training Initiative.

The CATCH Program Also Offers

Training and Technical Assistance

The CATCH Program is based on the concept that local child health problems can be solved locally, often using local resources, and provides opportunities to develop skills in the areas of

- Needs assessment and community asset mapping
- Resource development and coalition building
- Program evaluation

Peer Support and Networking Opportunities

Opportunities to meet or consult with like-minded peers are available through CATCH-sponsored programs and training at the national, district, and chapter level. The CATCH *CQ* newsletter features articles on pediatricians' community-based activities and other information of interest.

CATCH Facilitators

- Are pediatricians with a special interest and experience in community pediatrics and children's access to medical homes and other needed services.
- Provide technical assistance to grant applicants and grantees.
- Assist projects in recruiting pediatricians.
- Promote CATCH projects in their communities.
- Review and score CATCH grant applications.
- Are part of the AAP District/Chapter leadership and nationwide CATCH network.

The CATCH Network

- More than 100 District, Chapter, and Resident CATCH Facilitators
- More than 950 past CATCH grant recipients
- A database of 15,000 pediatricians and other child health advocates
- Accessible CATCH staff

**“Caring, compassionate,
and knowledgeable pediatricians
must address the needs of their patients
and all children in the context
of the community”**

American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Community
Health Services. *The Pediatrician's Role in Community
Pediatrics*. 1999;103:1304-1306.

CATCH has awarded grants for a broad range of initiatives addressing such topic areas as access to medical homes, immunizations, behavioral health, obesity, autism spectrum disorders, secondhand smoke, family violence, health disparities, oral health, asthma, adolescent health, and many more. Projects have served children from many different ethnic and cultural populations, from urban and rural communities, and from a variety of familial circumstances. Some examples include children of incarcerated parents, resettled families, refugees, migrant workers, undocumented families, Native Americans, homeless families, and teen parents. To learn more about CATCH-funded projects, visit the grants/projects database on the AAP Web site at www.aap.org/compeds/grantsdatabase/grantsdb.cfm.

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One pediatrician can make a difference.

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***Definition of a Medical Home** What is a medical home? A medical home is not a building, house, or hospital, but rather an approach to providing health care services in a high-quality and cost-effective manner. Care received by families and children within a medical home is accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective and provided by a pediatrician or physician that the family knows and trusts. Pediatric health care professionals partner with families to identify all medical and nonmedical services needed to help children and families reach their maximum potential.