

## Iowa AAP 2018 Legislative Priorities

We support laws, policies, and practices to ensure the healthy physical and mental development of children. To reach that goal, we urge Iowa policymakers to act in these five areas:

**Children's Mental Health:** Create a comprehensive children's mental health system with improved treatment resources and enhanced early intervention and prevention efforts

- Support the children's mental health work group recommendations
- Reduce financial barriers to accessing necessary care
- Broaden access to acute and crisis services
- Maintain funding for Iowa's 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative

**Child Health:** Increase public efforts to improve child health and well-being

- Maximize children's access to health care and to vision, hearing, and dental screenings
- Support the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program
- Enhance efforts to address childhood obesity, including maintaining IDPH program funding
- Reduce youth access to and use of tobacco products

**Child Safety:** Reduce the incidence of preventable childhood injuries and accidental deaths

- Restore full funding for the Poison Control Center
- Enact legislation to prevent motor vehicle injuries and school sports concussions
- Limit risk to children from firearms
- Ensure child safety in the implementation of the medical marijuana law

**Childhood Trauma:** Expand efforts to prevent childhood trauma and ameliorate its impact

- Maintain funding for Iowa's Child Protection Centers and ACEs research
- Expand medical services tailored to traumatized children
- Enhance the use of physicians in child protection efforts

**Childhood Immunization:** Enhance the protection of children from preventable disease by improving Iowa immunization rates

- Educate Iowans about the safety and effectiveness of childhood vaccination
- Ensure ready access to vaccines for all Iowa children
- Encourage and support efforts to strengthen Iowa's school vaccination policy