

Lessons from Coronavirus Pandemic

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My Vision for American Academy of Pediatrics As simple as ABCD

ADVOCACY

BURNOUT PREVENTION

CARE ACCESS FOR ALL CHILDREN

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND EQUITY



Early lessons from Coronavirus Pandemic

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- **Advocacy is key**

- We must advocate for children and pediatricians
- Children need access to Coronavirus testing
- Pediatricians need to benefit from the federal bailout plan
- We also advocated that well visits are essential health need and should be continued during lockdown
- We also advocated that all children must continue to receive childhood vaccines to prevent a different outbreak down the road.

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- **Burnout is worsening**
 - Pediatricians already stressed because of lack of resources and a broken pediatric healthcare finance system are now wondering if they can keep their practices afloat
 - Current healthcare finance system for children is failing
 - We need a federally funded and administered healthcare finance plan for children
 - Academy should develop a strategic plan for “Agenda for Pediatricians” just as we have an agenda for
 - children



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- **Care access barriers for children**
 - Children must receive their childhood immunizations in order to prevent outbreak of many of the vaccine preventable diseases
 - Medikids program for all children
 - Fair payment and Medicare parity
 - Part of Agenda for pediatricians



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- **Diversity, Inclusion and Equity**
 - Inequities to access to care resulted in disproportionate impact on minorities
 - Diversity beyond race and ethnicity
 - Diversity of belief and opinions
 - DIFFERENT TOGETHER
 - End to the shameful gender pay inequity – Part of “Agenda for Pediatricians”



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- Validated my vision for the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Advocacy for establishing a federal pediatric healthcare finance program – “Medikid” akin to Medicare
- Burnout prevention by assuring that pediatricians are not unduly stressed by financial exigencies and have all the tools and services needed to serve children
- Care access to all children to have a health pediatric population both mental and physical health
- Diversity, inclusion and Equity is important under normal circumstances and if not addressed it could only worsen in crisis. Inequities and disparities impact underserved minorities disproportionately





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