Stronger Together: State Advocacy for Children

Build Your State Network

Start with organizations already working on the same issue — even when their missions are broader than pediatrics or nursing.

Child health & family groups	APRN & nursing organizations	Public health & community partners
pediatric associations • children's hospitals • disease-specific nonprofits • parent and family coalitions	state NP associations • nursing associations • specialty nursing groups • schools of nursing	public health associations • school health partners • maternal-child health groups • community coalitions

CONNECT

Identify the right organizations and a staff or volunteer contact.

ALIGN

Align with NAPNAP official policy, audience and desired outcome.

ACT

Coordinate testimony, sign-on letters, meetings, events or calls to action.

AMPLIFY

Share consistent evidence-based messages across networks and media.

SUSTAIN

Keep partners informed and reconnect before the next policy need.

GOOD ISSUES FOR COALITION ADVOCACY

- **Access to pediatric care**
  Medicaid/CHIP • behavioral health • telehealth • school-based services
- **Healthy development**
  immunizations • nutrition • injury prevention • maternal and infant health
- **Pediatric workforce**
  APRN practice • workforce shortages • education and training • reimbursement
- **Children's well-being**
  mental health • chronic disease • disability supports • social drivers of health

shared expertise + shared relationships = a stronger collective voice

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