



Recommended Organizations

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM)

www.AACPDM.org

The vision of the AACPDM is to be a global leader in the multidisciplinary scientific education of health professionals and researchers dedicated to the well-being of people with childhood-onset disabilities. The mission of the AACPDM is to provide multidisciplinary scientific education for health professionals and promote excellence in research and services for the benefit of people with cerebral palsy and childhood-onset disabilities.

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

www.AAFP.org

The American Academy of Family Physicians is one of the largest national medical organizations, representing more than 100,300 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students nationwide. Founded in 1947, its mission has been to preserve and promote the science and art of family medicine and to ensure high-quality, cost-effective health care for patients of all ages.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

www.AAP.org

The AAP is a professional membership organization of 60,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical sub-specialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety, and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. The FAAP designation after a pediatrician's name stands for Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Pediatricians who maintain their FAAP designation have obtained initial board certification.

American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP)

www.ACOPeds.org

ACOP is the official pediatric organization of the American Osteopathic Association. Government agencies turn to ACOP when they want an official position on the practice of pediatrics. ACOP submits resolutions concerning the practice of pediatrics to the AOA House of Delegates, taking the lead on positions and standards concerning children. ACOP's Committee on Graduate Medical Education (GME) establishes basic requirements for approval of residency training programs in pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties. Through its Committee on GME, ACOP maintains important relationships with the AOA and its Council on Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training (COPT).

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

www.AOTA.org

The AOTA is the national professional association that represents the interests and concerns of occupational therapy practitioners and students of occupational therapy to improve the quality of occupational therapy services. AOTA advances the quality, availability, use, and support of occupational therapy through standard-setting, advocacy, education, and research on behalf of its members and the public. The major programs and activities of AOTA are directed toward assuring the quality of occupational therapy services, improving consumer access to health care services, and promoting the professional development of members. AOTA educates the public and advances the profession by providing resources, setting standards, and serving as an advocate to improve health care.

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)

www.APTA.org

The APTA is the principal membership organization representing and promoting the profession of physical therapy and fostering advancements in physical therapy practice, research, and education. APTA's mission is to further the profession's role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and the enhancement of physical health and functional abilities of members of the public.

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American Physical Therapy Association Section on Pediatrics

www.PediatricAPTA.org

The Section on Pediatrics of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) promotes the highest quality of life for all children, people with developmental disabilities, and their families. The Section represents pediatric physical therapy and promotes its members as practitioners of choice for children (birth to 21 years) with or at risk for movement dysfunction. The Section also serves as a collective voice to further the role of pediatric physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

www.Asha.org

The ASHA is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 145,000 members and affiliates who are speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists in the United States and internationally. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is committed to ensuring that all people with speech, language, and hearing disorders receive services to help them communicate effectively.

Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP)

www.SDBP.org

The SDBP is an interdisciplinary professional organization dedicated to improving the health of infants, children, adolescents and their families by advancing research, education, evidence-based clinical practice and advocacy. One of the Society's goals includes promoting high quality interdisciplinary clinical services and designing and sharing high quality interdisciplinary education in developmental-behavioral pediatrics. If you suspect a child has a developmental, learning, or behavioral problem, it is recommended to refer them to a developmental or behavioral pediatrician near you. They address developmental delays and disabilities, attention and behavioral issues, school-related learning difficulties, regulatory and habit disorders, and anxiety and stress management.

Easter Seals

www.EasterSeals.com

Easter Seals provides exceptional services, education, outreach, and advocacy so that people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work, and play in their communities. Their focus is on autism, military veterans, young children, and older adults.

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)

www.NAPNAP.org

With over 7,500 members, NAPNAP is the professional association for PNPs and other advanced practice nurses who care for children. Established in 1973, NAPNAP has been actively advocating for children's health by: providing funding, education, and research opportunities to PNPs; influencing legislation that affects maternal/child health care; and producing and distributing educational materials to parents and families. NAPNAP prides itself in the caliber of its members, which includes national child health care experts, respected authors, distinguished faculty, and practicing professionals.



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Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association (NDTA)

www.NDTA.org

NDTA is an advanced therapeutic approach practiced by experienced Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Speech-Language Pathologists. This hands-on approach is used to work with people who have central nervous system insults that create difficulties in controlling movement. Therapists using NDT treatment have completed advanced training in NDT and work closely with individuals with neurological challenges, helping them to become as independent as possible. NDT-trained therapists work collaboratively with individuals, family, caregivers, and physicians to develop comprehensive treatment programs based on the principles of human neurology and physiology. Individuals who have minimal to severe motor difficulties can benefit from the NDT approach. NDT is a unique approach that has proven effective in both children and adults with conditions related to the nervous system. At Pathways.org, we recommend a therapist who is trained in pediatric Neuro-Developmental Treatment (NDT) for a motor delay.

Pathways.org

www.Pathways.org

Since 1985, Pathways.org has used evidence-based research and multimedia as tools to promote each child's fullest inclusion. We strive to empower health professionals and parents with knowledge of the benefit of early detection and early intervention for children's sensory, motor, and communication development. Pathways.org also has a state-by-state Early Intervention list: <http://pathways.org/awareness/parents/parent-resources/your-states-child-early-intervention-offices>

Child Neurology Society

www.ChildNeurologySociety.org

The CNS is the preeminent non-profit professional association of pediatric neurologists in the United States, Canada, and worldwide devoted to fostering the discipline of child neurology and promoting the optimal care and welfare of children with neurological and neurodevelopmental disorders. Pediatric neurologists have special training to diagnose, treat, and manage problems involving a child's nervous system. Some examples of these types of problems include: seizure disorders; head injuries and brain tumors; weakness, including that due to cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, or nerve-muscle disorder; headaches, including migraines; behavioral issues, including ADHD, school failure, autism, and sleep problems; developmental delays; mental delays; and hydrocephalus.

Text 4 Baby

www.Text4Baby.org

To help more pregnant women and new moms get information about caring for their health and giving their babies the best possible start in life, the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB) launched text4baby, the first free health text messaging service in the U.S. Text4baby supports moms by providing accurate, text-length health information and resources in a format that is personal and timely, using a channel she knows and uses. Over 85% of Americans own a cell phone and 72% of cell users send or receive text messages.



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