AAP Resources for Poverty and Child Health

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Poverty & Child Health

1 in 5 US children lives in poverty, and poverty is an important determinant of child health. The AAP provides resources to help pediatricians with caring for children in poverty, including practice tips, communications materials, and advocacy resources.

Tips and Messages Help Pediatricians Talk about Poverty and Child Health

Learn more about this

Why Focus on Poverty?
1 in 5 U.S. children lives in poverty. Research shows that living in poverty can have detrimental health consequences that are severe and lifelong.

AAP Strategic Priority
In response to the growing number of children living in poor households in the United States, the AAP is addressing "Poverty and Child Health" as a strategic priority.

AAP Policies

- Poverty and Child Health in the US
  Published March 9, 2016  More >

- Mediators & Effects of Child Poverty
  Published March 9, 2016  More >

- Promoting Food Security for All Children
  Published October 2015  More >

What's New

- Special Supplement on Child Poverty
  View the Pediatrician's Supplement on Child Poverty in the United States, April 2016  More >

Social Media Toolkits

- For Pediatricians
  You invite you to share these social media messages and graphics to raise awareness about poverty and child health  More >

- For Partners
  Help raise awareness about how poverty impacts child health and together we can FACE poverty  More >
MESSAGING AND COMMUNICATIONS

• Messaging Guide for Pediatricians
• Key messages for reaching pediatricians and policymakers
• Communication tips

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POVERTY POLICY STATEMENT

• Recommendations for pediatricians to screen for basic needs and make referrals
• Supports advocacy for anti-poverty programs, income supports, and tax credits
POVERTY TECHNICAL REPORT

- Details impacts on child health and development
- Describes poverty demographics in the U.S.
- Addresses child poverty as a source of toxic stress
**Practice Resources**

- Suggests screening tools to identify basic needs
- Provides template for practices to identify community resources
- Recommends practice tips for implementation
STATE ADVOCACY RESOURCES

- Child Poverty Partners
- State Child Poverty Commissions
- Information on State Income Supports and Tax Credits, Paid Leave
- Anti-poverty Programs

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