COMMUNITY/ADVOCACY Two Week Block Rotation- 3rd Year

GOAL: To recognize and understand the unique role of a pediatrician in legislative advocacy for health issues involving the well- being of children, families, and communities.

1. Visit and familiarize yourself with the Advocacy and Policy Section on the AAP website.
2. Learn the key features of the legislative process by completing the AAP Advocacy Guide Training Modules (all five of them). [Advocacy Training Modules (aap.org)](https://www.aap.org/en/advocacy/advocacy-training-modules/)
3. Be familiar with and understand what the current and relevant issues are regarding children’s health and safety at the federal and state levels as identified in the Advocacy and Policy section of the AAP website.
4. Research the websites of other organizations that advocate for children including: 1. DOCS FOR TOTS

2. Children’s Defense Fund

Identify the top 2-3 current issues in child health care/ safety that they are working on.

1. Complete a written assignment involving research on one current child advocacy issue of your choice (one that you are passionate about).

(a.) Specify why the issue is important to you- complete with supporting documentation of the problem from the current literature.

(b.) Summarize the AAP position/ policy if there is one.

(c.) Research and summarize the position of our local AAP chapter (Can check AAP District II Chapter 2 Legislative and Policy Agenda and or can E mail Elie Ward, the NYS AAP Director of Policy and Advocacy at [eward@aap.net](mailto:eward@aap.net) ).

(e.) Identify any current laws or pending legislation regarding the issue and summarize them.

(f.) Identify whether any of our NYS politicians at the federal, state and/ or local level are in support or against the issue (first must identify who are our politicians). Summarize their position and whether you agree or disagree with them and why.

1. Google search Advocacy Organizations or Community Groups working on this issue in your CCC community and or in Suffolk County and summarize how they are addressing the issue.
2. Identify as a Pediatric Resident, at least two ways to advocate for this issue on behalf of the children and families you care for. (Hint: review the “opportunities section” of each of the five training modules in #2).
3. If you were to write a letter in support or in opposition to pending legislation, what information do you think would be important to include in the letter?
4. **Prepare a written document with the requested information for questions 3-7.** **List any additional websites that you used for your research.**