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Mission

To provide community, advocacy, and resources for the pediatric dentists in Florida so that we can provide optimal care for infants, children, adolescents, and persons with special health care needs.

Vision

A group of pediatric dentists who are passionate, engaged and are supported by peers, healthcare professionals and community as the authority for pediatric oral health.

Membership

We hope that you will read our newsletter to learn more about organized pediatric dentistry in Florida and discover upcoming events where you can learn online and in person while connecting with colleagues. Visit www.fapd4kids.org to join.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we wrapped up the year with our most attended annual meetings where over 200 guests were in attendance, we see the growth and reach of the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. I am pleased to welcome Dr. Marcie Young as our new President. From ASDA reps in our Dental schools, we met each other many moons ago, and it is not by chance that we are still involved in organized dentistry.

Our commitment to excellence drives us forward. As leaders within the FAPD, we prioritize collaboration and creativity to achieve our shared goals. Together, we look forward to building a positive environment that fosters growth, engagement, and innovation for all members.

Our 2026 Annual Meeting will be held again at the Loews Sapphire Falls Universal Resort in Orlando, FL October 24, 2026 featuring Dr. Joshua Solomon and Dr. Jeanette MacLean Budd. Our Tampa PALS Training is scheduled for Feb. 5,6, 2027, with registration opening in early 2026. Please visit our website to utilize your benefits as an active member of the FAPD with our online courses that cover most of the required mandatory courses. We are excited to be hosting our first CE cruise in March with a great line-up of speakers as well.

FAPD is committed to our members, please reach out with suggestions for CE topics or local events that we can work with your Regional Representative to host.



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President's MESSAGE

I hope 2025 has been an outstanding year for you—filled with professional accomplishments and personal joy. It is my honor to serve as President of the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry this coming year, and I am truly excited for what lies ahead.

My vision for 2026 centers on connection, collaboration, and community. We are strongest when we share ideas, support one another, and work together—especially in times of change.

Each regional area has its own WhatsApp group to help local pediatric dentists stay connected. If you have not yet been added, please let us know so we can link you with your regional representative. Keep an eye out for local events as well!

With the support of our Executive Director, Dr. Michael Roseff, the Board looks forward to providing meaningful opportunities for growth, collaboration, and engagement. I encourage you to invite your colleagues to join FAPD and explore the many benefits of membership.

A few important reminders:

-Fingerprinting deadline: February 28, 2026

-Annual FAPD Meeting: Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Loews Sapphire Falls Resort, Universal Orlando

Registration details will be available soon—I hope to see you there!

If you have questions, ideas, or topics you'd like to discuss this year, please reach out to me directly. Your input guides our direction and strengthens our Academy.

As we wrap up 2025, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy 2026!

-Dr. Marcie Young



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Dr. Jeanette MacLean joined Affiliated Children's Dental Specialists in 2005 and became an owner in 2007. She has been appointed to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Speakers Bureau and has provided lectures across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, as well as webinars viewed in over 40 countries. Dr. MacLean is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Her research has been published in the journals Pediatric Dentistry, the Journal of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry, the British Dental Journal, and Compendium.



Dr. Joshua Solomon is a 2nd generation pediatric dentist living in Livermore, CA for 20 years. He is a graduate of University of the Pacific and has an MS in Dental Biomaterials. He is a Diplomate of the AAPD and Fellow of the American College of Pediatric Dentistry. When not treating patients, Dr. Josh is an internationally recognized speaker and clinical instructor. Dr. Solomon is the owner/director of the Bioclear Pediatric Learning Center and the Dental Speciality Training Center. The center was designed to provide small-group, hands-on courses in advanced restorative techniques for pediatric and general dentists. He serves as a product evaluator and key opinion leader for many national and international dental companies.

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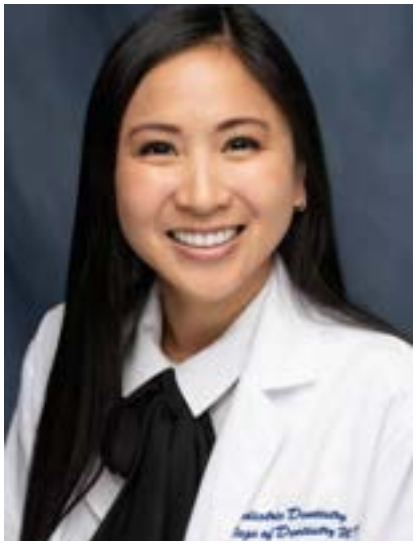
2025 Recipients

The Robert E. Primosch Academic Excellence Award



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Nova Southeastern University

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The Robert E. Primosch Award for Academic Excellence was established in 2018 in honor of Dr. Robert E. Primosch, a former faculty member at the University of Florida College of Dentistry and active member of the Pediatric Dental community in his retirement.

Each year, the distinction is given to the graduating resident in each pediatric dental residency program in the State of Florida who achieves the highest score on the AAPD Post-Doctoral In-Service Examination given in the final year of his/her program.



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- ***Dr. Johnny Johnson*** is covering the history of fluoridation, thecrediblyconducted scienceon thebenefits and risks of optimally fluoridated water, and claims made against fluoridation with refutations based in credible science.
- ***Dr. Martizabel Hogge*** will be discussing Radiation Physics and Pediatric Radioprotection: Core Concepts for Safe Practice. This lecture focuses on the essential principle of x-ray generation and proper radiographic image production, with specific emphasis on pediatric radiography techniques. Special attention is given to radiation protection protocols for pediatric patients, including dosage considerations, dose reduction strategies, shielding recommendations and the latest evidence-based guidelines to ensure both patient and staff safety.
- ***Dr. Kristin Grazioso*** will be discussing the Navigation of Modern Parenting: Effective Communication Strategies for Pediatric Dentists. She will explore effective communication strategies to foster positive interactions with today's parents, including how to address sensitive topics with confidence and empathy, diffuse conflicts, and establish ourselves as trusted healthcare providers. By understanding modern parenting perspectives and refining our communication skills, we can strengthen the dentist-parent relationship, enhance patient care, and ensure the best outcomes for the children we serve.
- ***Jennifer Johnson***, dental hygienist, will be going over the introduction of dentists to medical billing.



PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

Hi Friends! Although I have been quite involved in the world of advocacy for a few years now, I am happy to formally introduce myself as your new FAPD Public Policy Advocate. Fellow FAPD member, Dr. Irwine Sainvil, has held this role for many years and has left some big shoes to fill but I am looking forward to taking on the challenge in continuing to advocate for our patients who need it the most as well as those of us who serve them.

Here are your Public Policy Updates:

Jan 26th- 27th, 2026 - Florida Dental Association Day on the Hill
This year is a big one as we will be advocating for the new Florida Bill SB 152/H 517 to support dental Medicaid network adequacy and funding. We will also be advocating for funding for Mission of Mercy and advocating against procedure downcoding, among many other things. You do not need to be a FDA member to attend. If you're interested in learning more, check out the flyer below or feel free to reach out at FAPDPPA@gmail.com

ADA Resolution 407 Update
Thank you so much to everyone who responded to our Call to Action regarding the ADA's Resolution 407, which proposed removing the reference to the AAPD/AAP Sedation Guidelines from the ADA Guidelines. While the ADA did vote to create a new sedation guideline, your feedback, along with the advocacy of our pediatric dentist delegates and AAPD's Dr. Chelsea Fosse, helped ensure that both the AAPD and AAP will be included in developing this new ADA guideline. This collaboration is critical to keeping children's safety at the center of the process. See page 12 for more information from Dr. Shana Capra.





PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

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Quarter 4 PDT Highlight

As we close out the year, be sure to check out the Quarter 4 PDT Highlight story set to be published at the end of December featuring our work to return Operating Room Facility and Anesthesia reimbursement back to the medical plans. This accomplishment reflects months of behind-the-scenes meetings and we are grateful for our partnership with the Florida Dental Association for echoing support and helping us make this possible. Shout out to Dr. Irwine Sainvil for attending countless meetings with me to make this happen as well as FAPD member and former president, Dr. Eric Berry for taking the time to drive to Tallahassee to help us advocate for this necessary change.

Rural Health Transformation Fund

The Rural Health Transformation Program is a $50 billion federal fund established to support rural healthcare providers nationwide. Each state was tasked with submitting an application to participate and access these resources. On behalf of FAPD, we submitted a five-page program proposal outlining suggested Oral Health utilization.



Pediatric Dental Residency Naples Clinical Director Spotlight

Lauren Governale, DMD



1) What inspired you to pursue pediatric dentistry? After working in a community dental health setting exclusively treating children, I realized how much I truly enjoyed caring for pediatric patients. This experience inspired me to pursue advanced training in this wonderful specialty so I could continue learning and provide the highest quality care for this unique and deserving population.

2) What do you like most about training our next group of pediatric dentists? It is incredibly inspiring to work with the next generation of pediatric dentists. Their enthusiasm for learning and dedication to patient care are truly motivating. Watching them grow in knowledge, skill, and confidence throughout their training—and ultimately develop into compassionate, capable pediatric dentists—is one of the most rewarding aspects of my work.

3) What is your most memorable clinical experience in pediatric dentistry? Treating underserved and special needs populations has been incredibly gratifying. There is nothing more rewarding than helping a child who once suffered from severe early childhood caries—experiencing pain, difficulty sleeping, and a lack of confidence—to become a child who can learn comfortably, smile proudly, and enjoy an improved quality of life. One of the most memorable cases I have had the privilege to treat involved a child on the autism spectrum who presented with such severe dental caries on a mandibular permanent molar that it resulted in an extraoral fistula under his chin.

4) What is one lesson you have learned from a pediatric patient that has stuck with you? Following the extraction of the tooth I mentioned above, the family was overjoyed to see their child's condition improve so dramatically. Moments like these truly reaffirm my commitment to caring for this special population. An important lesson I learned from this case was the critical value of dental health education for families. The child's parents had no idea that untreated dental decay could lead to such a severe infection—one that could actually penetrate the skin. This experience reinforced how essential it is to focus not only on treatment, but also on prevention and education to empower families to safeguard their children's oral health.

5) What is a hobby that you have outside of dentistry? A particularly satisfying hobby of mine is wildlife photography. It allows me to spend time in beautiful natural environments while capturing special moments with the incredible creatures that inhabit them.

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Pediatric Dental Residency Program Director Spotlight

Douglas B. Keck, DMD,MSHEd,FACD,FAAPD



1) What inspired you to pursue pediatric dentistry? Pediatric Dentistry had all of the aspects of dentistry that I enjoyed: simple restorative, oral surgery, oral pathology, prevention. I had very little interest in Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Endodontics. My mother was a teacher's aide in an IDD classroom. In my D3 year at UCONN, I had a 9-year-old girl pat me on my shoulder to tell me everything was "OK" when I was spending 15 minutes trying to place a rubber dam on tooth #30 to accomplish a sealant. Lastly, I did research with Dr. Norman Tinanoff on fluoride in well water in Connecticut.

2) What do you like most about training our next group of pediatric dentists? The challenge of making sure that someone is competent in communication, clinical and didactic pediatric dentistry as well behavior guidance in all its forms. Being able to take care of the child as a person, whether or not they have insurance, medical complexities, behavioral problems or just come to see you for a routine preventive visit.

3) What is your most memorable clinical experience in pediatric dentistry? My most memorable experience in pediatric dentistry was helping a pediatric anesthesiologist with a 16-year-old ASA 3/4 patient in the OR using behavior guidance techniques to be able to intubate the patient. The teenager had some developmental delays, and the premedication was given at a very minimal level due to the patient's medical condition. Being able to calm an adolescent who was both twice my size and weight with words was an accomplishment that I'll never forget.

4) What is one lesson you have learned from a pediatric patient that has stuck with you? I would say that I haven't learned from just one pediatric patient, but from pediatric patients in general. What I've learned over 35 years is that children are usually honest with their comments and their feelings. From "you have hair in your nose" to "you made me bleed" to "thank you" has been the best learning experience that a patient can give you. Trust is also key to both patient and parent success.

5) What is a hobby that you have outside of dentistry? Over the last two years, I have achieved WSET 2 status and will seek WSET 3 status in 2026. WSET is an acronym for Wine, Spirits Education Trust and is a pathway to becoming a sommelier. While I do not plan to complete level 4 which is attaining sommelier status, I want to learn all that I can about my "favorite" beverage. I enjoy incorporating wine tasting in any travel that my wife and I do.

Douglas B. Keck, DMD,MSHEd,FACD,FAAPD

Dental Director/Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Director
Healthcare Network



Dr. Douglas B. Keck, DMD is a distinguished pediatric dentist with extensive experience in clinical practice and dental education. He was in the private practice of pediatric dentistry in New Haven and Madison, Connecticut for 25 years before accepting his current role as Dental Director for Healthcare Network in 2019, the only Federally Qualified Health Center in Collier County.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, he completed his pediatric post-doctoral specialty training at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine and Children's Hospital Boston. In addition to his American Board of Pediatric Dentistry certification, Dr. Keck holds a Master of Science in Higher Education from Drexel University.

Dr. Keck served as the President of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Foundation from 2022-2024 but has been on the Board of Trustees of the organization since 2013. He has also served as the Associate Director of the Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Rhode Island site of NYU Langone Dental Medicine from 2017-2019.

Along with his leadership roles, Dr. Keck has been recognized for his contributions to dental education and literature, having published in the Journal of Dental Education and serving as co-editor of the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)Specialty Scan for Pediatric Dentistry. Understanding the importance of giving back, Dr. Keck is proud to have been accepted into the Fellowship of the American College of Dentists in 2019 for his volunteer work in organized dentistry.





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Dr. Shana Capra

RESOLUTION 407 UPDATES



Hello fellow pediatric dentists! I'm sure you've all heard about resolution 407 and its discussion these past few months. I'm excited to share the update with you, but first I'll tell you a little bit about myself. I'm a Board-Certified Pediatric Dentist, Fellow of the International College of Dentists, and founder of The Kids Dental Practice in Delray Beach, Florida. I earned my DDS at Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra and completed my pediatric residency at Nova Southeastern University.

I'm involved in organized dentistry because I believe it takes all of us to create meaningful change. Contributing in that way has become part of my professional journey, and it allows me to advocate for both our profession and our patients. I currently serve as Secretary of the Palm Beach County Dental Association, Atlantic Coast District Delegate and Florida Dental Association Delegate. This year I had the honor of representing Florida at the ADA House of Delegates meeting in Washington D.C. This year's House was especially important for us in pediatrics, and I want to highlight what was accomplished regarding resolution 407. After discussion, clarification, and multiple amendments, Resolution 407H was officially adopted. This resolution directs the Council on Dental Education and Licensure to develop pediatric-specific guidelines for the use of sedation and general anesthesia by dentists. These guidelines will reflect the unique clinical and educational needs of pediatric care, in collaboration with:

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Pediatrics
Academy of General Dentistry
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists
American Dental Society of Anesthesiology
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Academy of Periodontology
American Society of Anesthesiologists

And other stakeholders, including pediatric specialists with a report to the 2026 House of Delegates, and be it further.

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In addition, the revised resolution includes mandatory reporting of adverse events by both dental provider and the anesthesia provider for any particular event. This reporting is specifically intended to support continuous quality improvement in anesthesia services and enhance patient safety, which is something all of us can stand behind.

This is an important step forward in pediatric dentistry, aligning safety, clarity, and accountability while ensuring our patients receive the highest standard of care. Being involved in discussions that shaped national issues, especially the collaborative work done on the resolution regarding pediatric dental anesthesia guidelines was incredibly rewarding.

I highly encourage you to get involved in organized dentistry, your voice truly matters and together we can continue shaping the future of our profession and protecting the patients we serve.

FLORIDA FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS

- **Legislation was passed during the 2024 Florida Legislative Session establishing background screening requirements for health care professions regulated by the Florida Department of Health's Division of Medical Quality Assurance. This applies to all licensed healthcare practitioners and not just dentists. Note, it also applies to dental hygienists.**
- **You must complete the process by your licensure renewal, Feb. 28, 2026.**
- **Please note that this is not something you can do at the last minute. The Florida Dental Association (FDA) suggests completing the process at least 14 days before the end of the biennium.**
- **Waiting too long will result in the expiration of your license. Plan ahead and complete all screening requirements well before your expiration date. The renewal period opens 90 days in advance, so use this time to start the screening process and avoid disruptions to your license status.**
- **The process must be done every 5 years; dentists must complete it every other biennium.**
- **Fingerprints must be submitted electronically through a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) approved service provider that is photo capable and compliant with Florida's Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse. You can schedule an appointment within the CHAI system or refer to Locate a Provider.**
- **You can track the submission of your prints by entering your TCN at FDLE's TCN Lookup and by viewing your screening in your CHAI system account.**
- **For more information, visit here.**





FAPD MEETING RECAP 2025

Our 2025 Annual FAPD Meeting was a tremendous success! This year's meeting was held at a new venue, the Loews Hotel at Universal Orlando, which provided a beautiful setting and an excellent backdrop for learning and camaraderie. We kicked off the weekend Friday evening with a happy hour that brought together both residents and seasoned pediatric dentists and longtime friends—an energizing start filled with great conversations and reconnections.

Saturday began with an exceptional CE course led by Dr. Purnima Hernandez, a triple board-certified pediatric dentist, behavior analyst, and health and wellness coach. Her presentation encouraged us to look at our practices through a different lens, fostering a deeper understanding of our patients and their parents while highlighting how lifestyle factors can influence overall health. Attendees walked away inspired and with great admiration for her innovative and thoughtful approach to pediatric dentistry.

After lunch, we enjoyed an engaging and entertaining lecture by Dr. Gerry Samson. Kicking things off with a bit of fun—many of us sporting wigs for a good laugh—set the tone for his dynamic presentation. Dr. Sampson offered valuable orthodontic insights, focusing on malocclusions and the role pediatric dentists play from an orthodontic perspective. His blend of humor and expertise made for a memorable and impactful session.

Overall, the weekend was a perfect blend of high-quality education, meaningful connections, and fun. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's meeting such a success.
We are thrilled to share that we will be returning to this venue for our next Annual Meeting October 24, 2026. Hope to see you there!














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