



American College of Pediatricians®
The Best *for* Children

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Dear Colleague,

Can there be any debate about what a child needs to succeed in life or what foundational building blocks are needed to achieve optimal child well-being? Chief among these are:

- A strong nuclear family
- Parents in a faithful, respectful marriage
- Loving, assertive discipline from parents
- Consistent parental oversight during childhood and adolescence
- Appreciation for the benefits of sexual abstinence until marriage
- Respect for the traditional institution of marriage and a responsible approach to choosing a spouse

Shouldn't this be where policymakers and child advocates focus their attention and efforts to improve society's well-being? Does your professional pediatric organization promote these objectives? Does it rightfully place the **needs** of children above the **wants** of adults? If not, **please consider joining** the American College of Pediatricians — a professional association that pledges unapologetic advocacy for all children.

The American College of Pediatricians (the College) was created in 2002 by Pediatricians concerned that social consensus and political correctness was driving the recommendations of many medical organizations, rather than **sound research** and **time-honored standards**. Since its first meeting in Boston, the College has matured into a national professional association with membership from **47 states in the US**, and has produced a number of science-based Position Statements on important topics, including but not limited to:

Marriage and the Family
The Family Table
Discipline of Children
Freedom of Conscience
Promotion of Homosexuality
The Impact of Digital Media Use

Respect for Life
Parental Notification/Consent
Impact of Pornography
Gender Dysphoria
Emergency Contraception
Sexual Abstinence until Marriage

As a national association of pediatricians, the College endeavors to be a trustworthy resource for parents, health professionals, and policymakers for information on the optimal care and rearing of infants, children, and adolescents. Our slogan, *Best for Children*, sums up our mission.

In a 2015 survey of pediatricians almost 60% claimed their professional group did not represent their interests. **This should not be.** If the statements above describe your convictions, **join the College today.** Membership does not require that you surrender membership in other pediatric organizations.

More than ever before, like-minded pediatricians need to unite in protecting our nation's children from the special interest groups who would choose to ignore sound evidence-based medicine in placing their agendas above the well-being of the children. **Will you join us?** Please review the enclosed brochure and visit our website, **Best4Children.org**. Our standards are high, our mission ambitious, and our dues very reasonable. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Den A. Trumbull".

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