

AAP-CA2 2023 Advocacy Survey Result Highlights

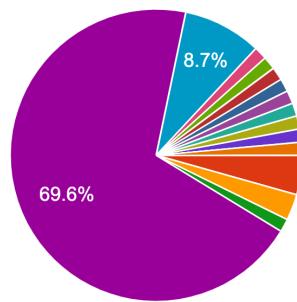
Happy New Year to all and thank you to everyone who completed our AAP-CA2 2023 Advocacy Survey. Your answers will help to direct advocacy activities for the chapter, guide our support, and instruct future directions for skill-building and other engagement opportunities. Below are a couple of key highlights from the survey!

Statistics

In total, there were 69 responses. About 70% of respondents were Attendings, 9% were Retirees, and 6% were Trainees (including Medical Students, Residents, and Subspecialty Fellows). The remaining 15% were other designations, including APRNs and people doing non-clinical work.

Current status:

69 responses



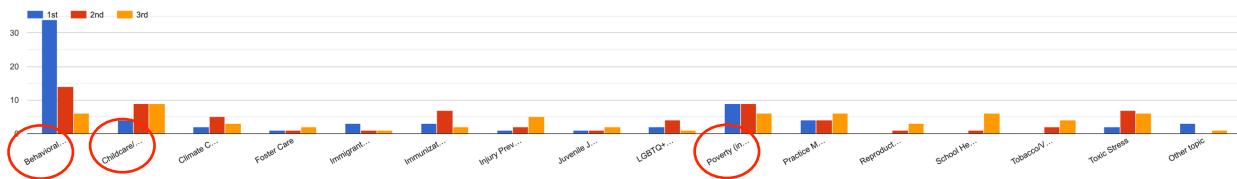
Advocacy Focus Areas

Chapter members had an opportunity to select the top 3 advocacy focus areas to guide chapter efforts. Behavioral/Mental Health concerns were by far the highest priority for the chapter. The top 3 choices were as follows:

Top 3 Advocacy Topics for AAP-CA2

1. Behavioral/ Mental Health
2. Poverty (Including food, housing, other assistance programs)
3. Childcare/Early Childhood Education

Which 3 topic areas should the chapter focus our advocacy activities on for the two year, 2023-2024, state legislative session? These selections will help us to decide bills that will be most highlighted in our newsletter, areas our chapter will prioritize having speakers discuss, and bills our advocacy committee will give increased attention to. Please select your top 3 choices.



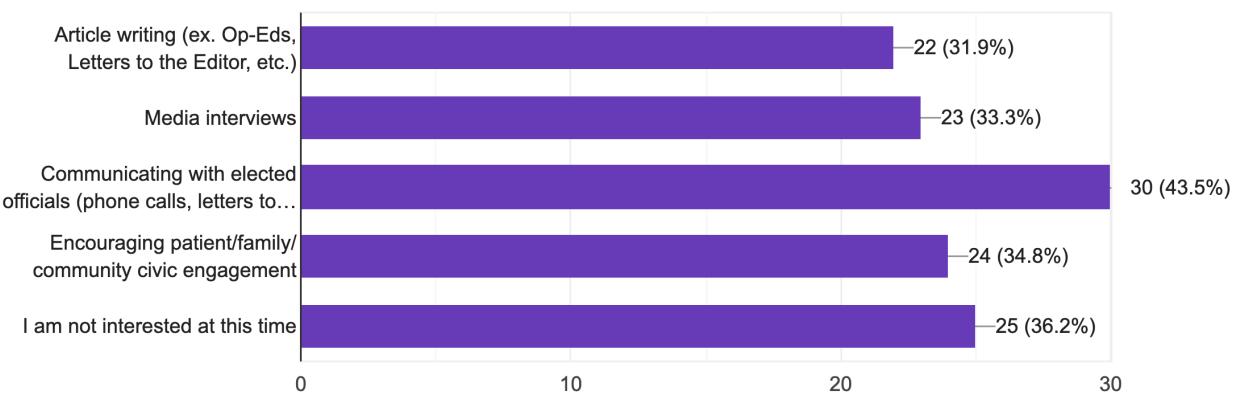
People also shared other important ideas, such as issues of substance abuse and healthcare access.

Skill-Building

Respondents showed an interest in developing a range of skills, with “communicating with elected officials” being the most popular choice at nearly 44%.

Are you interested in skill-building in the following areas?

69 responses



Other Findings

Dozens of members indicated ways they would like to engage in advocacy, from receiving notifications about advocacy issues (65%), to speaking and teaching in a variety of ways. 64% of respondents expressed interest in either joining the Advocacy Committee or learning more about it.

Additionally, many members also shared suggestions for local advocacy organizations and local issues they recommend the chapter consider engaging in and supporting, from groups uplifting LGBTQ+ youth, to opportunities to improve pediatric hospital access.

Next Steps

Thank you all again so much for taking the time to complete this survey. These answers will be used to help guide events, skill-building, and local and state policies that the chapter will be focusing support and efforts on. For those who indicated interest in joining the advocacy committee/learning more about it, or had other skills they were open to sharing, we will be in touch to discuss next steps. We will also be reviewing community organization suggestions as we search for ways to form deeper community connections.

Thank you again, and we are excited for a great year of advocacy work!

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