

Chapter Member Spotlight



Dr. Claudia Wang is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and serves as the Medical Director of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Team and provides pediatric consultation for complex foster care children as the pediatric consultant for the UCLA TIES (Training, Intervention, Education and Services) for Families program. Dr. Wang sits on the Los Angeles Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) Policy Committee as well as the Los Angeles County Child Death Review team, and is a Member-At-Large of the local chapter for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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A quick shout out that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

What do you do before work that sets the tone for your day?

Before I get to work, I try to say “hi” to as many folks as possible. It puts me in a good mood.

What are some challenges or struggles that you face at work?

Trying to keep up with the work, emails, and completing my notes in a timely fashion are some of the daily challenges at work. Seeing cases of child maltreatment is a different challenge I face every day with my responsibility as the Medical Director of the UCLA Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect team.

How do you work through or overcome your challenges or struggles?

I keep my focus on what matters the most and that’s the well-being of the children for whom we are caring.

After work, what do you do for your own wellness?

I wish I could say that I exercise (which I hope to do this year), but getting a good night’s rest is important to me.

From what/whom does your inspiration or motivation stem?

I am inspired by foster parents who open up their home and hearts to children. I am also motivated by our vulnerable population of children to do my very best.

Wellness Tip: What is the one thing you would recommend to our readership to do each day to take care of oneself?

As the old saying goes, I would recommend to always try to look at the cup half full, remain optimistic, and count your daily blessings.