

## **A Report From Sacramento - Advocacy Day 2024**

Attending AAP Advocacy Day in Sacramento alongside colleagues and trainees from our region was a fun and rewarding experience. This year's faculty meeting focused on advocacy education for pediatric residents, providing a valuable platform to exchange ideas and collaborate with educators statewide. The conference presentations featured key stakeholders and community organizations dedicated to advancing children's health, emphasizing the importance of forging partnerships. Our primary objective was to meet with legislators, and we successfully visited their offices to discuss our priority bills. It was gratifying to reconnect with familiar staffers from previous years, and we received a warm reception overall. Sharing the stories of our patients at the Capitol underscored the profound importance of advocating for our patients and communities. These trips are incredibly inspiring, reminding me of our collective ability to influence policy and legislation. A special thanks to AAP California and our chapter for their steadfast support of this impactful advocacy event. Looking forward to next year!

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