

# Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (AFPNP)

Report to NAPNAP  
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- 1) *Core Curriculum for Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioners*, a text book and accompanying question and answer study guide co-sponsored by the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and the Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (AFPNP), has been released by Elsevier.
- 2) Three members of AFPNP (Pat Jackson Allen, Gigi Smith, and Karen Duderstadt) were selected by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF, <http://www.neetf.org>), chartered by Congress in 1990 as a private, nonprofit organization to increase education on environmental health issues, to participate in the Children's Environmental Health Faculty Champions Initiative. This selected group of physician and nurse pediatric educators received education on current environmental health risks for children and materials to help train other pediatric educators and students on these risks.
- 3) AFPNP endorsed a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to request that the Medicare payment database be modified to capture nurse practitioner specialty-specific data beginning in 2007. Making this change would enable nurse practitioners to be recognized for the care they provide and help ensure that future Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) demonstration and pay-for-performance/ value-based purchasing programs will include nurse practitioner.
- 4) PNP graduates from 2003-2005 from 12 university programs are being surveyed regarding their employment, role functions, skills used in practice, participation in professional organizations, and interest in further educations (PhD or DNP). The returned surveys will be analyzed by program and then collectively and the findings published to be used for curriculum development and planning. A similar study of FNP graduates was recently published.
- 5) AFPNP now has a permanent address thanks to NAPNAP and a permanent website thanks to the Pediatric Nurse Certification Board (PNCB) ([www.AFPNP.org](http://www.AFPNP.org)).
- 6) We are trying to streamline the organization and recruit new members with a special target of those PNP programs without faculty representation and the hundreds of clinical preceptors who mentor PNP students. For the first time, AFPNP will be giving an outstanding preceptor award at the national NAPNAP meeting in 2007.
- 7) Planning for the Annual membership Meeting: Our Annual Membership Meeting will occur at the annual NAPNAP Conference in Orlando Florida March 21-24, 2007. Topics slated for discussion include *Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice: Evolving Roles Created By Changing Educational Programs and Certification* and *Integrating Mental Health in PNP Curriculum*. A three year grant from the Commonwealth Fund is assisting AFPNP in examining differences in graduates from PNP programs with an enriched behavioral and mental health focus with graduates from traditional programs.
- 8) AFPNP will also be presenting a conference session on *Environmental Health Screening*.
- 9) With the help of NAPNAP, AFPNP has finally resolved their incorporation issues and are now legally incorporated in New Jersey.
- 10) AFPNP is proposing major changes in their bylaws to simplify the committee structure. The new bylaws will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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