National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners℠
CO: ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Pediatric APRN Priorities for Congress

ABOUT US.

THE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROFESSION STARTED HERE IN COLORADO.

1965 – NURSE PRACTITIONERS ARE BORN

NAPNAP represents 8,000+ pediatric nurse practitioners and pediatric-focused APRNs. Our Colorado Rocky Mountain Chapter carries a uniquely Colorado legacy: Dr. Loretta Ford and Dr. Henry Silver launched the nation's first nurse practitioner program at the University of Colorado. Pediatric NPs were the original trailblazers - and today, Colorado lawmakers have that expertise right at their fingertips.

01

PROTECT EVIDENCE-BASED VACCINE GUIDANCE

THE ASK: SUPPORT H.R. 3701 - FAMILY VACCINE PROTECTION ACT

- Protect ACIP's role as an independent, science-based source of immunization guidance.
- Keep vaccine recommendations grounded in peer-reviewed evidence, expert review and transparency.
- Protect children from vaccine-preventable disease and preserve clinician and family trust.

02

INVEST IN NURSING & PEDIATRIC HEALTH

THE ASK: CONTINUE STRONG FY 2026 FUNDING FOR TITLE VIII + NINR

- At minimum: $303.472M for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development and $197.693M for NINR.
- Strengthen nursing education, research, faculty capacity and care in rural and underserved communities.
- Invest in the workforce and research that directly improve patient safety and child health outcomes.

03

BUILD THE NURSING WORKFORCE

THE ASK: COSPONSOR H.R. 3593 + S. 1874 - TITLE VIII REAUTHORIZATION ACT

- Reauthorize the only dedicated federal funding stream supporting the nursing workforce.
- Sustain advanced nursing education, Nurse Corps, faculty development, recruitment and retention.
- Keep nurses and APRNs in critical shortage areas so children and families can access care.

USE US AS YOUR PEDIATRIC HEALTH POLICY RESOURCE

Meet with us. Visit our practices. Ask us what children and families are experiencing. We bring frontline pediatric expertise, advanced nursing leadership and Colorado's original NP legacy directly to the policy table.

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