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**Louisiana Chapter- American Academy of Pediatrics**

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**National Healthcare News**

*Update: CMS Approval of State ACA Medicaid Payment Increase Plans and Delay of Employer Mandate*  
*Source: American Academy of Pediatrics Division of State Government Affairs*

**ACA Medicaid Payment Increase Update**

On Friday, June 28, the AAP participated in a conference call with the American Medical Association (AMA), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), American College of Physicians (ACP) and key Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) staff including Cindy Mann, Deputy Administrator, and Linda Tavener, to discuss the status of the ACA 2013-2014 Medicaid primary care payment increase.

On this call, CMS provided a status update on state plan approvals and implementation of the ACA primary care payment increase, including the following information:

- CMS has approved every State Plan Amendment (SPA) to implement the payment increase except that of California
- A total of 13 states -- Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wyoming -- are now paying at increased rates in their Medicaid **fee-for-service** programs
- 2 states -- Maryland and Massachusetts -- are paying at increased rates in Medicaid **managed care** programs
- 10 states are awaiting approval of their Medicaid managed care methodologies

- Numerous other states are expected to begin paying at increase payment rates beginning in July

In addition, CMS announced the release of a [new Q&A document](#), specifically addressing the eligibility of allergists for the payment increase.

The Academy is pleased that this critical provision of the ACA is finally being implemented in earnest, despite difficulties with timely implementation. The Academy has and will continue to communicate issues with the payment increase to CMS, and will continue to work with chapters on implementation issues faced at the state level. If your state continues to delay the increase in payment, please let us know and we will relay that information in our ongoing advocacy with CMS.

More information on the ACA Medicaid payment increase, including state self-attestation forms and other state documents, is available at [www.aap.org/MedicaidPaymentIncrease](http://www.aap.org/MedicaidPaymentIncrease).

### HHS Delays Employer Mandate

As was widely reported this week, the Obama Administration has [announced](#) a 1 year delay to the ACA requirement that employers with at least 50 employees working at least 30 hours per week offer health insurance coverage. This delay to 2015 does not impact the 2014 requirement that small employers who offer non-grandfathered health plan coverage provide essential health benefits (EHB), or that individuals obtain minimum essential coverage or pay a penalty. The decision to delay the requirement for employers with more than 50 employees was made reportedly to give employers more time to come into compliance and for the administration to address outstanding issues with implementation of this rule. The ACA does not include a penalty for small employers that do not provide health insurance.

AAP chapters will continue to receive StateHealth e-updates from the Division of State Government Affairs with information on HHS guidance, grant announcements, and other ACA developments. Please continue to visit the [State Government Affairs MyAAP page](#) for more [information and advocacy resources on state implementation of the ACA](#).

### Bayou Health

#### Informational Bulletins

All bulletins: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1198/n/311>

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#### Provider Calls

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As reported in last's weeks Progress Notes, the Provider Calls with DHH staff will continue. The beginning of each call will begin with announcements from the Department and then will allow for time to address systemic issues with Bayou Health.

The weekly provider call hosted by DHH takes place every Wednesday at noon. Any provider is welcome to call in, and pre-registration is not required.

The call in number is 1-888-278-0296

Access code is 6556479#

## **Scheduled Claims Recycle for Primary Care Services with Affordable Care Act Enhanced Rates**

[http://lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent\\_policy/Scheduled Claims Recycle for Primary Care Services with Affordable Care Act Enhanced Rates.pdf](http://lamedicaid.com/provweb1/recent_policy/Scheduled_Claims_Recycle_for_Primary_Care_Services_with_Affordable_Care_Act_Enhanced_Rates.pdf)

DHH has authorized a special check write scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2103, in order to address prior paid claims for specified primary care services rendered by Designated Providers which are eligible for an enhanced rate as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). As CMS approved our methodology on June 6, 2013, the ACA enhanced rates were added to the claims processing system on June 17, 2013 and eligible Designated Providers began to see higher payment of these services beginning with the June 25, 2013 check write. The new check write will address claims for dates of service January 1 through June 16, 2013 which were processed before we implemented the enhanced rates into our processing system. EFTs will be released on Thursday, July 18.

Only claims paid under legacy Medicaid or Bayou Health Shared Savings plans (Community Health Solutions of America and United Healthcare) will be affected. DHH requires approval from CMS regarding the methodology to reimburse enhanced rates for the Prepaid Plans.

Physicians whose Designated Physician form was processed and approved by Molina Provider Enrollment prior to June 17, 2013 will be included in the recycle and systematic adjustment of claims. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses eligible for enhanced rate payment will be processed at a later date.

Additionally, providers should review any claims on this check write which deny due to the patient having third-party liability (TPL). They will need to submit the claim to the other insurance first and then submit an adjustment to Molina afterwards in order to receive the enhanced rate, if applicable.

For more information related to the ACA enhanced rates and affected providers, please see "ATTENTION PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS: Affordable Care Act Primary Care Services Enhanced Reimbursement Information" posted to [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com) on June 16, 2013.

## **Memo Regarding New Facility Notification System and Upcoming Training**

<http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/FNSNewbornRequestMemo.pdf>

FROM: Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director

July 2, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Hospital Newborn Request Form Processing Staff

RE: Facility Notification System- Electronic Newborn Request Form

The Department of Health and Hospitals is committed to improving the efficiency of providing Medicaid coverage to newborns of Medicaid mothers. We have developed an automated system to enable expedited processing of the Newborn Request forms submitted by hospitals. While the current system allows for electronic submission of forms, the new Facility Notification System (FNS) will prepopulate fields and reduce duplicate data entry. This system will automate the certification process resulting in expedited Medicaid eligibility decisions.

We will provide training on the Facility Notification System (FNS) for hospital representatives via webinar and teleconference. Training dates are below. We strongly encourage you to attend one of the training sessions to learn how to access and use the new Newborn Request system as the old system will no longer be available after the release of the new system. If you are unable to attend, we have provided a user's guide and training video on the system website.

State rollout is targeted for July 2013

In order to request access to the Facility Notification System, you must submit MVA Form 148E, Confidentiality Responsibilities/ Agreement to the Eligibility Systems Section at P.O. Box 91283, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9283. The access form is on the Facility Notification System website. You can access by clicking on the link provided below, then click on Register for Account (found in the left column), complete all fields and print, the sign. Only staff involved with the submission of Medicaid forms should submit a request, sign the confidentiality statement, and be given access to this account.

The Facility Notification System can be accessed several ways:

- Louisiana Medicaid website (lamedicaid.com) under the Forms Section
- DHH website (dhh.louisiana.gov) click on Medicaid and then Providers (left-hand side of screen), the click Health StandardsSection, choose, under Helpful Resources for Medicaid Providers, the Electronic Form 148 link
- <https://bhsfweb.dhh.louisiana.gov/dhh148>

It is our anticipation that this new system will improve efficiencies in our operations and reduce processing times. This system will continue to store forms to help you navigate the system, as well as link to contact us.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Provider Requests at (225) 342-0706 or by email at [DHHProviderRequests@la.gov](mailto:DHHProviderRequests@la.gov).

### **Training Information**

Below are the dates and access information for the Facility Notification System (FNS) Newborn Request Form Training that will be held for hospital staff. Different login information is required on each date so please refer to the date specific information for the necessary credentials. We recommend that you log on prior to the training to ensure that the hyperlink works properly and to install required software to view the presentation. If you encounter any problems, please contact our office at (225) 342-0706.

Training will be conducted on the following dates. The sessions will only accommodate 100 participants on a first come first serve basis. If you are unable to get in, please let us know.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tuesday, July 9, 2013	9:00 am – 11:00 am

Please join us for Newborn Request Form FNS training on Tuesday, July 9 2013 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. For audio, dial in using the following conference line information:

Dial (888) 278-0296  
Access Code 2833686

**Space is limited** Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/718312159>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Thursday, July 11, 2013	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Title: Newborn Request Form Facility Notification System Training

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2013

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Please join us for Newborn Request Form FNS training on Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. For audio, dial in using the following conference line information:

Dial (888) 278-0296  
Access Code 4106499

**Space is limited** Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/906109663>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Provider Requests at (225) 342-0706 or by email at [DHHPProviderRequests@la.gov](mailto:DHHPProviderRequests@la.gov)

## **Election of LA AAP Officers**

It is time to elect officers for the FY14- FY15 years. Please take a few minutes to vote through SurveyMonkey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9DKWMJ3> If you are anyone you know is interested in being considered for an officer position, please send an email with that information to [ashley.politz@laaap.org](mailto:ashley.politz@laaap.org)

All LA AAP Members should have received a separate email with this link as well. Along with election information, the Chapter has included a few questions for feedback.

Officers to be voted on:  
President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
At-Large Members (2)

## **Nominate Colleagues Now For LA AAP Awards**

LA AAP is seeking nominations for the Chapter's Annual Awards that will also be given at the annual meeting in September. See below for the descriptions, requirements, deadline and how to submit your nominations.

*Annual Awards*

Please submit your nomination for the annual awards by July 19th to [ashley.politz@laaap.org](mailto:ashley.politz@laaap.org). Include the name of the nominee and why you think they should be the award winner along with your contact information.

*David W. Van Gelder distinguished Service Award*—This award is to recognize and honor those rare and dedicated individuals who have contributed substantially to the advancement of the Chapter.

*Charles M Vanchiere Award*—This award is given to recognize special efforts to improve the health of children in Louisiana by increasing their access to needed health care.

*Elizabeth E. Cassinelli Award*—This award is given in recognition of special efforts relevant to women's careers in pediatrics-at academic institutions, as basic scientist or clinicians, and in the private sector.

*Outstanding Pediatric Society*—This award recognizes the president of the regional society for the society's outstanding programs or accomplishments.

### **Happy July Birthday LA AAP Members**

7/1 Dodanim F. Altamirano, MD, FAAP; Lynne F. Holladay, MD, FAAP; Uyen Nguyen, MD

7/2 Johnnie Clark, MD, FAAP; Stacey Des Marais Sparks, MD

7/3 Michael Robert Brumund, MD FAAP; Martha Haley Pope, MD, FAAP

7/4 Mandy Braud Grier, MD, FAAP; Sonia Malhotra, MD; Shahid Mansoor, MD, FAAP; Arnette Scavella, MD; Joy Baw Tsai, MD, FAAP; Gerald Brent Whitton, MD, FAAP; Judith Marie Zatarain, MD, FAAP

7/5 Harish C. Anand, MD, FAAP; Kelley Hutchins, DO

7/6 William Christopher Kethman; Meade P. O'Boyle, MD, FAAP

7/7 Sheyenne Wilborn Carper, MD, FAAP; Kenneth James Cruse, MD, FAAP; Vidya Raman, MD, FAAP; Sarita Sharma-Choudry, MD, FAAP; Louis Trachtman, MD, MPH, FAAP; Pamela Erskine Williams, MD, FAAP

7/8 Thiravat Choojitarom, MD, FAAP; Shaun M. Kemmerly, MD, FAAP; Rhett Farrell McLaren, MD, FAAP; Lauren Laderoot Milner, MD; Dawn S. Zitman, MD, FAAP

7/10 Richard M Doskey, MD, FAAP; Gary J. Levy, MD, FAAP; James Louis Reynolds, MD, FAAP

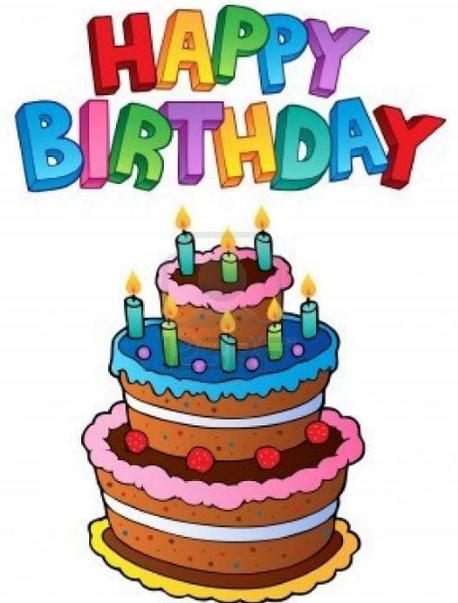
7/14 Frank Broox Hughes, MD, FAAP; Russell Wesley Steele, MD, FAAP

7/15 Cedric Willis, PA-C

7/17 Jonathan Heiman, MD; Viresh Patel, MD

7/18 Natasha Susana Afonso; Robert Ira Hart, MD, FAAP

7/19 Eilan Mark Levkowitz



- 7/21 Kristal Elliston; Jennifer Thomas Guidroz, MD, FAAP
- 7/23 John L. Moore, MD, FAAP
- 7/24 Shreepal Shah, MD
- 7/25 Britni Cene LeBouef, MD
- 7/27 Melissa Leuthner Lawhon, MD, FAAP; Billy D McKellar, MD, FAAP; Pinki Kumari Prasad, MD
- 7/28 Mohamed Badi Salahi Asbahi, MD, FAAP; Stewart T Ramey, MD, FAAP
- 7/29 Diana M Cejas, MD, FAAP; Rebecca Antee Green, MD, FAAP; Tasha Chantoi Shamlin, MD, FAAP
- 7/30 Veronica M Thomas, MD, FAAP; Elizabeth Lindstedt Wisner, MD
- 7/31 Erin M Cahill; Samuel Alfred Hickey, Jr., MD, FAAP

### **SUIDA Recipe- Xtreme Chocolate Frappe**

Traditional Frappes can have 100 calories—or 500! Create this creamy, chocolate cup of Joe at home and tame those unnecessary calories. Fat-free and low-fat milk and yogurt have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but less fat and fewer calories. By using cocoa powder you will satisfy a sweet tooth plus get the health benefits of antioxidants. Waking up never tasted so good!

#### Ingredients

1/3 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons cocoa powder  
2 cups lowfat milk  
1/4 cup light chocolate syrup  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 containers (6 ounces) lowfat chocolate, vanilla or plain yogurt  
4 ice cubes  
Bittersweet chocolate shavings, optional

#### Directions:

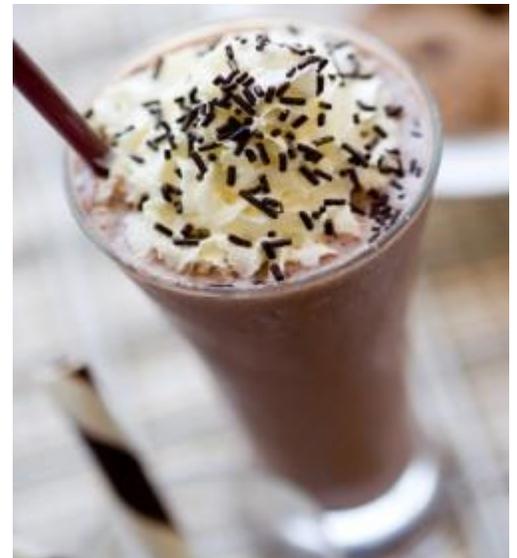
Mix together sugar and cocoa powder in a small saucepan. Add ½ cup milk to sugar mixture; stir constantly over medium-low heat 3 minutes or until mixture is hot and sugar is dissolved. Pour mixture into a blender.

Add remaining 1½ cups milk, chocolate syrup, vanilla, yogurt and ice cubes to cocoa mixture in blender. Process until smooth. Pour into glasses and sprinkle with chocolate shavings or additional cocoa powder.

Recipe Source: Recipe created on behalf of 3-A-Day of Dairy by Chef Scott Campbell of SQC, New York

#### Nutrition Information

Calories: 130  
Total Fat: 2g  
Saturated Fat: 1g  
Cholesterol: 10mg  
Sodium: 90mg



Calcium: 20% Daily Value  
Protein: 6g  
Carbohydrates: 24g  
Dietary Fiber: less than 1g

For more information and recipes visit [www.southeastdairy.org](http://www.southeastdairy.org)

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***Ochsner 9th Annual Update in Pediatrics | 7/19-20/13 | New Orleans, La***

9th Annual Update in Pediatrics  
July 19-20, 2013  
Brent House Conference Center  
New Orleans, LA

For more information, or to register, please visit [www.ochsner.org/cme](http://www.ochsner.org/cme) or call (504) 842-6596.

[Click here](#) to view the brochure. Details on the course are below.

#### *Course Description:*

The field of Pediatrics is fluid with new discoveries and advances in patient care. Generalists must be knowledgeable in all areas of preventive care as well as be able to competently care for children with more complex medical problems. It is essential that these healthcare professionals remain current in all areas of pediatric medicine and we will address a range of topics in this year's course from general outpatient medicine to emergencies that generalists may encounter to chronic illness.

This CME course will provide participants with the basic science knowledge and bedside practical skills to manage many everyday clinical challenges. Through lectures, PowerPoint presentations, video demonstrations, and handouts, practitioners will visualize and take home key information for managing everyday encounter with pediatric patients.

#### *Educational Objectives:*

By the end of this conference, the participant should be able to:

- 1) Be informed of the clinical impact of new discoveries in the areas of Pediatrics including Orthopedics, Intensive Care, Emergency Medicine, Infectious Disease, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Neurosurgery, Endocrinology, Pulmonology, and Neurology, as well as Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Speech and Language Pathology, Transplant Medicine, and Child/ Adolescent Psychology.
- 2) Improve preventive health strategies for promotion of child health.
- 3) Develop critical skills in reviewing the current literature to enhance knowledge and improve clinical care in practice.

#### *Accreditation:*

The Ochsner Clinic Foundation is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

#### *Designation:*

The Ochsner Clinic Foundation designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

*Guest Speaker:*

Robert Hopkins, MD

Section Chief, Pediatric Pulmonology, Tulane University School of Medicine

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**AAP: Pediatric Musculoskeletal Course | 7/19-21/13 | Cincinnati, OH**

Brought to you by the leadership of the AAP Orthopaedic Section, Rheumatology Section, and Sports Medicine and Fitness Council.

This course is targeted to the pediatrician and other child health professionals who want to gain expertise and confidence in the diagnosis and management of common musculoskeletal conditions.

Attendees will not only learn from the collective expertise of authorities in these three disciplines, but also the collective benefit of different teaching formats. No conference would be complete without podium lectures, but with musculoskeletal topics, expect some interesting videos and "mechanisms of injury." However, the teaching is not limited to faculty alone- attendees will definitely learn from each other and from themselves. Yes, the popular and highly-rated "hands on" small group seminars for joint examination are back, along with case-based discussions between faculty and attendees.

The faculty line-up includes practitioners from around the country who are recognized both as accomplished clinicians and educators in the field of musculoskeletal medicine. The line-up of topics has been carefully selected to address common concerns elicited in the office and provide practical points to help with evaluation, management, and directing appropriate and timely referrals when necessary.

[Visit our webpage](#) to learn more Or contact:

Florence Stevens at 847/434-4790 or [fstevens@aap.org](mailto:fstevens@aap.org)

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

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***Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians' Annual Assembly | August 1-4, 2013 | New Orleans, La***

The 66th Annual Assembly & Exhibition  
August 1-4, 2013 at the Hotel Monteleone  
New Orleans, LA

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians invite you to join us at the 2013 Scientific Assembly, August 1-4, in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Hotel Monteleone. This year's Assembly is undergoing changes with some exciting new additions and we want you to be a part of it!

Features of this year's conference include:

- High quality education sessions targeted towards the hottest topics in the specialty
- A full day of Practice Management sessions on Saturday (NEW!)
- An opportunity to hear important updates regarding the ABFM Maintenance of Certification (MC-FP) Part II requirements
- A Welcome Reception on Thursday evening where you can enjoy a taste of Louisiana enjoying a delicious dinner buffet and a chance to mingle with colleagues while listening to the dueling pianos at Pat O's on the River!
- An exhibition hall featuring vendors and products to assist you in your practice
- And more!

With more evening activities at this year's conference there are ample opportunities for you to expand your network of colleagues, and share your best practices with one another in an effort to continue to advance family medicine in Louisiana. Discover new ideas, refresh your skills and walk away with valuable knowledge you can put into practice immediately. For information and to register, go to: <http://www.lafp.org/content/cme-a-events/66th-annual-assembly-a-exhibition>

*Registration:*

Registration fee covers CME offerings, syllabus, daily continental breakfasts and coffee breaks, as well as one complimentary ticket to the Social Events.

*Program Objectives & Information:*

This activity is designed for the specialty of family medicine, but may also be of educational interest to the specialties of internal medicine, pediatrics and other primary care fields. It is designed to introduce providers to the latest information, techniques and technology applicable to office-based patient care through didactic lectures and interactive discussions. Upon completion of this program, participants should have a working and applicable comprehension of these topics. Specific objectives for each topic will be included in the participant syllabus.

*Accreditation:*

Application for CME credit has been filed and being reviewed for Prescribed Credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending. AAFP Prescribed Credit is accepted by the American Medical Association (AMA) as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. When applying for the AMA PRA, prescribed credit earned must be reported as prescribed credit, not as Category 1.

*Syllabus & Materials:*

The LAFP has received numerous requests to Go Green and we are excited to make it happen. Not only will this environmentally friendly initiative save on natural resources, the LAFP will save a significant amount in printing costs. By Going Green, we will NOT be providing a complimentary printed syllabus. We will be offering our program syllabus & conference materials online. Registered participants will receive an email with a web link approximately one week prior to the conference. The email will include a username and a password that will enable you to download, save and/or print your preferred program materials and course handouts. These online materials will be available for 90 days after the program. We highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance as sometimes Internet speed can be slow in large meeting rooms. We appreciate your support as we go green this Spring.

The General Session Lecture Hall will offer complimentary wireless internet service. Please keep in mind, often times in large conference centers, WiFi access can be slow or intermittent when large groups access the internet at once. For this reason, we highly recommend that you download your conference materials in advance of the event.

*ADA Compliance:*

The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians is fully committed to the principle of equal educational opportunities for all individuals and does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristics protected by federal or state law. If you require any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to participate in this conference, please contact Jammie Olsen at 225.923.3313 no later than ten business days before for the start of this conference.

Refunds (less a \$100 administrative fee) will be made upon receipt of a written request until Monday, July 1, 2013. Tickets to any social events and workshops cannot be refunded unless they are resold.

*Exhibitors and Sponsors:*

Exhibit booth applications are now being received- send your application in today! Early bird discount fee is now in affect- take advantage while you can. We have sponsorships for every budget, including donated items for the daily drawings and live auction.

Contact Jammie Olsen mailto:[jolsen@lafp.org](mailto:jolsen@lafp.org) with any questions, we will gladly work with you to meet your marketing needs whatever the budget is. You may find all sponsorship levels outlined in the 2013 meeting prospectus as well as the exhibitor application.

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**Academic Distinction Fund Distinguished Speaker Series | 9/9/13 | Baton Rouge, La**

Academic Distinction Fund - Distinguished Speaker Series  
Mind in the Making: Executive Functions- How Parents and Teachers Can Help a Child Succeed

Date: Monday, September 9, 2013

Times: Registration- 4:00 - 4:30pm

Program- 4:30 - 6:00pm

Location: Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel (7000 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

Distinguished Speaker:

Ellen Galinsky

President and Co-Founder of Families and Work Institute

Author of Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs

In her highly acclaimed book, Mind in the Making, Ellen Galinsky identifies seven life skills that are essential to success—in school, the workforce and in life:

1. Focus and Self Control
2. Perspective Taking
3. Communicating
4. Making Connections
5. Critical Thinking
6. Taking on Challenges
7. Self-Directed Engaged Learning

In her presentation, Ellen will use an interactive approach that is based on research-based principles of adult learning. Participants will be engaged in direct experiences that help them think about their own learning in relation to the seven essential skills. They will see videos of researchers "in action" sharing studies on the same topic, and they will be able to apply what they have learned to their own lives. Professional Credits will be offered.

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[Click here](#) to visit the registration page

ADF's Distinguished Speaker Series provides critical information on the latest early childhood development research and best practices. Launched in 2011 as the first series of its kind, Distinguished Speaker Series

expanded in 2012 and continues in 2013 to provide free community education in East Baton Rouge Parish. Research-based presentations engage nationally-recognized scholars to address what it takes for pre-kindergarten children to be successful in kindergarten and first grade, regardless of their socio-economic and racial backgrounds.

We encourage you to share news of this event with your communication links, colleagues and networks. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the presentation.

If you have any questions, please contact ADF at [info@adfbr.org](mailto:info@adfbr.org) or call 225.922.4560.

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***Pediatric Potpourri on the Bayou | 9/27-29/13 | Lafayette, La***

Mark Your Calendar! The Annual Pediatric Potpourri sponsored by the Louisiana AAP Foundation and co-sponsored by Woman's Foundation will be held in Lafayette, LA on Friday, September 27, 2013 through Sunday, September 29, 2013.

[Click here](#) for more details.