

Working with Decision-Makers Opportunities

The following opportunities were designed to give you a chance to incorporate skills from today's module into your professional practice. Many of these opportunities can be done in as little as 5 minutes. You are encouraged to choose opportunities that relate to your personal interests and that fit within your schedule.

Opportunities in as Little as 5 Minutes:

- Call your decision-maker and introduce yourself. Let them know you are available as a children's health resource.
- Contact your AAP chapter to find out where your decision-maker stands on a children's health issue that is important to you.
- Watch for the AAP Federal Advocacy Action Network (FAAN) alerts by e-mail to learn about when your voice is needed to contact decision-makers on federal bills affecting children's health and the profession of pediatrics.
- Check with your AAP chapter to see if they have a state advocacy e-mail alert and sign-up to receive updates.
- E-mail your decision-maker on behalf of an issue that you care about.
- Recruit a like-minded friend, family member, or colleague to call or e-mail a decision-maker on behalf of an issue you care about.

Opportunities in Less than 30 Minutes:

- Write a letter to your decision-maker on behalf of an issue you care about.
- Find a story from your work or from your patients lives that you could share with a decision-maker.
- Discuss with your faculty mentor ways in which to present the story to your decision-maker.

Opportunities in About an Hour:

- Meet with your decision-maker on behalf of an issue that is important to you. Consider inviting your faculty mentor or others from your program to join you.

Opportunities in Less than a Day:

- Attend your AAP chapters "Day at the Capitol" event.
- Invite a decision-maker to tour your place of work or attend grand rounds.