

**American Academy of Pediatrics  
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**Call for Rural CATCH Applications**

The AAP/CATCH program has just announced the new cycle for CATCH planning grants I would like to encourage rural pediatricians to consider applying for a CATCH grant. Many days we feel overworked and abandoned but I can tell you from first hand experience that working on a special project in your community can be refreshing and rewarding. We have attached a list of rural projects as examples to stimulate ideas. The projects can be as extensive as developing clinics for the underserved or working on obesity, or as simple as promoting car seats or working with schools on children with ADHD.

If you have ideas for developing services for children not already available in your community consider writing a CATCH grant. We know you are not experts in grant writing, only in taking care of children. CATCH GRANTS ARE FOR YOU. We will help you. The CATCH program has liaisons that will assist you in developing the parts of the grant you have trouble with. These are chapter facilitators who are trained to work with you. There is also the CATCH staff at the AAP. Call them if you get stuck. That is why they are there, to offer technical assistance. You may contact Lisa, Kathy, or Holly at 800-433-9016, extension 7632. The Rural Health SIG (Rural Health Special Interest Group) of the Council on Community Pediatrics will help. You may contact me at [eivancic@nmhs.net](mailto:eivancic@nmhs.net) or Arnold Gold at [goldar@sutterhealth.org](mailto:goldar@sutterhealth.org).

For more CATCH ideas you may see a list of all grants at [www.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase/grantsdb.cfm](http://www.aap.org/commpeds/grantsdatabase/grantsdb.cfm)

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. We need your help to improve medical care for children in rural areas.

Apply now for a CATCH Planning Funds or Resident Funds grant.

More information is at [www.aap.org/catch/planninggrants.htm](http://www.aap.org/catch/planninggrants.htm). **Applications are due July 14, 2006.**

***One pediatrician can make a difference!***

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