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**DEVELOPING COMMUNITY-BASED PEDIATRIC COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS TO
CREATE MEDICAL HOMES FOR ALL CHILDREN, REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES**

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In this session, the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) policy statements on "community pediatrics" and "medical home" will be discussed and illustrated by national and community programs developed to better serve children with health disparities in the United States. Community pediatrics works to provide a realistic and complete clinical picture by taking responsibility for all children in a community, providing preventive and curative services, and understanding the determinants and consequences of child health and illness, as well as the effectiveness of services provided. The unique feature of community pediatrics is its concern for all of the population. Community pediatrics also works to ensure the provision of a medical home for all children. A medical home is not a building, house, or hospital, but an approach to providing health care services in a high-quality and cost-effective manner. Information about the AAP Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program and the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) and sample models of collaboration and care from these grantees will be shared. CATCH is a broad-based community partnership that increases childrens' access to medical homes or to specific health services not otherwise available. The HTPCP is a collaborative program of the federal US Maternal and Child Health Bureau and funds federal grants to support community-based child health projects that improve the health status of mothers, infants, children and adolescents by increasing their access to health services. The benefits of public and private partnerships with national and community programs will be discussed.

