

AN INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

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In reflecting on the work of child and adolescent psychiatry, I am proud of our profession for our efforts to improve access to treatment for children and adolescents with mental illnesses and for our emphasis on *quality* treatment. Child and adolescent psychiatrists advocate at the local, state, and federal levels for more pathways to comprehensive and sustained treatment. AACAP, the leading authority on children and adolescents' mental illnesses, continues to press for change for our most vulnerable population.

Child and adolescent psychiatry has always been a tight-knit community, in part because there are too few of us to meet families' overwhelming needs. To address this, we are hard at work on our advocacy, professional education, consumer education, research, workforce development and recruitment, and coalition building endeavors.

eAACAP is an initiative that will broaden the dissemination of information to consumers and professionals. It is being developed, in part, due to an increased demand from the public for information and the constantly evolving knowledge base of child and adolescent psychiatry.

This is an exciting time for child and adolescent psychiatry. We have the opportunity to make effective early interventions made possible by new scientific research and rapid and effective dissemination of the results. But we cannot do it alone, we need your help. I hope that you join me in support of the AACAP's Campaign for America's Kids (CAK), the vehicle used to garner support for crucial access, advocacy, and education programs. Together, we can continue to lead the charge on behalf of the families who need us most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Hendren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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