

AAP CATCH Grants in KY Community Access to Child Health

WHAT is CATCH?

Through an annual competitive process, AAP-CATCH awards seed funding for planning and implementation grants to pediatricians; fellows/fellowship trainees receive \$10,000 for planning or implementation projects, while residents are awarded \$2,000.

CATCH is supported by a network of volunteer pediatricians who provide technical assistance to those seeking funding as well as support once a project has started. *(from AAP website)*

Look for the call for proposals fall 2022!

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Join us for lunch on Saturday to discuss child advocacy and CATCH grant opportunities in your community!



"With the support of the CATCH resident grant, we investigated the healthcare barriers to Congolese families in Louisville. The grant helped us facilitate a close connection with the community we serve and understand hidden barriers we would have never considered. CATCH was an invaluable part of my residency training!" *Teoh Zheyi, MD, UofL resident grant recipient 2018*

"In 2018, 1200 refugees entered Kentucky as part of the federal US refugee program, 1100 of whom underwent a Refugee health assessment on arrival. 489 of them were children. Of refugees that entered Kentucky and underwent health screenings, 56% were from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). A prior focus group study (Teoh's study) with Congolese refugees in Louisville, KY identified transportation, language, and parental experiences with physicians as barriers to healthcare. Families reported difficulty understanding when to utilize emergency services and even felt "chastised" if they used them incorrectly. I created a CATCH project that provided written and spoken language materials in Kinyarwanda and Swahili. These materials are on a mobile site that can be shared and highlight common pediatric emergencies in different age groups.

The CATCH grant process was such a great experience not only in creating a project but working with a group of people who are so passionate about advocacy." *Meagan Doyle, MD, UofL resident grant recipient 2021*

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